

## **DRAFT**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAPITOL HILL LITTLE LEAGUE (CHLL)**

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the Hill Center. CHLL President Charles Barnett presided over the meeting. Scott Cernich served as Secretary. In attendance were:

Chuck Barnett  
David Fox  
Lona Valmoro  
Erica Martin  
Darrel Thompson  
Jason Goldsmith  
Emily Cichy  
Frank Craddock  
Marty Welles  
Jake Cumsky-Whitlock  
Opi Leckas  
Adam Meier

#### **Approve Agenda and Minutes**

The March agenda and February minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Registration Update**

Jason Goldsmith gave an update on current registration numbers. The current total is 620 registered players, which is slightly below last year's total.

#### **Safety/Background Check/Concussion Update**

Jake Cumsky-Whitlock provided an update on progress for background check/concussion training for coaches and board members. Jake is starting to work on first aid kits and will work with Emily Cichy and David Fox to distribute to coaches.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Marty Welles provided the Treasurer's Report and distributed a written report. Marty submitted an application for the Scott's baseball field refurbishment program. Current balance is approximately \$118,000 in the CHLL checking account. There was a recent large expenditure to BSN for equipment. Marty explained to the board that we seem to have a problem with SI Play who processes the CHLL credit card transactions for registration. SI Play owes us approximately \$71,000. David Fox volunteered to contact SI Play to try to resolve the issue.

#### **Fundraising Update**

Frank Craddock provided an update on sponsors. As of today, CHLL is at 56 teams and we now have 51 sponsors. We are down 10 or so sponsors from last year. Frank

expressed concerns regarding trying to determine the number of sponsors needed when registration is still open and adding many players/teams until the last minute.

### **Fields/Scheduling/Workout Day Update**

Lona Valmoro provided an update on field scheduling/allocation. We are currently missing 5 practice slots for AA and a slot for an extra softball team (if added).

David Fox proposed considering in the future doing Single A practices as clinic-style workouts. The board also discussed coordinating AA double-up practices and the advantages to coaches in doing so.

Workout days are under way. Chuck reported that Saturday's workout went well. Additional workouts will be held this weekend. Softball and Juniors workout days will be March 16.

There will be an "all coaches" meeting on Sunday March 10 at St. Mark's on Capitol Hill from 6-8 pm.

Majors Draft is tomorrow March 5. AAA and AA drafts are next week.

Adam Meier will schedule time and place for umpire training.

### **Equipment Update**

David Fox reported that all of the equipment has been delivered and needs to be divided up and distributed at the Sunday Coaches Meeting.

### **Administrative Items**

CHLL will help host one of the DC tournaments this summer at Fort Lincoln. Softball uniforms – the Washington Nationals are looking at providing softball-specific uniforms next season. Challenger Division registration has opened.

### **New Business**

- Chuck nominated a following list of volunteers that have completed their background check, volunteer app with a current concussion certificate. The list received unanimous approval.
- The board received approval to proceed with field renovations at Ludlow-Taylor. Opi will provide Chuck with a "scope of work" for the work at Ludlow-Taylor.
- Chuck proposed securing additional liability insurance for CHLL teams that are playing in non-little league tournaments. The board voted unanimously to approve additional liability insurance for CHLL teams playing in non-Little League tournaments.

- The board discussed proposed “Call-Up Player Guidelines” with the following purpose: “to eliminate the need to forfeit or reschedule games, call-ups may be requested only if a manager faces a forfeit with less than nine rostered players available for an entire game.” The board voted unanimously to approve “Call-Up Player Guidelines” for the Spring 2019 season.
- Chuck Barnett presented a draft CHLL Board Credit Card Policy for board consideration. We will vote on the policy at a future meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the board will be on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Hill Center.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. EST.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Barnett, President

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Scott Cernich, Secretary