

Eau Gallie Little League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of Meeting for Mon Nov-21-2011

Call to Order at: 6:35 PM by President Scott Farnham

Attending Board Members:

Jody Devinney (JD), Scott Farnham (SF), Tim O'Keefe (TO), Jason Potter (JP), Jim Ringrose (JR), Mark Roecker (MR), Jamie Smith (JS), Phil Smith (PS), Lisa Teter (LT), Scott Teter (ST), Mike Williams (MW)

Rich Hogarth (Auxiliary Board Member)

Absent Board Members:

Cheryl Ambers (CA), Mike Heidenreich (MH), Jennifer Kuhn (JK), Rick Kuhn (RK), Gordie Wiles (GW)

Approval of Minutes:

Phil Smith motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes from Nov-14-2011 as amended, seconded by Scott Teter. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Rich Hogarth gave an update for Opening Day. He has secured a singer, a prayer leader, and Chairs for Affairs. He has commitments from the bounce house company, Games 2 U, and rock climbing wall. We can get a dunking booth for \$60 and don't have to reserve it until the week of Opening Day so we can see what the weather is going to be like. Play It Again Sports will sell us practice baseballs for \$1 and we can trade pants for baseballs. We should probably have a generator as a backup because the bounce houses take a lot of power. The Home Run Derby announcer needs to be Scott Teter. Pictures will probably be Bishop Photo. We used them for 5 years and then went a different direction last year. There will be no team photos before 8 a.m. and they need to stop during Opening Day ceremonies. If we need to, we could charge \$1 for the rock climbing wall. There will be the Hamster Ball and a U Launcher. Still need to talk to EGHS band and Color Guard.

Sponsors can set up booths with approval from the Board. They can give stuff away if it doesn't compete with the Concession. If it's a sponsor that wants to sell food, then EGLL wants a cut from it

The Team Mom Coordinator needs to run the basket table and raffle tickets. We need different color tickets for the 2 events. The letters have been given to us to give to the Team Mom Coordinator. Kudos to Rich!!

Registration: 92 have signed up for Baseball and 10 for Softball. Last year we had 420 in Baseball and 130 in Softball. Critical sign-up dates are coming up and we need all members to be here. Dec. 17 and the middle of January are sure to be big crowds.

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Last year: Fall Ball had 360 baseball players and 98 softball players.

New Business:

Wrap up for Fall Ball-any issues? Softball had a couple of problems with coaches. Baseball players seemed to be having fun. New coaches Kelly Thomas and Dale Foster had great seasons. Did the managers improve? We need to adopt certain rules for Inter Leaguings. One league pitched a girl the whole 6 innings.

Concessions: yay, teams didn't have to work it! We are in agreement for contracting 3 concessions out for the Spring (Fee, McGrath, Jimmy Moore).

What went wrong in the Fall? Lights shutting off while teams were still in the field. Lights on when a team cancelled a game or practice. One softball manager constantly changed his game schedule impacting others. There are to be no more games after tomorrow, Nov. 22. Managers still need to turn in equipment.

Ice machine at Jimmy Moore is still being worked on.

Mike Williams: The Board needs a list of inventory and orders for the Spring. Need left handed catcher's mitts and portable mounds. Jody Devinney has a contact for equipment. We can use "blemish balls" for practice. Every manager gets 2 dozen balls for practice at the beginning of the season. We want the equipment in by Christmas. Use last year's numbers as a guide; 33 baseball teams and 11 softball teams. Coach pitch division will use T-ball baseballs.

Scoreboards: Scott Teter needs to get the serial number from the motherboards and call the company, Victory.

Operating Rules: Scott Farnham has been working on them. We need to review them though. Scott Farnham will send copies through email. Board members need to read them on their own. Couple of points: Scott Farnham thinks we have been too lenient on refunding peoples' money. If they pay and withdraw before the child is assigned to a team, then they will get their payment back, minus a \$10 charge for our credit card fees. If the child is assigned to a team, then \$15 will be held back from a refund pending approval of the Board.

Baseball divisions: T-Ball is entry level for 4-5 year olds who have not played before. Six year olds cannot play T-Ball. Five year olds who have played one season may play Coach Pitch BB with the 6 year olds. They will get 4 pitches and if they have not hit yet, then they swing from a tee. They run until they are thrown out or the play is over.

Machine Pitch BB is for 7-8 year olds. Minors will keep standings this year.

Softball already has Coach Pitch.

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Conduct: Once umpires are out there, there will be no tolerance of bad behavior from fans, players, managers, or coaches. Managers are in charge of their parents, players, and coaches.

Try-outs: If a player does not attend any of the try-outs, then the Player Agent, President, and Vice-President will sign off on a team assignment for that player. If a manager has a child, he must take him/her by the 3rd round for 10-11 year olds. He must take him/her by the 5th round for 9 and under.

The manager must draft his/her child unless he tells the player agent ahead of time that he is not.

Sponsors do NOT get to choose their child's coach.

Game time limits: T-ball-45 minutes, no new inning. Machine Pitch- 1 ½ hour, no new inning. Minors-1 hr. 45 mins., no new inning. Majors have no time limit, but no new inning after 9 p.m. on school nights. On Saturdays, they can play to completion.

Reports from committees: Tim O'Keefe says Fall Ball is way too lax and laid back. Reality is that it is the manager's job to make it serious. Practices were non-existent for many teams. We might need umpires to make it more serious. Equipment doors were left open two times at Jimmy Moore in the last week.

Mike Williams: Concession at Crane will be ours sometime in November. We need to record which coaches do not return equipment. They will not be appointed in the Spring if they do not return it.

Jenn Kuhn resigned. We need a new Uniform Coordinator. Phil Smith nominated Scott Teter, seconded by Jamie Smith. Motion approved.

Jason Potter: Welcome back!

Jamie Smith: Volunteer list is up to date. Scott Farnham asked if Jim Ringrose could put the list on the website. The prepared First Aid kits are better and will be ready to hand out.

Scott Teter: Can Cheryl Ambers give him a spreadsheet of players and sizes for when he's ready to order the uniforms? Yes.

Phil Smith: The freezer has been delivered to Jimmy Moore. He agrees with Tim O'Keefe about being more competitive in Fall Ball.

Mark Roecker: We need to keep a score sheet to make sure coaches are rotating batters and mixing up the lineup.

Scott Teter: Appreciates the uniform job and needs keys to McGrath.

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Scott Farnham: Needs someone to get the screens out of his garage!

Jody Devinney: Between innings, catchers need to be ready and not drag out the warm up process for pitchers. He will do equipment inventory for umpires' gear.

Next Meeting:

Mon Dec-05-2011 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Jamie Smith, seconded by Jason Potter. Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

These minutes prepared and submitted by:

Lisa Teter
Secretary
EGLL BOD