



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Sat. Nov. 13th

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

LOCATION: The Dugout
109 Cochran St

ATTENDEES

Amie Smith, Dave Pollack, Denise Bell, Ismael Romero, Jodie and José Navarro, Kim George, Mike Briggs, Randy Callaway, Sarah Todd, Vernie and Chuck Kelly

OBJECTIVES

Planning for 2022

AGENDA DETAILS

I. Randy reviewed:

1. Little League hierarchy
 - i. District 13, SVLL board, Regular Members, Players
2. Money: League vs. Challenger

**Meeting notes: Challenger money is the same as league money.
Challenger \$ comes from player fees and fundraising.**
3. Challenger Field.
 - i. Permits, who owns, etc.
4. 2 Sea-Trains (can we sell?)

**Meeting notes: Sea-Trains currently located at old field.
Don't seem to have any Challenger belongings in them.
Will consider if should sell.**
5. Do we need Little League? (gives us non profit status and insurance)
 - i. Misconceptions:
 1. League board members get paid... No, they don't
 2. It is the District's responsibility to fill board positions. Nope

II. Official stuff

1. Board members.
 - i. Nominations.
 1. Challenger VP – Jodie Navarro
 2. Secretary – Kim George
 3. League Other Officer - Millette Arredondo

Meeting notes: Attendees voted to approve nominees.
 - ii. Current
 1. President – Randy Callaway
Safety officer, Information officer
 2. Vice President – Chad Smith
Coaching Coordinator
 3. Treasurer – Marilyn Popovic
Challenger player agent, League player agent

III. Financials

1. Checking - \$5,804, Savings – \$5,750 (Honda Grant)
2. 2021 Little league - \$1,200
3. Uniforms - \$3,700 - \$4,000
4. Pictures - \$1,200 (I'm guessing)
5. Trophies - \$1,400
6. Note: 70 players at \$90 each does not cover the above.

Meeting notes: 2021 season costs have all been paid.
Honda Grant \$ needs to be used for Snack Shack.
Discussed if should raise fees, possibly to \$150.
Attendees decided on \$125 fee for 2022 season, maybe raise fees next year.

IV. Committees

1. Snack Shack.

i. We need to get this done.

Meeting notes: Committee to be established to work on this.

2. Banners

i. We need to get this done.

Meeting notes: Looking for volunteer to search for businesses who want to sponsor.

3. Fundraising Committee

Meeting notes: Attendees discussed having a committee for fundraising.
Committee members can decide which fundraising activities each can lead to spread out the responsibilities.

V. Schedule

1. Night Games: 2 or 3 games, need volunteers, money.

Meeting notes: Determined to have 2 or 3 night games.
Night games will be at the "Duck Park" (Erringer & Royal).
Will need to pay park district for use of the park.

2. Field movie nights: Chad and Jodie have projectors. We may need to buy a screen.

Meeting notes: Decided no movies on weekdays (school nights).
Likely held on Saturday nights
Will be free so all families can attend
Hold at Challenger field. Families to bring blankets, chairs
No lights. Families can bring lanterns/flashlights.
Sell popcorn, snacks, drinks as possible fundraiser

3. Simi Game, Rutherford game, Summer game / BBQ, Halloween game, Holiday game.
The most wanted change from the survey was to have more events.

Meeting notes: Simi Game: SVHS has been in contact - game on for 2022.
Will need 2 games – Challenger / Sr. Challenger
Rutherford Game: No word from them. Likely won't happen.
Holiday Game: Scheduled for 12/11/21.
Will be 2 games – Challenger / Sr. Challenger
Idea for parent to contribute a gift for their player, which will be given to the player by Santa at the game.
Summer game / BBQ – Will plan for 2022.
Halloween game – Will plan for 2022.
Field movie nights: Will meet family requests for more activities.

This will be a more typical season, so there will be more events than during 2021 season.

4. Boutique:

Meeting notes: Date: 11/20/21 10:00 – 3:00 at the Challenger Field.
Jodie is point person for the boutique.
This is the 2nd Challenger Boutique fundraiser.
Craft table available for players.
Raffle tickets for sale. Players will get a free ticket.
Agreed that additional SMG movie fundraiser tickets will be purchased and made available to buy at the boutique.
Flyers up on Facebook – please share as much as possible.

5. Pictures

i. Yearbook?

