



MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Sat. Oct. 15th

TIME: 7:00 – 10:00 PM

LOCATION: Junkyard Cafe
2585 Cochran St

ATTENDEES

Denise Bell, Marilyn Popovic, Jodie and José Navarro, Kim George, Randy Callaway, Sarah Todd, Lisle Sherwin, Mark Garcia, Vernie and Chuck Kelly

OBJECTIVES

Planning for 2023 season

AGENDA DETAILS

I. Me talking

1. Little League hierarchy
 - i. Players/Families, Regular Members, SVLL board, District 13, Regional, LL International.

2. Money: League vs. Challenger, and Little League International money.

**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

Meeting notes: Sea-Trains located at old field and are emptied of Challenger belongings. They're being used for storage by Simi Youth Baseball and for pre-school items.

5. Do we need Little League?

- 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. Any new nominations –

Meeting notes: Denise Bell nominated as Information Officer.

- ii. Current board members:

1. President – Randy Callaway
Safety officer

2. Vice President – Chad Smith
Coaching Coordinator

3. Secretary – Kim George

4. Treasurer – Marilyn Popovic
Challenger player agent, League player agent

5. Challenger VP – Jodie Navarro

6. Information Officer - Denise Bell (**newly nominated 10/15/22**)

7. League Other Officer - Millette Arredondo

Meeting notes: Attendees voted to approve all nominees.

III. Financials

1. Checking - \$5535.58
2. Savings - \$14,490.09
 - i. Including last season fundraiser of \$8,739
 - ii. Savings is dedicated to our Snack Shack
3. 2021 Little league - \$1,200 (Approx)
4. Uniforms - \$3,700 - \$4,000 (Approx)
5. Pictures - \$1,200 (I'm guessing)
6. Trophies - \$1,400 (Approx)

Meeting notes: 2022 season costs have all been paid.

Attendees decided on \$125 fee for 2023 season.

Discussed that some funds are used for players requesting scholarships. This year will have option during registration for families to donate to a general scholarship fund.

IV. Registration

1. A goal of starting early, pushing and trying get as many people registered prior to the deadline to order uniforms.
 - i. While we can order uniforms on a one week turnaround, it costs around \$50 for the quick shipment.
2. Registration Events? Fill out paperwork and eat hot-wings?
 - i. I believe we are having a December fundraiser, but don't quote me. May be at that event bring some registration forms.

Meeting notes: Will start monthly restaurant fundraisers in November.

Bring hard copy registration forms to the fundraisers.

Promote November, December and January fundraisers as registration drives.

Encourage early registration by offering incentives, i.e. giving raffle tickets during the Nov and Dec restaurant events with the raffle being drawn at the Holiday game in December.

3. During the on-line registration process provide obvious options for scholarships, including full scholarships. Registration flyer
 - i. Last year we did not inquire from people about payment until after the season ended. We really need to keep up with this.
 - ii. We need to follow up early to request fees from those who request partial scholarships or to pay later.

Meeting notes: Include on registration flyer that scholarships are available.

Registration flyer will say what the registration fee includes (trophy, jersey, hat, photo package) with no other fees required.

Add option on online registration form for families to donate to a general scholarship fund if they choose.

For players receiving partial scholarships or who choose

payment plans, will send a follow-up “automated” email reminder during season.

V. Committees

1. Snack Shack.
 - i. We are working on this. It is slow. Currently we are waiting for our contractors to evaluate the possibilities. Power, water, drainage.
Meeting notes: Contractor coming to field to show where we can place the snack shack.
Plan for shack to be in place at start of season. Likely won't have water/electricity before 2023.
2. Events / Summer Events.
3. Fundraising. **Events at various local restaurants.**
4. Bingo night? –
Meeting notes: Consider having at Elks Lodge.
Marilyn and Jodie will investigate this.
5. Other Fundraiser activity options.
Meeting notes: Poker Night - Unsure if will do this. Jodie may speak with Millette.
Bunco Night – There's interest in this option. Vernie knows a lot about Bunco and may help with this.
Harley's Bowl Fundraiser – Denise suggested.
6. Business sponsorships.
Meeting notes: Discussed asking businesses if they may want to sponsor league.
Offer banners at back of field for businesses who sponsor.
Vernie volunteered to go around to business to pass out the Challenger non-profit flyer.
7. Boutique.
Meeting notes: There wasn't enough foot traffic to make the effort worthwhile for vendors. Place boutique on hold for now.

VI. One person dedicated tasks. (Coordinate with Randy on each of these)

1. Medical forms. - **Kim**
2. Pictures - **Sara will help coordinate.**
3. Uniforms - **Randy to order. Denise will coordinate w/ Team mom & advise Randy.**
4. Roster/Registrations - **Sara**

VII. 2022 End of year survey

1. No practices -- I think this is Challenger families.
Meeting notes: Chuck doing Sr. Challenger practices and he can do Fri.
Need a volunteer to do Challenger practices. Maybe Chad or Ismael?
Challenger practice needs to be different day than Sr. Challenger.
2. Games took longer.
Meeting notes: Discussed if non-registered kids can bat during games. May not be safe for bigger kids or kids who play in other

leagues to bat in Challenger games with younger players.
Determined it's up to the coaches and president to decide if
it's safe for non-league players to bat.
Need to start on time, especially at start of day, even if all
players aren't there yet. Players who come late can jump
into the game when they arrive.
Limit batting do-overs to keep the game within time limits.
Randy will have meeting with coaches about game time limits
and safety issues.
Will add 15 minutes between games. Games stay at 1 hour
long, with 15 minutes to transition between games.
New game times:
8:30 - 9:30; 9:45 - 10:45; 11 - 12:00; 12:15 - 1:15.

