



MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Sat. Sept. 16th

TIME: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Chuy's West.
1397-a Los Angeles Ave.

ATTENDEES

All Regular Members, Volunteers

OBJECTIVES

Figure out stuff for 2024

AGENDA DETAILS

I. Important – please closely review the following.

1. Section VII: New Registration Option for 2024
2. Section VIII: Rules, official and my rules.
3. Section XIV 2 i: I want to increase the registration fee.
4. Section XII 12: An away game. We go to a different league and play, they come here.

II. 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.
3. Challenger Field.
 - i. Permits, who owns, etc... **School district and Parks & Rec own the field**
4. 2 Sea-Trains
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

III. Official stuff

1. Board members.
 - i. Nominations. ???
 1. Any new nominations?? **Vernie Kelly was nominated and voted in as secretary going forward**
 - ii. Current
 1. President – Randy Callaway
Secretary, Safety officer
 2. Vice President – Chad Smith
Coaching Coordinator
 3. Treasurer – Marilyn Popovic
Challenger player agent, League player agent
 4. Challenger VP – Jodie Navarro
 5. League Information Officer - Denise Bell

IV. Financials

1. Accounts as of Aug. 27 2023.
 - i. Old Checking - \$900.24
 - ii. Checking - \$2,924.50
 - iii. Savings - \$14,492.78
 1. Including fundraiser from 2021 of \$8,739
 2. Savings is dedicated to our Snack Shack
2. Little league - \$2,200 (Approx)
3. Uniforms - \$7,500 (Approx)
4. Pictures - \$3,250 **Discussion held if should continue with same photographer (Scott). Randy wants photos taken at the field during game times. Action Item - Danielle to research options. Jodie will consult with her. Denise suggested asking Lorna Granger about options.**
5. Trophies - \$1,400 (Approx)
6. Registration - \$9,500 (Approx)
 - i. \$11,700 paid
 - ii. \$1,000 unpaid
7. Fundraisers ??
 - i. Paul suggested asking businesses to sponsor teams. He knows of some who may be interested.
 - ii. Restaurant fundraisers to start in Oct.
8. **NOTES**
 - i. **\$2,000 2022 Pictures**
 - ii. **\$347 Trophies. (I think we did not include HR derby)**
9. **Licensing fees for using MLB team logos on jerseys cost a lot of money. Coaches can decide to use non MLB team names in order to save money.**

V. 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. Can we order 4 weeks prior to opening day, and 3 weeks and 2 weeks? Will this make is any easier? I think it will help the uniform people, and possibly us to just be organized.
3. Registration Events? Fill out paperwork and eat hot-wings?
 - i. We tried this last year and I really don't think it worked. We lost forms, did not transfer forms to on line registration, etc.
4. During the on-line registration process provide obvious options for scholarships, including full scholarships.
5. **Discussion about early registration benefit.**
 - i. **Determined will charge \$150 for return player early registration by 12/1/23. Payment doesn't have to be received by 12/1/23 to qualify for the \$150 fee.**
 - ii. **After that time, fee is \$175.**
 - iii. **Scholarships still available.**
 - iv. **Regional Center is a payment option now and families can ask their case worker to facilitate this (they will only pay \$150).**
 - v. **New players pay \$150 if they start after 1st game.**
 - vi. **This information will be clearly communicated via emails, and coaches/team moms should let their individual families know as well.**
 - vii. **Proposal approved by attendees with Randy opposing.**
6. **Paul suggested making Zelle an option on registration site, instead of or in addition to**

credit card, in order to avoid 6.50 credit card fee.

7. Will push early registration during Halloween game.

VI. Teams

1. Currently 4 Challenger and 4 Sr. Challenger.
 - i. Pretty evenly distributed.
 - ii. I want to go to 6 Challenger teams. Will make determination of will have 5 or 6 Challenger teams by 12/1/23 depending on registration numbers. Need at least 2 new coaches.
 1. I got the impression from coaches that there were too many kids per team. Bored in the outfield, too chaotic in the dougouts, etc.
 2. The Sr. Challengers seem to get through the line up a little faster and more organized.
 3. If we decide to go to 6 Challenger teams.
 - There will be one more game each day.
 - That goes farther into the heat of the day. ☹️
 - We will need two more sets of coaches.
 4. An in-person coaches meeting needs to happen before the season. Assistant coaches and team moms should also be invited. Add this to the First Aide meeting? Proposed Sunday 1/21/24 at 3:00 at field.

VII. New Registration for 2024

1. We are a Tri-County vendor now. This means that Tri-County Reginal Center will pay for your registration. Coaches/team moms should communicate this info to the teams. Players with Regional Center Self Determination benefits can also access this payment option thru Regional Center.
 - i. Working the kinks out of this, but expect it to be in full swing well before the beginning of the season.
 - ii. Need a couple of guinea pigs..

VIII. Rules, official and my rules.

1. Wearing helmets is a requirement, not an option.
 - i. Helmet needed that can accommodate religious requirements. **Action item:** League will buy special helmet to meet this need.
 - ii. Players acting as catcher also need to wear helmets.
 - iii. Batters also need to wear helmets when running bases. If they take helmet off on bases, need to have a buddy with them for their protection.
2. The two divisions must be enforced. This is also a safety issue and we cannot have younger players mixed in with adults. It's dangerous.
3. There will not be any one on one communications with a player. This includes phone, email, text and isolated at an event. **Coaches should communicate with a board member if this is happening.**
 - i. I remember this rule from long ago and feel that it applies. So this is my rule. 1 and 2 are official Little League rules.

