



**Centennial Lakes Little League
Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, March 15, 2015**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07

1. Roll Call

Present: Pat Mahr, Mike Marso, Jen Wenzel, Chris Reff, Patty Preblich, Becky Whaley, Dan Whelan, John Golden, Amanda Bibeau, Steve Klebba, Chris Summerfield, Randy Frechette,

Absent: Abby Pullman, Heidi Hansen

2. No move policy after draft for 2016 season

There have been a lot of requests coming through the office asking for a player to move teams. There was a lot of discussion about how to handle the situation. Most of the requests for moving teams came because they didn't have a friend on the team. The process of inquiring about the move (contacting coaches, parents, league reps.) and making the adjustments in the system takes Becky hours.

Some of the problems came because parents signed up for the wrong league. For example, signed up for minors instead of coach pitch. After teams were drafted the parents requested a move to the lower level.

The board determined that all requests for movement of teams beginning 2016 season will go through the league reps. They will decide if the move is warranted. No movements will be made through the league office. Becky will be notified of any changes of teams.

3. Tryouts- draft update (each league rep)

International - a few parents commented they didn't like the coaches being in the tryouts. However, last year we didn't have coaches in the tryouts, only evaluators. Some parents had problems with this too. It was determined that having the coaches a part of evaluations is a better system and will continue.

American - While there were ultimately enough players for 6 teams, at the time of the draft this year there were only enough for 4. There were far more signups this year in the few days prior to, and in the weeks after tryouts than in previous years. Some parents were unhappy

their kids had to play International because there were only 4 American teams. At the time that coaches were acquired and the plans for tryouts began we only had enough player for 4 teams. Many kids signed up right before tryouts.

Therefore the decision was made to have 4 teams.

National League- tryouts went well. A couple parents contacted Steve because their kid didn't make a National team.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with tryouts.

4. Updates on late registrations & number of teams

Baseball Teams

T-Ball - 7 teams with 8 kids on a waiting list

Coach Pitch - 12 teams (room for 17 players)

Minor - 13 teams (12 players each team) full

International - 8 teams (room for 9 players)

American - 4 teams (full)

National - 4 teams (full)

Softball Teams

8U - 5 teams

10 U - 5 teams

12 U - 4 teams

14U - 2 teams

5. Park clean up discussion

April 11 - 9:30 AM

Picnic at 12:00 at Carl Eck - National teams will be playing a game on Carl Eck and Lions fields

League provides hot dogs for the picnic. Families are encouraged to bring something to share.

League reps are responsible for their assigned field - raking, pick up trash, etc.

6. President District report

Rule changes- pitchers can not use gray or white sleeves. They can also not use a compression sleeve. If a player wears a sleeve it must be covered by a long sleeve shirt that is not gray or white.

State tournament is in Duluth this year. Rooms are reserved for teams that make it to state.

Metro classic will happen again this year. The 12 year olds are at Coon Rapids, 11 year olds are at Golden Valley , 10 year olds are at Centennial Lakes

All Star Tournament will start on Tuesday, July 7.

There will be 6 twelve year old teams, 6 eleven year old teams, and 6 ten year old teams.

7. New Business

T-Ball -Chris Reff - We want to improve the tball experience for our youngest players. We would like to set up stations. At each station there will be drill and then end their "game time" with a couple inning game instead of a whole game. This will help develop the players and coaches. It will also help keep the kids active and involved while developing their skills.

The registration signs have been picked up by John and Dan. They can be used again next year.

Dan Whelan completed the batters box template for use at Carl Eck and Lions. THANK YOU Dan for doing this. This will be a wonderful addition to our fields. Pat asked Dan to make another one for Lexington. This will ensure the batter's boxes are the correct size and in the correct location off the plate.

The two East National League teams are going to Iowa to scrimmage another Little League team. John will report back about their experience. They are going at the end of March. The Iowa teams may come here later in the summer.

Nolan Summerfield made a \$200 donation to CLLL for kids who need financial assistance to play baseball. This was money given to him with the understanding that he chooses an organization and donates the money.

8. Next Board Meeting is April 12th at 7pm(if needed)- this meeting will NOT be needed.

9. Meeting Adjourned- 8:05 PM