Board Meeting Date: 11/08/2021

Board Members Present: Cliff Walker, Sid Andreis, Eileen Barrow, Krista Cordoza, Bob Greene, Ian Humber, Gage Johnston, Angela Jolliff, Johnathan Knapp, Gary Navarro Travis Oglesby, Darin Phelps, Chris Ricci, Michael Sacheli, Tasha and Beto Sandoval, Jay Striniste, Kristi and Mike Willis, Keven Wood, and Denise Whitmire

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm.

***Review and Approve Minutes:***

Jay Striniste motioned that the minutes of the October 11, 2021, Board meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Gabe Johnston, and the motion was carried by the Board with no exception.

***A’s Little League Day:***

* There is a carryover of 60 tickets

Two dates were proposed:

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Sunday, May 1, 2022

It was decided that since Picture Day/Hit-a-Rama would already have Parent in town that Sunday, April 24th was the best date.

***Review 2021/2022 Calendar:***

*December 2021*

6 Board Meeting

*January 2022*

~~7 In person registration~~ (All registration will be done on-line; Birth Certificates, proof of Residency or school enrollment for will be uploaded. Any parent having issues with this will contact Kristi Willis.

10 Board Meeting

22 Assessments (TBD)

29 Assessments (TBD)

February 2022

1-5 Draft

7 Board Meeting

16 Parents Zoom Meeting (Minor/Majors)

17 Managers Safety Meeting (Minors through Juniors)

19 Managers Equipment Pickup/Training (Minors through Juniors)

21 Practices begin (Minors through Juniors)

March 2022

2 Parents Zoom Meeting (Tee ball through Farms)

5 Managers Pickup Equipment/Training (Tee ball through Farms)

7 Practice begins (Tee ball through Farms)

10 Team Meetings (Tee ball through Farms)

11 Umpire Rules Clinic

12 Youth Umpire Field Clinic

14 Board Meeting

19 Adult Umpire Field Clinic (training by Mark Brown)

21 Games for Tee ball through Juniors begin (depending on the number of teams there may be some games that will be considered pregames and not counted towards the standings)

April 2022

2 Opening Day

11 Board Meeting

23 Picture Day/Hit-a-Rama (TBD)

24 A’s Little League Day

May 2022

5 Board Meeting

30 Fall Ball Registration

June 2022

13 Board Meeting

30 Fall Ball Registration Ends

July 2022

23 Fall Ball Equipment Pickup/Training

25 Fall Ball Practices Begin

August 2022

13 Fall Ball Games Begin

September 2022

21 Annual Election of Board Members 6 pm to 7:30 pm

October 2022

22 Fall Ball Games End

Gary Navarro was in charge of Fall Ball this year. Westside and Healdsburg would like to join Mark West and get away from Santa Rosa American. Our philosophy is that it is not a fund raiser for our League, but each league gets to keep their own profits. That leaves Rincon Valley, El Molino and Santa Rosa American to play each other.

***Review and Approve Local Rules:***

In person registration references were deleted

Seeding during playoff games was discussed and it was decided by the Board that in the Winner’s bracket the Highest Seed (most wins during regular season) would maintain the home/away advantage unless they lost a game, once a loss is recorded a coin flip determines home/away advantage. Elimination bracket is always coin flip.

Kevin will discuss the coin flip vs earning home/away advantage at the next District Board Meeting.

We cannot change the rule regarding substitution of Pitcher/Catcher until there are 2 outs. This must be changed by the District, so Kevin will bring it up at the next meeting.

Tee Ball age 3 is allowed by Little League Rules, but we don’t allow 3 years old because Coach Pitch to a 3 year old is not allowed by Little League. We begin Coach Pitch in Tee ball mid-season. We added the dimensions for the pitching machine and bases.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the rule “Each player shall play a maximum of 3 innings at any position (the outfield is considered one position)”. Some people argued that this is difficult for the Manager and the scorekeeper to monitor, that safety can be an issue, or that modifying this rule will create confusion or the problem a player being in the outfield rather than getting infield play time. Bob felt that inconvenience or difficulty for the Managers was not a sufficient reason to change the rule.

It was determined that this Rule will be revisited at our December Board meeting.

Kristi noted that there are changes from Minors to Majors that we need to prepare parents for, such as, no continuous batting order and the duration of play by a player.

**Miscellaneous**

* Jay mentioned that there are a lot of projects that are not on the calendar that will need Board members support, such as Thursday November 11, 2021 he will be at the field to remove and put away the sponsor banners and would like volunteers to help.
* Kevin showed pictures of the gutted out Home Run Hut to show us the progress. There were two dead cats (one skeleton and newer) found under the flooring. So it will be necessary to make sure that no animals can get under the building. Also, the back window facing the school leaked and caused dry rot which will require repair. Ian Humber and Johnathan Knapp are working with Kevin.
* We will create a new training date for Managers at the field where they will actually prep the field for a game and tear down and clean up to simulate after a game.
* Kevin noted that we no longer have use of the schools dumpsters during Fall Ball. Apparently, neighbors were using the dumpsters and the school was fined for things being put in the dumpsters that are not allowed. We will have to pay for a dumpster now.
* There was a discussion about using Green waste Containers as we currently spread the cuttings back on our fields. Recology does not have a dumpster for this purpose. If we utilized the smaller green waste cans they would have to be stored in the Containers and someone would have to put them out for pick up on collection day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

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Next Board Meeting is December 6, 2021 via Zoom