IX. 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.
2. Events / Summer Events. **Amie is the lead. Denise, Jodie, Kim will help.**
3. Fundraising. Events at various local restaurants. **Kim arranging restaurants**

4. Bingo night?
5. Poker night?

X. One person dedicated tasks.

1. Medical forms. Kim
2. Pictures Danielle
3. Uniforms Randy orders after Sarah verifies info and lets him know what to order
4. Roster/Registrations Sarah
5. Simi High Game – Kim leading with Sarah's help. Challengers to play first. Make sure enough water/ice for entire day. Want cheerleaders to interact with players.

XI. 2023 End of year survey

1. Did not know there were practices.
 - i. Communicate to families early and often about this
 - ii. Who will run Challengers practice
 - iii. Determine what practices will look like during coaches meeting.
2. Would rather have the banquets outside like last year. Did like them split up.
3. Fundraisers are over priced.
4. Games should be cancelled if it has been raining. Player safety.
5. Dugouts could have run a lot smoother. (Will help just need direction) Coaches can communicate to families about this. Encourage parents to sit in stands and enjoy the game. Players are having fun
6. Communication. Improvement on getting upcoming events out sooner. Communication with those in charge. Home Run derby was a disaster. Discussion held about HR Derby options.
 - i. Consider carnival in the springtime instead, maybe attach HR Derby to it.
 - ii. Consider including pitching booth, running game, catching game, i.e. highlight other skills in addition to hitting.
 - iii. Hold earlier in season, i.e. April 6
7. Wish parent involvement was more supportive of teaching the baseball game.
8. Have season end by Memorial day.
9. Proofread emails before pressing send. Multiple incorrect schedules.
10. Permanent snack shack.
11. Top 3 items.
 - i. Snack Shack. 77%
 - ii. Additional events. 22.2%
 - iii. Equipment 22.2%
 - iv. Spectator areas 16.7%
 - v. Website tools. 11.1% Paul to review website ?
 - vi. 0% for Uniforms.. ha, ha..

XII. Schedule

1. Night Games: 2 or 3 games, need volunteers, money. The duck park, Erringer & Royal. NO, night games
2. Movie night?? No movie nights
3. Simi Game – Same as last year. Challengers play first.
4. Home Run Derby. Cancel or change
5. Summer game / BBQ, Halloween game, Holiday game. NO SUMMER GAMES
 - i. One of 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?

6. Pictures
 - i. Who will be the picture guy?
 1. I want to keep Scott. He is very good with the players/families. He will take pictures during games. He's a local person. See section IV
 - ii. I want a year book...
7. First game Sat. Feb. 10th practice on Fri. 9th to pass out uniforms.
 - i. **Coaches can decide to pass out morning of opening day instead of Friday**
8. Simi Game: Looks like April 13th **Not confirmed. Sarah sent email to coach to ask about date**
9. Family game: Sat. May 18th ??
10. Banquet: Sat. May 18th ?? **Discussion held if too much happening this day.**
 - i. **Action Item:** Marilyn to contact Elks to see if can have pancake breakfast different day, or if can turn pancake breakfast into the banquet.
 - ii. **If breakfast banquet, still have it separated Challenger/Sr. Challenger**
 - iii. **Would not have a game this day if did breakfast banquet**
11. Mon. May 27th is Memorial Day weekend, so nothing that weekend.
12. Away game. Play one game, Challenger or Sr. Challenger against another League in our district. From Simi to Oxnard. **Some attendees felt it may be difficult for Challengers but could work for Sr. Challengers. Not resolved**

XIII. Practice

1. Practices seemed to be good. Some how should get two days vs. both on one day. **See section XI**

XIV. Registration

1. I can open it now. **t**
2. Cost \$125? We paid more in the past couple of years. **See section V**
 - i. Last year we had to scramble to no pull money from Savings. I think we should raise the fee. \$150..
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.
6. Last year's registration information.
 - i. 114 players.
 - ii. $114 * \$125 = \$14,250$.
 - iii. $\$11,700 + \$1,000 + \$1,550$ (Paid + Unpaid + Discounts)

XV. Upcoming events.

1. Halloween game. Sat. Oct. 28. (Saturday before Halloween) **Promote early registration at this game**
2. Holiday game? Sat. two weeks before Christmas?? Suggestions? Truck loads of snow. Crafts. Santa on a Harley is inked. Dec. 9.

XVI. Fundraising

1. What are we doing, what else can we do. **Restaurant fundraisers being scheduled**
2. Events: Feb, Mar, Apr and May – right?

XVII. Buddies

1. We have two or three people on this. **Sara with Denise helping.**

XVIII. Getting the word out.

1. Flyers. ?? **Kim-Halloween game. Jodie – Holiday game**

XIX. All-Star game.

1. This has turned into the “Family game”.
2. Breakfast at Elks lodge. **See section XII**
3. Firefighter buddies.

XX. End of season banquet Marilyn investigating pancake banquet option

1. What can we do better than last year.??
2. Date / time..
3. Location
4. \$\$\$
5. Food
6. Audio/visual presentation.