



Negaunee Little League Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, October 13, 2024
Negaunee Ice Arena 6:00 pm

Minutes

Roll Call

Present (In-person) – Kay Ryan, Joe Dost, Erin Warlick, Joe Hermes, John Dix, Justin Robar, Steph Robar, Gregg Conradson

Absent Excused – Dave Paananen, Pam Paananen, Gavin Locke

Other – Ryan Whitley

Meeting Called to Order: 6:04pm

1. Approval of Minutes – Steph Robar made a motion to approve the minutes, Kay Ryan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
2. Public Comment – None
3. Board Application review/Approval – Ryan Whitley’s board application was reviewed. Erin Warlick made a motion to invite him to join the board. The motion was seconded by Justin Robar. The vote was a unanimous yes.
4. Outstanding Conflict of Interest Forms: forms still need to be completed by Gavin Locke and Pam Paananen
5. Outstanding Code of Conduct Forms: forms still need to be completed by Gavin Locke and Pam Paananen
6. Organizational Chart: The following positions were voted on and filled:
 - Coaching Coordinator: Steph Robar
 - Motion by Joe Dost; 2nd by Erin Warlick; passed unanimously
 - Baseball VP: Joe Hermes
 - Motion by Justin Robar; 2nd by Steph Robar; passed unanimously
 - Secretary: Ryan Whitley
 - Motion by Steph Robar; 2nd by Justin Robar; passed unanimously
 - Safety Officer: Joe Dost
 - Motion by Erin Warlick; 2nd by Joe Hermes; passed unanimously
 - Umpire in Chief: Dave Paananen
 - Motion by Justin Robar; 2nd by Steph Robar; passed unanimously
 - Field Maintenance: Justin Robar
 - Motion by John Dix; 2nd by Joe Hermes; passed unanimously
 - Practice Facility Coordinator: Joe Dost
 - Motion by Steph Robar; 2nd by Justin Robar; passed unanimously
 - Equipment Coordinator: Joe Hermes (Gavin Locke as assistant)
 - Motion by Steph Robar; 2nd by Joe Dost; passed unanimously
 - Uniform Coordinator: Steph Robar
 - Motion by Joe Dost; 2nd by Joe Hermes; passed unanimously

- Fundraising Coordinator: Justin Robar
 - Motion by Erin Warlick; 2nd by Joe Hermes; passed unanimously
 - Sponsorship Coordinator: Kay Ryan
 - Motion by Steph Robar; 2nd by Justin Robar; passed unanimously
 - Open positions:
 - Player agent – Dave Paananen is interested. Waited to vote until he was present and could answer a few questions.
 - Softball VP
 - Communication and Social Media – request was posted on social media
 - Concessions coordinator – open to further discussion about our plan for concessions next season
 - Grant writer – request was posted on social media
7. NLL Constitution: Motion to adopt the constitution was made by Erin Warlick; 2nd by Justin Robar; passed unanimously
 8. Financial Statements: Erin Warlick presented the August and September financial statements. Justin Robar made a motion to accept the statements; 2nd by Joe Dost; passed unanimously.
 9. Surveys: Survey results were reviewed and discussed. Majority of feedback was positive. Kay is working on a survey specifically for sanctions players.
 10. Training Camps: Joe Dost and Steph Robar will research options for training opportunities and will report back to the board at the November meeting.
 11. Yearend budget reports / budget planning : Erin Warlick to work on FY2025 budget to present at November board meeting. Justin Robar, Steph Robar and Joe Hermes to provide information on anticipated facilities costs, uniform and training costs and equipment costs.
 12. Registration timeline/Updated: Gregg Conradson has been working to create the new registration/website under Sports Connect. There will be separate registrations for baseball and softball. Goal to open 1/15 or earlier.
 13. Charter for upcoming season: Must be completed by 12/31/24. Waiting for insurance quote to finalize.
 14. Set season goals/submit local rules: Steph, Joe H and Kyle will meet to discuss and coordinate a plan.
 15. Meet with Negaunee Township on previous season activities & upcoming needs: Joe Dost to reach out to the Sport Committee Board to discuss field signs, work on Veale field, batting cage updates and becoming a paying league.
 16. November calendar items:
 - a. Sponsor fees – Leaving the same for 2025
 - b. Clothing sales
 - c. Tino's sale
 - d. Set sanction try-out dates
 - e. Black Friday equipment sales
 17. Other:
 - a. Justin would prefer to not use Palmer field if at all possible next year.

- b. 1st season uniform order needs to be submitted by 4/1 (meaning the draft will need to occur prior to that date); 2nd season uniform order needs to be submitted by 6/1.
- c. Request to have scoreboards operational at league games
- d. Request to livestream games
 - i. Justin discussed looking into having wifi at fields

Next Meeting 11/10/2024

Adjournment – 8:26pm