3. Have season end by Memorial day. **Meeting notes: Season starts 2/11/23. Ends on 5/20/23 with banquet happening that day or the next day.**
4. Top 3 items.
 - i. Snack Shack. **In progress.**
 - ii. Additional events. **Do a night game in the summer? Add bowling?**
 - iii. Spectator areas / heat... **See if can adjust the mist system.**
 - iv. Uniforms.
 - v. Website tools. **Consider sending families an email to contact us if they need help with online registration. Send hard-copy registration form if needed.**
 - vi. Homerun Derby. **Figure out how to separate Sr Challengers from Challengers during the derby and for trophies.**
5. Lack of communications for game day raffles.
6. Challenger does not get the attention Sr. Challengers do.
 - i. Sr. Challenge on Facebook, but not Challenger. - **Denise agreed to post pics for Challenger players.**
 - ii. Fire dept. was not there for Challenger. **They got called out to an emergency... not in the league's control.**
7. Games never started on time.

VIII. Schedule

1. Night Games: - **Hard to do. Would need to do at Rancho Simi Park in order to have lights. Costs extra money.**
2. Movie night?? – **Continue these.**
3. Simi Game, Rutherford game (**unlikely to happen. The family hasn't reached out to Challenger**), Summer game / BBQ, Halloween game, Holiday game.
 - i. The most wanted change from the survey was to have more events. So what? A couple more during the Summer? May be a couple of movie nights? **Will consider adding bowling. Keeping movie nights, Halloween and Holiday games, hold a summer game.**
4. Pictures
 - i. Who will be the picture guy? **Last season did not go well, although prior seasons had gone better with this photographer. Randy suggested trying another season with him as he promised to do better and he works well with the players. If it doesn't work out well this year, Jodie may know of someone else.**

**Request made that he arrange player formation better for team pictures.
Schedule pictures March 4 with makeup on March 18 or 25 to give plenty of
time to get the photos back.**

ii. I want a year book... Randy to check on cost.

- 5. First game Sat. Feb. 11. Hold practice on Fri. 10 to pass out uniforms.**
- 6. All-star game: Will determine date.**
- 7. Banquet: Sat. May 20 or the next day (Sunday)?**

IX. Practice

- 1. One on Fri. night is not enough. – Already discussed.**
- 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. Being done.**
- 3. The survey revealed that several people would like a practice for the younger teams.**

X. Registration

- 1. I can open it now. Add option for the player to request a teammate or coach they want to be with rather than a team name.**
- 2. Cost \$125? Keep same for 2023.**
- 3. Need to ink opening date so we can advertise it.**
- 4. Scholarships?**
- 5. Web registration, how easy is it. I think it's pretty easy.**

XI. Upcoming events.

- 1. Halloween game. Sat. Oct. 29. (Saturday before Halloween)**
- 2. Rutherford game?? I have not heard anything. No go for now.**
- 3. Holiday game? Suggestions? Truck loads of snow. Crafts. Santa on a Harley is inked. Dec. 9 or 16 are suggested dates. Still deciding on date. Can't be weekend of 12/3/22.**
- 4. Buddies –**

XII. Fundraising

- 1. What are we doing, what else can we do. Restaurant fundraisers will happen. Consider Bingo, Bunco, Bowling, business sponsors.**
- 2. Events: Feb, Mar, Apr and May – right?**

XIII. Buddies

- 1. We have two or three people on this. Sara and Denise helping to arrange. Consider involving volunteers more with opening/closing procedures. Make a list of opening/closing procedures for coaches and volunteers to follow. Randy will discuss procedures with coaches.**

XIV. Kohl's

- 1. This is the last year I will mention this. It has not happened in a long time. - Marilyn will check. May not be doable.**

XV. Getting the word out.

1. Flyers. **Being drafted. Consider advertising in the Park & Rec Activity Guide.**

XVI. All-Star game.

1. Breakfast at Elks lodge.
2. Firefighter buddies.

XVII. End of season banquet

1. What can we do better than last year. **If at field, have someone deliver tables/chairs. Maybe find a volunteer group to help with that set up/delivery.**
2. Date / time. **Sat 5/20 or Sun 5/21 (earlier in day if we have on Sunday).**
3. Location. **Challenger Field or Boys & Girls Club. Kim to follow-up for pricing.**
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- 6.
7. Food. **TBD**
8. Audio/visual presentation. **Maybe bring a TV to field for this so can view in daylight?**



Kim George
Secretary