Meeting notes: Agreed would be nice to have a yearbook made for players.
Susie Giboney – photographer for VIP Soccer. Offered to take pictures for Challenger league too. (Randy to contact)
Lorna Granger made photobook for the Cubs last year, would she be interested in doing so for the league?
Scott – Challenger photographer. Can he do a yearbook? (Randy to contact)
Team moms collect pictures from each team for the yearbook.
Randy does not want to charge players for the yearbooks.

6. Coaches:

Meeting notes: Challenger – Mike, Chad, Victor/Mayra Garcia, Danielle Sr. Challenger – Kellys, Mark Garcia, Navarros, Gary

7. Game schedule:

Meeting notes: First game – Sat. Feb 19
“All Star” game – Sat. May 21
Last game – Sat. May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend)
Banquet – Sat. June 4

8. All-star game: Sat. May 21st.

Meeting notes: Will be 2nd to last game instead of last game because last game is on Memorial Day Weekend and some families may be out of town.
Elks Breakfast – Undecided if will hold. May not be able to do because the building can't hold the growing number of players in the league.
Can Firefighters still buddy for this game? José to f/u.

9. Banquet: Sat. June 4

Meeting notes: June 4 is day after SVUSD last day of school.

VI. Practice

1. One on Fri. night is not enough. Need 2 separate practice days?
2. The survey revealed that several people would like practices with more catching, throwing, etc. More than just batting. This may be the Sr. Challenger Div.

Meeting notes: Some Sr. Challengers asking for practice to include more than just hitting.
Undecided if should have 2 practice times on Friday or

add another day.
Issue of who will run practices. Amie had been doing practices but can't do alone. Ismael may be able to assist.

VII. Registration

1. Randy can open it now.
2. Cost for 2022 season - \$125.

Meeting notes: Concern if \$125 will be enough money for the season's activities. Add "Contribute to scholarship" button to registration form for those who may be willing to pay more as a way to increase funds through registration process.

3. Inked opening date, so we can advertise it.
4. Scholarships?
5. Web registration.

Meeting notes: The old registration form on the internet was complicated, especially for out-of-town players. Randy is going to make another user-friendly registration form. He will let group know when it's done so they can try it out before launching it to the league.

VIII. Upcoming events.

1. Halloween game. Held Sat. Oct. 30.
2. Boutique, next week.
3. Rutherford game – likely not held this year.
4. Holiday game. **See meeting notes above.**

IX. Fundraising

1. What are we doing?

Meeting notes: Currently doing boutique, restaurant fundraisers monthly during the season, SMG movie tickets, 50/50 raffles.

2. What else can we do?

Meeting notes: Suggested fundraisers:
Rent out a SMG theater for a movie night
Rent out Lazer Tag for a fundraiser event
Sell ad space for the yearbook
Sell food at movie nights at the field
Expand use of volunteers for fundraising events (see "Fundraising Committee" discussion above)

X. Buddies/Volunteers

1. José and Millette will coordinate buddies.

Meeting notes: Denise volunteered to help with this. Sarah may have contacts with Simi High groups who might be able to be buddies.

2. Volunteers:

Meeting notes: Discussion held about increasing use of volunteers in general. Sarah shared that more people might be willing to volunteer if they knew what was expected of volunteers. Discussed sending out emails to potential volunteers to let know what events need volunteers, what the tasks and time

commitment might be.
Consider using Google Forms for identifying volunteering interests. Sarah is good at using Google Forms.
Discussed asking for volunteers to lead different fundraising events.

3. Kohl's – they haven't showed up for a few years. Abandon this?

XI. Getting the word out

1. Flyers for school district and to distribute around community.

Meeting notes: Kim can submit registration flyer for school district distribution.
Get word out to families that Challenger has a Facebook page.
Denise volunteered to send emails and invite people to the Challenger Facebook page.
Can someone volunteer to be a Communications Organizer?

XII. End of season banquet

1. What can we do better than last year.??
2. Date / time / location / food?
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4. Audio/visual presentation.

Meeting notes: Sat. June 4. Time TBD.

Need to book location very soon. Estimate 250 people.

Try to locate a church who might donate a location.

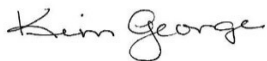
(Denise already contacted Lutheran church on Alamo – not large enough)

Back up option is the Park District, but they charge.

Consider food options – Burger Express again?

XIII. Miscellaneous

Meeting notes: Denise suggested offering gluten free options at Challenger events. She volunteered to help coordinate this.



Kim George
Secretary