



**Eastlake Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 6:30 – 8pm
Blackwell Elementary School - Library**

Call to Order

Nicole Steinbok

Members Present: Nicole Steinbok, Justin Stiles, Sarah Maynard, Sumner Prock, Toby Conen, Jenna Kass, Kam Rausch, Mike Chapman, Adam Emiliusen, Tracy Militello, Jason Gill, Ryan Iraola

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Sarah Maynard

Treasurer Report

Sumner Prock

Dec - biggest expenses were tax preparation for 2019 filing (filed in Jan 2020). Registrations continue to come in. Jan – lots of registrations came in this month. Currently at \$81K registrations on a \$98K budget for the year. Anticipate ending registrations at \$95K. No sponsorships came in in Jan which puts us behind what we budgeted. Expenses were \$2K for D9 assessments and monthly Demosphere fees.

Game Changer

Sumner Prock

Previous seasons the league has purchased a community pass for \$1000. Sumner has managed it and set up the teams. This allow the community to access for free. We are doing this again this year and Sumner will continue to serve as the admin for it. Jenna volunteered to put a reference tool together for parents/coaches to reference to learn how to use it. Reminder that learning how to use Game Changer and scorekeeping during games counts towards volunteer hours.

Registration Report

Ajay Jagannathan

Registration continues to go down. BB down 9% and softball is down 27% this year. (441 total registrations to date and ended 2019 with 518). Overall down 15%. Reasons for baseball declines are mostly due to kids doing select or another sport instead. Unsure why softball is down so much. Focus now on making this year the best we can and plan on how to get kids to bring a friend next year.

Financial Aid

Toby Conen

Total number was 15 – 10 for instructional and 5 for competitive. All were full aid, and most were families with multiple kids playing.

Evaluations Overview Night

Toby Conen

Lightly attended (12 families and 6 kids) but lots of engagement from those that attended. Saw many of the families that attended at evaluations the following day. Felt it was a success and want to do it again next year with more planning and intention. Also want to market it to softball more too. Other ideas for next year include, holding some intro experiences to baseball/softball where kids can get hands on experience with a baseball, bat and mitt prior to registration and where President and Player Agent/VP's could speak to parents. This would be an opportunity to engage the high school baseball and fastpitch kids to help for volunteer hours.

Softball Evaluations

Todd Johnson

Baseball Evaluations

Justin Stiles/Ryan A

New layout worked out well and having all the coaches together in the center was effective. Downside is the coaches for Majors/Coast head out as the AAA kids are still being evaluated – next year proposed to have the evaluations indoors. This would enable the league to run the tryout differently and more organized so that all coaches (managers) get to see every kid. Some local leagues use SBA some use gymnasiums. In reviewing the scoring sheets many are incomplete, and Justin leveraged previous coaches/current select coaches etc to give ratings for blanks to determine rankings. A few kids that did not attend evaluations and didn't play baseball last year so unsure how to rank them – coast and majors level. Tracy willing to help revamp the entire evaluations process. Also each year there should be clear roles for all board members at the evaluations to provide support where needed.

Motion passed to allow Justin to send the player ranking list to managers only – in advance. Managers will only receive their level lists. Justin will also remind managers that this information is CONFIDENTIAL and NOT to share.

Umpire Contract

Kam Rausch

Prices did not change from last year. Also, clarity that time starts at plate meeting time and not first pitch. We would like to include a penalty of some kind if umps don't show up but not sure it would help and could jeopardize our ability to keep rates low for future contracts. Also want coaches to be sure to know what to do (who to call) if umps no show – 15 min before game call Kam if no ups. 5 min before game if no umps – start trying to find a parent volunteer.

Coaches Training

Ryan A

Mariners coaches training happening soon – put on by D9. More info to come.