



**Eastlake Little League  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 6:30 – 8pm  
Blackwell Elementary School - Library**

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**Call to Order**

**Nicole Steinbok**

Members Present: Nicole Steinbok, Matt Olson, Justin Stiles, Sarah Maynard, Sumner Prock, Toby Conen, Jenna Kass, Aaron Glade, Mike Chapman, Adam Emiliusen, Carmen Zaffarano, Gabe Storment, Tracy Militello, Ajay Jagannathan, Ryan Iraola

**Challenger Update**

Sammamish LL usually has about 25 players sign up which made one team that plays other team in the area (Woodinville and SVLL). They have 8 events during the season (4 games and 4 practices – on different days). Kick off at SBA. SLL President (Mr. Jensen) proposed that we combine with SLL for the first year to shadow them and how they run things. Options:

- 1) Merge Challenger program for this year – leverage their registration system, let kids in our area know they can register with us next year
- 2) Have our own team but play with SLL as a separate group
- 3) Go at it alone but get guidance from SLL

Motion proposed to go with option 2 – create a webpage with info within the ELL page and point people to register thru SLL. Motion approved.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - November (Approved)**

**Sarah Maynard**

**Board Member of the Month – December 2019**

Gabe Storment!! Took the lead on areas of work that are not just in his area. Thank you, Gabe!

**Board Updates**

**Nicole Steinbok**

- Darren Pritt resigned from board position (Capital Projects)
- Need to land parent nights for baseball (which is competitive vs instructional) currently both listed for Feb 18/19. Nicole/Tyler to land a decision for Competitive. Justin/Jenna to land the decision for Instructional.
- Projects that need owners:
  - ESP Fence Coordinator: June 20-July 1
    - During D9 8/9/10 Baseball Tournament
      - Can we leave them up and take down in coordination with the city mowing schedule. Also coordinate for watering and chalking lines/raking infield between games on weekends.
    - Due to the nature of coordinating with the fields and the city Adam will take the lead (at least initially)
  - Foul Ball Netting – work with the city. The city agreed to put foul ball netting in but didn't install the plan that they agreed on. No owner.
  - Mariners Little League Days Coordinator – Carmen has agreed to lead this.

## Treasurer Report

Sumner Prock

\$12,000+ company matching came in last month!

Picked up another \$1,000 on donations thru registrations.

Paid out for some 2020 all-star uniform costs.

Additional invoices came in from Winners related to Juniors softball swag – this is in addition to what was approved last month. We are obligated to pay the additional invoices that came in in November for the amount of \$1,093.96.

## Registration Report

Ajay Jagannathan

- 23% higher registrations this year than the same 6-week period last year (224 vs 181)
  - Of total 28% of total registrations are softball while 71% are baseball
  - 25% of the registrations are new players to ELL (70% baseball/30% softball)
- 50 of the families registered have 2 or more kids registered in ELL programs
- 104 volunteers registered (head coach, assistant, other)

## Marketing Update

Nate Reno

- Bandit signs –
- Postcards to be sent this week to new homeowners– leveraging local businesses to have our info on 1 side and theirs on the other. Partnering with Tafa Schwerzel who is a local real estate agent in the area.
- 228<sup>th</sup> Banner – plan is to put banner up Jan/Feb – banner is missing. Need to find it or get a new one made. Adam will take lead in getting a new sign created.
- League emails – multiple messages will continue thru Dec to highlight key dates.
- Peachjar – spent \$150 (\$25/school – elementary, IMS)
- Social: Facebook, Twitter, IG
- Sponsorships:
  - We have 3 new committed sponsors (2 restaurants and a Montessori school)

## Local Rule Change Proposals

All

### Proposal 1 – motion approved

Local Rule: Incoming players who did not participate in ELL the previous year are eligible for the following levels: 9-yr old, AAA; 10-yr old, AAA or Coast; 11-yr old, Coast or Majors; 12-yr old

Proposed Rule change: Incoming players who did not participate in ELL the previous year are eligible for any level that they qualify for based on their LL age and ability.

Why: An 8 yr old who played in AAA in another league the year prior should be eligible to play Coast as a 9yr old if they are drafted. A 9yr old who played coast and is good enough to play majors as a 10 should be eligible if they choose. They still have to be drafted based on their evaluations.

### Proposal 2: - motion approved

Local Rule Draft System B-1- Brothers/Sisters Current Year Draftees “When the first brother or sister is drafted under the option agreement, the Manager automatically takes the other brother or sister on the next turn.”

Proposed Rule Change: When the first brother or sister is drafted under the option agreement, the Manager options will be determined based on the skills evaluation by the competitive baseball level managers through a ranking ballot submitted to and analyzed by the Player Agent who will determine the round each player will be selected based on the results of the manager ballots. The board will inform the coaches in advance of evaluations of the siblings that select being together.

Why: Brothers and Sisters don't have the same skill sets. Sometimes a player can be a first-round draft pick and the sibling would be a 9<sup>th</sup>. In this proposed scenario all players will be drafted accordingly based on the evaluated rankings of all players and provide a more true and fair draft and provide better opportunity for equal teams. This is the same language used for manager's son/daughter option in competitive baseball.

**Proposal 3:** - motion approved

Current Rule:

SON / DAUGHTER OPTION SHALL BE EXERCISED AS FOLLOWS (Majors BASEBALL):

LL Age	Round In Which Drafted
10	5th
11	4th
12	3rd

Seniors, Juniors and Intermediate level son/daughter options will be determined by the VP of Big Diamond Baseball, to the extent applicable and necessary. Coast & AAA son/daughter options will be determined based on the skills evaluation by the Coast & AAA managers through a ranking ballot submitted to and analyzed by the Player Agent who will determine the round each player will be selected based on the results of the manager ballots. Skill rankings will be on a scale of 1-12 corresponding to the round that player should be drafted in if the parent-manager option was not being exercised. The parent-manager will not provide of ranking their own child/children.

**Proposed Rule:**

Seniors, Juniors and Intermediate level son/daughter options will be determined by the VP of Big Diamond Baseball, to the extent applicable and necessary. Competitive son/daughter options will be determined based on the skills evaluation by the Competitive managers through a "secret style" ranking ballot submitted to and analyzed by the Player Agent who will determine the round each player will be selected based on the results of the manager ballots. Skill rankings will be on a scale of 1-12 corresponding to the round that player should be drafted in if the parent-manager option was not being exercised. The parent-manager will not provide of ranking their own child/children.

**Why?** The current rule leads to uneven teams in Majors. Last year a Coach's child in Majors would have likely been the #1 draft pick but they were placed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. In the past with 8 Majors teams maybe this would have worked out but with a decrease in team numbers (likely 4 this year) this leads to unbalanced teams. This change removes the exception to Majors and follows the process of AAA & Coast which makes the son / daughter option based on skill level as ranked by other coaches.

**Local Rules Approval (Approved)**

All

**Coach Selection Overview (competitive softball and baseball)**

Nicole

**Coach Selection Committee**

Nicole

- President committee proposal – approved
  - Baseball - Ryan, Sarah, Jenna, Toby, Adam
  - Softball - Todd, Aaron, Gabe