

June 2024 SCLL Board Meeting Minutes

23 JUNE 2024 / 6:00 PM / LUKE JENSEN CONFERENCE ROOM

6:07pm Call to order

Attendees

Natalie Dodge, Brett Fray, Annie Gunderson, Brad Hill, Andy Holmes, Zack Keith, Amanda Komp, Derik Morris, Heather Nelson.

Guests: Chad Koenig, Stacy Walker

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Open Board Positions: We have several open board positions for next year including President, Commissioner in Chief, Fall Ball Commissioner and Auction Chair.

Guests Chad Koenig and Stacy Walker have expressed interest in board positions. Chad is considering the role of T-Ball Commissioner and Stacy is considering the role of A Commissioner.

Natalie Dodge has created a Google Document with descriptions of the board positions that will be helpful when asking for people to join the board. Discussed an open letter to invite community and league members to join our board. Also, consistently posting the board meeting minutes would help people understand what the board members do and the types of things we discuss in the meetings.

Zack will follow up with Janelle York via email to confirm that she will move forward in the role of Apparel.

Zack clarified that he is 100% done as President after this year. There will be a vote in October and there is zero chance he will change his mind or be convinced to extend for another year.

New Business

2. Future Combined Pay Cost Coverage: SCLL covers the costs of uniforms and hats for our All-Star teams, but in the case of combined play, do we want to cover the cost for our players when they play on a combined team? Typical cost is \$65-\$85 per player. Do we want to put a cap on the league contribution? General agreement to pay for our SCLL All Stars. The decision about limiting the contribution will be determined at a later time. Proposed making a decision on a yearly basis. Proposed rule that we would contribute to the cost of combined play All Stars at the equivalent amounts that are paid for SCLL All Star teams. Anything above and beyond that cost would require E-Board approval. SCLL to make sure that players and families are informed of the anticipated expenses in advance of the season.

3. Fall Ball: Last year we had approximately 100 kids participate in Fall Ball. Brett Fray commented that Fall Ball is a decent money maker for the league due to the fact that we do not have to pay to reserve fields at Luke Jensen. The costs are limited to T-shirts and Hats for the players, which are minimal. Brett would be willing to help with Fall Ball again this year and recruit some other coaches to help.

We will need to open registration for Fall Ball soon so that kids don't look for other Fall programs.

Derik Morris volunteered to help with the equipment for Fall Ball.

4. Registration through TeamSnap or Sports Connect?: Little League Internations is requiring a central registration via Sports Connect, but the new website for SCLL for Sports Connect is not set up yet. Using Sports Connect now will help with the transition before the spring season. Next year, there will be no TeamSnap. This year we will set up registration in Team Snap with a link to Sports Connect to start the migration. Zack to set up the link and write SOP. Liz Fray will post on social media regarding Fall Ball and the transition to Sports Connect.
 - Cost of Fall Ball in 2023 was \$100 per player, the cost for 2024 will be \$110 per player, plus a 3.4% transaction fee for Sports Connect charged to the league, plus a \$3 fee charged to the player/family registering.
5. Concessions: The permit required for Luke Jensen concessions will be out for bid in July. Zack is communicating with Sadie. Sadie was going to reach out to a possible vendor. The county is putting concessions out to bid, and the league would benefit significantly if a concessions provider was secured. We need concessions and reliable field maintenance in order to be able to host little league district or state tournaments.
6. SCLL Policy updates:
 - Player Pool. This policy has not been updated since 2016. New Rule: When a player pool player is called, they should not be allowed to pitch, catch or play infield positions. Player pool kids bat last, play outfield because the intention is only to allow the team to play and avoid a forfeit due to not having enough players. Player pool players are eligible to be used in play-off games. Little League International only states that player pool players cannot pitch. Player pool selection must go in order. No players can be "grabbed" at the last minute without player agent approval.
 - All Star Eligibility. SCLL rules that players must play in 60% of games to be eligible for All Stars, but this is an outdated rule. Little League International states the minimum is 8 games. SCLL to change policy to defer to Little League International rules.
 - General review and clean up of verbiage of SCLL bylaws is needed. Mike Eckhardt proposed revisions from last fall to be reviewed and adopted.

7. Mail Server Issues: Andy Holmes updated DNS with the website and mass emails to be accepted. Andy tested the server and received responses from the majority of the board members.

8. Open Forum:

Luke Jensen and SCLL update. County is expected to normalize our contract and we are hoping for improved communication and stability. The preferred pricing offered to SCLL expired in 2019 and with limited communication from the county, it is unclear if the league is expected to pay the stated rates 2020-2024. Field 3 also has a broken controller and the county is going to replace the controller.

Sponsorship. Natalie discussed the cost of the sign and installation. Field 1 would be \$4K, Field 2 would be \$2600 and Field 3 would be \$3200. There are local businesses interested in purchasing scoreboard signs and so we need to determine the cost and length of time the scoreboard sign would stay up. Possibly offering a package deal. Max of a 5 year deal.

Motion to Appoint new board members: Chad Koenig received a unanimous vote to take the role of T-Ball Commissioner. Stacy Walker received a unanimous vote to take the role of A Commissioner.

Next Board meeting will be Sunday July 28th at 6pm.

Adjourned at 7:33pm.