**Snohomish Little League**

**General Board Meeting**

**March 27, 2023**

**Snohomish Library Meeting Room**

Attendees: Randy Dickey (Proxy for Joe and Andy), Sarah Williams, Kory Tyson, Angela Tracy, Leslie Matthews (Proxy for Jeff, Jessica, Erik), Noelle Matthews, Courtney Brown, Chelsea Bolander

Absences: Joe Hardy, Jeff Kalstrom, Jen Hall, Tonya Knisley, Alec Sigurdson, Cat Davis, Kory Tyson, Bryan Rush, Will Knudsvig, Jessica Newkirk, Matt Echelbarger, George Davisson, Shanel Kline, Andy Trask, Jason Martin, Kim Knudsvig, Erik

Start time: 6:10pm

President’s Welcome

Board meetings should be on Sunday evenings to avoid conflict. Working on space to book for Sundays from 6-8pm.

Review and Ratify Previous Minutes: Randy motion to approve January minutes, Sarah seconds

* Vote to allow select clubs to use our complex: Passed with majority vote

Presidents Overview

* Board doing great - just a few hiccups. Families are pleased, love the hats. Chelsea is doing a great job with the schedule.
* Next step is to get our coaches to get in line with SLL rules - ex: what to do when practice is canceled or want to schedule a scrimmage? We need to get a process/protocol in place.
* Communication: Try to direct Whatsapp questions to the direct board member instead of piling it all on the board chat. Keep an eye out for email scams.
* Shoutout to Angela and Sarah - board members without kids.
* The fields and concessions are looking great.

Finance

* Ladyhawks - charge sales tax on invoice?
* Sent personal emails to those who owe money. Cannot hand out jerseys without payment. Sarah to work with Will.
* Need to look into why some registration shows $0s across the board. Likely waitlisters. Sarah, Randy and Noelle will look into it. Noelle can send the list to Chelsea to reconcile by Thursday night.

VP Softball

* Rookies just started. Scrimmages underway. Getting dialed in with D1 and scheduling. Props to Chelsea for all the coordinating.

VP Admin

* Complaints about the amount of notifications from SportsConnect. Do we shut off entirely or let individuals manually turn off their own notifications? - “unsubscribe”
* Badges - all have been created. Board members need to remind those on field to be sure their badges are on at all times.
* Batting cage - spoke with uppers about the reservation system (google forms) then lowers can use if not taken. Not many hits on it yet. Trying to figure out how to embed it on the website.
* **Should post rules for batting cages: helmet and cleanup rules**.
* Post the batting cage weekly schedule on the side of the connex.
* Easter parade - reached out to the chamber but haven’t posted information yet. 945a check-in for Noelle and will go to staging area.
* Easter egg hunt - Erika Trask filled 3100 eggs alone.
* Easter Bunny??? Who will wear the costume? Dan Hudson (per Shanel)?
* Need to make “call for eggs” and send out sign-up genius for each event with approx. # of attendees.
* Photos - all uppers have received dates/times. Lower schedule coming.
* Home Run Derby - May 21st. Will start registration when things slow down.
* Family Fun Day - need to decide on a date. June 17th (3-day weekend). June 10th was an issue due to concession staffing. We need to communicate EARLY!!! Parents need those placeholders. This is father’s day weekend as well. Let’s get this in front of coaches asap and they can let parents know.
* Pseudo-mandatory to have board members assist in concessions on opening day and family fun day.
* Need to be sure we make softball in-house tourney a priority.

VP Ops

* Umpires - clinic was super successful 15ppl. Working with will to get shirts/hats to umps. Going to reach out to those who missed the clinic.
* Spring break - Kory and Leslie completing a long list of actions for field improvement.
* Girard made another huge donation
* Trying to put a tourney together. Kory working with his daughter’s team to get a softball tourney going. Leslie working with her son’s league to discuss make-up games on our fields.
* Need volunteers to help during spring break.
* Need help in concessions. Cat created a sign up genius but it hasn’t been communicated yet. Distribute to team parents first. Incentive program for the team who gives the most hours. Will provide food for end of season party.

Remaining Business

* Please fill out Conflict of Interest form
* Constitution and Ops manual - please go through and provide feedback
* Morgan Stewart confirmed for 4/22.
* Mariners LL day on 4/23.
* Need to get a bench up on the berm - eagle scout project?

New Business

* Scheduling - need to communicate to coaches that everything schedule-wise MUST go through Chelsea. Cancellations, reschedules, add-ons - MUST go through Chelsea. She is the only one who can permanently change GameChanger.
  + Rain - coaches decided to take practices elsewhere. If you don’t need your field, must let Chelsea know. If you take your team off-field, you must sign a team waiver. Going off-site must be optional. Do not cancel on marginal days…fields are in great shape.
  + Cancellations affect concession stands. They need to prepare accordingly. As well as properly grooming fields.
  + Create 1-hr notice policy.
  + Can VP Softball/Baseball be reminded of the League Calendar on the website.
* Need to create digital coaches binder. FAQs. League calendar, cleaning process, where things are located, checklist before/after game, who to contact when, scheduling rules, game changer rules, protocol for taking kids off-site, Umpire info, no dogs allowed, team parent outline, concession signup request
* Randy is going to go to Chase bank to change our name officially to SLL.
* April 7-10 - Dicks Sporting Goods weekend
* We need to create back-up plans/documentation for most positions for back-fill/replacement purposes.
* Operating at a fundraising deficit. Encourage team parents to try to make it up. Know a network we can leverage? Please touch base with Leslie. Did Jessica reach out to everyone who purchased banners last season?
* Tips in concessions - can we direct all tips to go to family fun day activities…or add note to the window.

Meeting ends: 7:42pm