

2018 Capitol Hill Little League Board of Directors Nominees

Charles Barnett



After moving her from Arkansas, I have lived and worked on Capitol Hill for over 18 years and have two boys playing baseball - Campbell is 7 and starting his last fall season of Single A and Bryce is 9 and in AAA Ball. I have coached their teams for over 6 years and want to help grow the game of baseball on Capitol Hill.

I have served on the CHLL Board for the last two years and look forward to actively helping CHLL to increase its player numbers, access to fields, and grow new sponsors so we can continue to teach the game of baseball to more kids in the area.

Emily Cichy



My name is Emily Cichy and I'm thrilled at the opportunity to serve on the CHLL board. I played softball most of my life, umpired a bit (terribly), coached t-ball, and now can be found playing catch all over the neighborhood with my three boys: Logan, 6, – a CHLL vet; Adrian, 4, – soon to be; and Evan, 2, – jury's still out on this one. I have been constantly impressed with CHLL and its leadership and hope to be able to contribute my management skills and passion for baseball to building this world-class program with a decidedly local commitment. When I'm not shagging balls or endlessly searching for gloves, I'm a sustainable development strategist at a Fortune 100 company.

Frank Craddock



Frank Craddock is a lifelong baseball fan. A native Texan, he suffered through long, hot summers loyally watching a usually bad hometown Texas Ranger team for about 2 decades until they finally made the playoffs in 1996 (he is still waiting for the World Series). He is also a devout Nats fan, never having missed a home playoff game, and, with his sons, saw the Zimmermann and (one of the) Scherzer no hitters (he is still waiting for the World Series). Usually accompanied by his family, he has attended Spring Training almost annually for 30 years.

Frank has lived on Capitol Hill since he moved to DC in 1999. A father of two boys, Jackson and William, Frank helps coach Jackson's CHLL AAA team and manages William's Single A team. He has served on the Capitol Hill Little League Board of Directors for 2 years, primarily being in charge of sponsorships. He has coached his kids in baseball on Capitol Hill for the last 8 years.

He, his wife Liz, and the boys' family is rounded out by a 100 pound chocolate lab, Floyd.

Jason Goldsmith



I have been involved with CHLL for 3.5 years, coaching my son Nathan from Single A all the way up to AAA, and on the Board for the last 2 year. In the time I have been on the board, I have served as the league Registrar, responsible for setting up our registration system, looking for ways to streamline the process, implement league policies, assisting with compliance, and answering scores of emails during each registration period. I have also been partly responsible for manning our Facebook and Twitter feeds, providing information on league deadlines and events, as well as recognizing and promoting our sponsors. Over the next 2 years, in addition to likely maintaining registrar duties and continuing to improve the registration process and social media interactions, I would like to continue to work on the board to provide special focus in 3 areas: 1. increasing diversity through outreach to underrepresented schools and communities within our boundaries; 2. increasing CHLL's competitiveness in DC competitions, while also maintaining our focus on learning the games of baseball and softball, sportsmanship, and living up to Little League's fundamental values; and, 3 , providing our volunteers the resources and information to provide an outstanding experience to our players, families, and to the volunteers themselves. I am incredibly proud to be a part of CHLL's amazing community, and I thank you for your consideration.

David Fox



I am the proud parent of two CHLL players, a 7-year-old in AA and a 10-year-old in AAA and have served as a manager in A, AA and AAA (five years total), as commissioner of the AA and AAA divisions (four and two seasons, respectively), and as a coach on the 2018 10U Tournament Team. I value the role CHLL plays as a community organization and have loved watching my sons play ball on the Hill. Over the years, I've enjoyed teaching baseball skills to our Hill youths in my manager and commissioner roles and I've especially valued the close friendships that my children and family have made. I view serving on the Board and continuing to build the league as both an opportunity and a privilege. The foundation of CHLL is solid and our league is strong, and I would be honored to serve on the Board to work towards the next chapter in its growth and development – this includes improving the quality our fields, developing our volunteer coaches, training our volunteer umpires, and finding additional opportunities for our kids to be out on the fields more. I believe CHLL is an amazing organization that gives our children a fantastic baseball and community experience. I also believe that a renewed focus on development will build stronger foundational and advanced baseball skills for our players, coaches, and umpires and in turn will elevate the CHLL level of play and enjoyment for all our Hill youth.

Chase Hutto



Since departing his home-state of Michigan in 1997, Chase and his wife (Wendy) have lived, worked, and are raising their son (Chase, 7) and daughter (Loren, 6) in the heart of Capitol Hill. Chase has enjoyed his time coaching over the past three years in CHLL, SOTH, and the DC Takedown Club wrestling program—and looks forward to having both kids together on the Eastern Market Poultry (“Chicken Nats”) Nationals this Fall.

CHLL is a tremendously-valuable organization for the Hill community, yet it is still very young—and Chase hopes to help the Board move through growth-related challenges that would allow greater participation and success (for example, improving coaching quality across all divisions, and increasing access to safe and well-maintained playing fields).

After a long stint in the legislative and executive branches, Chase co-founded and manages a 12-employee economic and policy research firm that provides advice to corporate and financial investors nation-wide. Wendy has just begun her 16th year as a middle-school special-education educator, teaching reading and writing to students with a full range of disabilities.

In his down-time, Chase and his family enjoy taking in Nationals games, where he reassures his seat-mates that his beloved Detroit Tigers (1984 World Series Champions) just may have another once-in-a-generation player or two to give the Nats, should they ask nicely. . .

Randy Lange



Randy has served two terms on the Board of Capitol Hill Little League. He has focused his time and energy on issues related to coaching quality, skills development and league competitiveness. As CHLL's Coaching coordinator the last two years, he helped lead and author the league's baseline skills guide and was the principal author of the league's official "play-up" policy governing the rules and processes for allowing players to participate in a higher division on a case-by-case basis.

Concurrent to his service on CHLL's Board, Randy has managed and coached 6 years of CHLL baseball seasons (fall and spring). He began coaching tee ball with SOTH and managed through A, AA and AAA and this past summer he managed CHLL's 10U tournament team in the City Little League tournament. He is committed to making youth baseball on Capitol Hill both a fun experience as well as a catalyst for personal growth and development for all our kids. Over the years, he's built strong relationships with his players and their families and views serving as CHLL leader as an honor and an opportunity to make an impact in young lives.

If re-elected, Randy plans to continue his work in helping support coaches and players as well as focusing on CHLL's plan to enhance the quality of our facilities and to be consistently competitive in city-wide tournaments and beyond. He is excited to help create and execute a vision that will build on our strong

foundation ensure sustained growth of CHLL and enhance the experience for all of the players and families that participate in this dynamic community organization.

Randy has lived on the Hill for over a decade with his wife, two sons and their dog. Both boys have been in CHLL since they were old enough to play. In addition to baseball, he loves to travel, ski and play bad golf.

Doug Menorca

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Lona Valmoro



Lona has been a resident of Capitol Hill for over 15 years, currently living in Hill East. She is a proud mom to two avid CHLL players – Andrew (10 years old) and Julia (8 years old).

Her husband, Greg Speed, is a CHLL coach for the Hank's Oyster Nationals (AA) this fall. Lona and her family are solid Nationals fans, having held season tickets since the first pitch at RFK in 2005.

Lona is an active member of the Hill community. She has been a Capitol Hill Cluster School PTA Board member for the last six years and currently serves as the Secretary for Eastern Market Main Street.

Lona would like to serve on the CHLL board as the league continues to grow, ensuring that more kids have the opportunity to learn teamwork and other lifelong skills through love of baseball.