

Eau Gallie Little League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of Meeting for Mon Oct-24-2011

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

Attending Board Members:

Cheryl Ambers (CA), Jody Devinney (JD), Scott Farnham (SF), Mike Heidenreich (MH), Tim O'Keefe (TO), Jim Ringrose (JR), Jamie Smith (JS), Phil Smith (PS), Lisa Teter (LT), Scott Teter (ST), Gordie Wiles (GW)

Absent Board Members:

Jennifer Kuhn (JK), Rick Kuhn (RK), Jason Potter (JP), Mark Roecker (MR), Mike Williams (MW)

Approval of Minutes:

Phil Smith motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes from Oct-10-2011 as presented, seconded by Jody Devinney. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Mike Heidenreich has not had a chance to look at ice machine. Medical/family emergencies have happened.

Registration database is set up for Spring Ball. EGLL has added a division between Machine Pitch BB and T-Ball called Coach Pitch BB. Players will get 4 pitches then the Tee will be put out if they have not hit yet. They will get to run until the ball is thrown in and outs will count. There will be 3 outs or 5 runs an inning. This will be for 6 year olds and 5 year olds if they have already played one season. EGLL is also looking to form a Big League team for baseball and softball (17 & 18 year olds). We can refund their money if it doesn't happen.

400 postcards for registration went out in the mail on Sunday. The 386 players currently playing were handed cards through their managers. Now we will remind everyone by E-Mail also. Players who have "aged out" will get a separate invitation for Big League.

It is time to put flyers in schools. Jenn Kuhn is in charge. We need to get the signs put up around town also.

A signup sheet for registration duties is being passed around to the members. Scott Farnham bought a router so we can have multiple lap tops working during registration.

EGLL will cancel walk-in registration on Nov. 12 due to Crane hosting the Super Bowl for PAL football.

At one of the Board meetings, we can practice using the software to register our own kids. Kudos to Jim Ringrose!

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Equipment: Scott Farnham will order the L screens tomorrow. The practice balls we use are decent. Should we get Wilson or Rawlings or MacGregor baseballs for the spring? Scott Teter will get the info for the baseball type that we need. Phil Smith says NO to synthetic brand of softballs. Softball also needs smaller catcher's gear for the girls and more left-handed catcher's mitts.

New Business:

Scott Farnham will work on analyzing EPLL Operating Rules. Are there suggestions for changes? Scott Farnham says that Majors and above should have a stopwatch for timing the inning changes. Changing pitchers is understandable.

JS suggested there be no flip flops or sandals allowed on the field. It is already in the rules. Both of these are approved. Members need to read the rules to know what to think about changing. Also Scott Teter suggested a 2-man committee should decide if a player can join after try-outs.

Re-draft in Majors Baseball? The assumption is that we will have 6 teams. Divisional play is not relevant to this decision. Discussion. Mike Heidenreich made motion to stay as we are. Jim Ringrose seconded. Motion passed.

Re-draft in Juniors Baseball? Motion passed to stay with same teams.

Senior Baseball re-draft? Usually there are only 2 teams. Managers pick their teams. Vote to Re-draft? Yes. Motion passes to re-draft.

Majors Softball re-draft? PS suggested Yes. Motion passed.

Seniors Softball re-draft? Motion passed to re-draft.

Gordie Wiles has numbers to call for local business for sponsorships and has verbal agreements from several. EPLL needs to push for having banners for sponsors' advertisement. We have not heard anything back from Dick's Sporting Goods yet.

Committee reports:

Tim O'Keefe said some coaches are doing better at running their practices.

Scott Farnham will ask our Opening Day Chairman to come to the next Board Meeting.

Jim Ringrose has updated the website, put registration details on there, AND created a Twitter account.

Jamie Smith has been updating the Safety Plan and volunteer forms.

Phil Smith asked if we could change the softball logo.

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Mike Heidenreich needs to get clay from Pat Love for filling in the fields. There's a new guy at the city level and they will probably wait to do it until spring. Jimmy Moore mound is still off-kilter. McGrath is also crooked.

Pat Love says that they are replacing all the fencing at McGrath next summer. Crane batting cages are missing springs. They might also need netting.

Jody Devinney will run the Umpire Clinic. Feb. 4 looks good from 9 – 12. He will create an Umpires' Newsletter. He also suggested signs in the batting cages that say "No Soft Toss".

Cheryl Ambers suggested a fundraiser that includes Homerun Contest for Dads.

Next Meeting:

Tue Nov-01-2011 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Phil Smith, seconded by Cheryl Ambers. Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

These minutes prepared and submitted by:

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Secretary
EGLL BOD