

Minutes – Approved
Negaunee Little League
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2024
Negaunee Ice Arena

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Kay Ryan, Justin Robar, Joe Hermes, Joe Dost, John Dix, Gavin Locke, Ryan Whitley
 - b. Absent Excused: Dave Paananen, Pam Paananen, Erin Warlick, Steph Robar
2. Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 pm
3. Motion to approve agenda: Justin R
2nd: John D.
Vote: Approved - Unanimous
4. Public Comment – None
5. Old Business
 - a. Outstanding Conflict of Interest Forms: Gavin completed, still need Pam P.
 - b. Outstanding Code of Conduct Forms: Gavin completed, still need Pam P.
 - i. Organizational Chart: Kay handed out updated org chart (attached)
 1. Voting Members are distinguished by yellow highlighting
 2. All others are Non-Voting Board Members
 3. Shows the hierarchy of go to people and subject matter experts.
 4. Board Member Phone numbers to be listed for ease of contacting
 5. Roles yet to be filled: Concessions Coordinator, Grant Writer, Comm & Social Media
– Do not have to be “Board Members”
 - a. Steph Robar sent communications on Social Media – No interest
 - ii. Sanction Player Survey: Results were provided and reviewed
 1. Suggestion that these should be shared with coaches
 - iii. Training Camps
 1. Joe Dost & Steph R (via text) provided an update
 - a. Similar to prior years offering a pitching / catching clinic
 - b. Potential dates: 1/4/2025, 1/5/2025, 1/11/2025 or 1/19/2025
 - c. Try to break out Majors and Minors if enough staff
 - d. Joe discussed digital training Resource – Driveline
 - iv. Sports Connect / Registration Update- Joe Dost will log in to see if anything has changed.
 - v. Negaunee LL Charter: Must be Completed by 12/31/2024
 1. Need Insurance quote- Gauthier Insurance still working on
 - a. Go through Little League direct
 - b. Look at alternate options
 - i. Kay R. to send info to Ryan W. to obtain quote through Acrisure.

Old Business (cont.)

- vi. Set Season Goals / Submit Local Rules
 - 1. Discussed this topic as some confusion was there. Members provided information on how rules can be different from league to league.
 - a. Base Stealing in minors for example
 - b. Coaching Coordinator - Steph R. is in charge of
- vii. Uniforms & Draft Dates
 - 1. Discussion of timelines needed for registration close and two week window prior to draft date.
 - a. First Registration to close 3/15
 - i. If registration missed, parent will have to contact 1844 for uniform.
 - b. Second Registration to close 5/17
- viii. Field Scoreboards
 - 1. Discussion on which fields had scoreboards and the need for them
 - a. LaCombe, Rivers, Irontown – Have Scoreboards
 - b. Negaunee Twp Fields (3), Palmer – Do not Have Scoreboards
 - 2. Discussion of seeking sponsors for new scoreboards
 - 3. If obtain new scoreboards the main priority are LaCombe & Rivers
 - a. Old Scoreboards to other fields
 - 4. Can basic handwritten scoreboards be placed at fields without?
 - 5. Can we get anyone to run the scoreboards?
 - 6. Resources need to be split equally for Baseball & Softball
 - 7. Justin R will look into Scoreboard costs
- ix. Wi-Fi at Games for Live Streaming of games
 - 1. Wifi & Cameras would also be a possibility for security and order for fields
 - a. Justin R. will look into wifi costs and options
 - 2. Multiple vendors for streaming were discussed: FloSports, Huddle, LiveBarn, etc.
 - a. Ryan W. to look into these services and costs

6. New Business

- a. Financial Update – None – Erin not in attendance
- b. Player Agent Election
 - i. Dave Paananen & John Dix are interested in position
 - 1. Board will have digital vote due 11/20/2024 by Midnight
 - ii. Player Draft was discussed along with ideas
 - 1. Coaches' kids and how they are drafted
 - 2. Joe Dost to look to create a "Player Draft Policy"
 - iii. Tino's Pizza Sale Fundraiser
 - 1. Justin contacted Tinos to see if still interested – awaiting response
 - 2. Discussed Texas Roadhouse peanut sales as a possible fund raiser
 - iv. Black Friday Equipment Sales
 - 1. Justin R putting together lists of equipment needed
 - v. Set Sanction try-outs
 - 1. Sunday May 18th & Monday May 19th
 - a. Players do not have to go to both tryout dates

7. Other Business:

- a. Justin asked Kay to see if we could get power poles from UPPCO (Kay's Employer)
 - i. Poles to be used to keep balls out of ditch
 - ii. Kay will inquire with UPPCO
- b. Play Up / Play Down
 - i. Steph R. via text submitted many cases for holding hardfast rules on playing up.
 - ii. Sample policy & Assessment handed out by Kay R. (attached) to be reviewed next meeting
- c. Justin walked fields with City of Negaunee employees for items needing repairs
 - i. Justin provided via group text City recreation initiatives and timelines
- d. Palmer has new dug-outs at their field
 - i. Money needs to be put into these fields to be useable
 - ii. Justin to get bids for what needs to be done
- e. Marquette Township contacted Kay R. requesting help for their fields
- f. Kay is assembling championship banners and other historical stuff for preservation

8. Next meeting Sunday 12/8/2024, Adjourn 7:25

Respectfully Submitted;

Ryan Whitley
Secretary
Negaunee Little League