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

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on August 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the Hill Center. CHLL President Adam Meier presided over the meeting. Amy Hunter took minutes in Scott Cernich's absence as Secretary. In attendance were:

Erica Martin
Adam Meier
Randy Lange
Frank Craddock
Chuck Barnett
Opi Leckszas
Katie Hollaran
Craig Cookson
Jennifer Pharaoh
Jake Cumsky-Whitlock
Jason Goldsmith
Amy Hunter

Approve Agenda and Minutes

The July agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The next treasurer's report will look at big expenditures, assets and trends across years. There is an approximate 30% (approximately \$20,000) increase in revenue each year the past few years.

Community Foundation Grant

Frank will work with Jennifer to update a report on this grant.

Fall Registration

Fall registration has surpassed last year's fall registration. Registration is currently at 442 which is more than the League has ever had in the fall. Currently there are 10 kids on the waiting list.

Commissioners and Coaches

A new single A commissioner is needed when Doug Rawald moves to AA in the Spring. Mark Bellerman will be the AAA commissioner. Josh Batkin will be Majors commissioner. The Juniors commissioners will be Jon Davidson and Erin Sheehey. For Softball, Alison Cernich is stepping down and Jennifer Squires is taking her place. The board approved the slate of commissioners.

It was determined that a vote on coaches cannot be made unless their background checks are completed. Scheduled phone call for 8/28/18. Randy will send a note to remind commissioners to remind the coaches that all background checks and concussion training needs to be completed in order for the coaches to be approved and the teams to be able to practice.

Kids and Teams

Five (5) children were recommended to move up based on a try out and coach's recommendations. There was one child whose parents changed the birthdate by 10 months so the child could play in the division above. Jason has taken care of it and talked with the family. It was suggested that something be posted on the website describing how important it is to ensure all birthdates are correct (*i.e.* tournament team qualifications).

Annual Board Mtg

Sept. 19th will be the annual CHLL board meeting. Re: for new board members, Scott Cernich, CHLL Secretary, will send e-mails to CHLL families who ask for absentee ballots. In addition to voting for new board members, there will also be a treasurer's report and a report on the status of the league.

Fields and Equipment

The Elliot Hine shed needs to be moved.

Repairs to the field at Ludlow Taylor are needed. The public schools legal department is considering allowing CHLL to improve the fields and then defraying the fees and costs of renting the fields. Ideally, CHLL would like to begin work as soon as the last games are completed this fall. Consideration should be given to improving other fields *i.e.* Langston, Kingman, Walker Jones. This conversation was tabled to another time when a discussion can be had re: what CHLL should invest in.

Reflections on Tournament Play

One board member recommended CHLL improve fields for tournament play (*i.e.*, when comparing with other places hosting tournament teams). A recommendation was made to consider identifying tournament coaches earlier and bring potential tournament team players together to play earlier in the year. Recognizing the tournament team can't be selected too early (*i.e.* before June) per Little League rules a couple of board members wondered about various possibilities to give likely tournament players more opportunities for higher level competitive play (*i.e.*, to play together to gain more experience and competitive levels). Other recommendations include considering investing in pitching and hitting coaching and a possible board position that focuses exclusively on the tournament teams. An additional recommendation was to consult with other leagues to understand more about what they do to set up and prepare their tournament teams.

Board logistics

Jennifer Pharaoh suggested that the league consider whether another fundraiser this year would be helpful. Additionally, a suggestion was made to host a board boot camp orienting new board members to the roles and responsibilities on the board. A board orientation manual was suggested.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board will be the annual meeting Sept. 19th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. EDT.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Meier, President

Scott Cernich, Secretary