



Layritz Little League Board Meeting

2024-03-14

Attendance: Christal Forman, Graham Plumb, Gareth Gilson, Brittney Crump, Kathleen Lamberton, Gillian Dabbs, Hailey Young, Emma Cottier, Cade Musgrove, Laura Filipovic, Dave Moore, Kari Moore, (late Lindsay Plumb),

Call to order at 7:44pm

Agenda Topics:

- 1) Approve February Meeting Minutes, motion to approve Graham Plumb, second by Brittney Crump. Vote to approve, unanimous.
- 2) Vacant Board positions including Concession updates
 - a) 5 people have volunteered to run the concession. Positions are being labeled Concession Leaders, this volunteer takes care of their volunteer shifts for any and all kids, fees will be refunded for one registration at the end of the season. If we are in position to not open the grill, we would bring in pizza and sell for \$3 a slice instead. One park dad has offered to do inventory and ordering, he works for Sysco. Rose Potter has also offered to help, she has been here cleaning and helping. Steamcleaners came in today, needed a permit, will know for next time. 2-5 more ppl as concession leaders.
- 3) 2025 Accommodation update and deposit details- motion to discuss by Emma Cottier, second by Hailey Young.
 - a) Brittney sent out documents last week, we reviewed three options for location - St Margarets, St Michael's University and Uvic. St Margarets higher cost, however, better facility and we are able to secure in advance. Additionally, they are easier from a meal perspective, than outsourcing Uvic with wristbands for food etc. Front runner is clearly St Margarets, they require a 10% deposit, the estimate is looking to be \$90-100k cost. Ask from the board. can we review Event cancellation insurance for deposit as it is non-refundable. Brittney to follow up on this at the next meeting on March 27th. Umpire Accommodation has been reviewed with Holiday Inn by Commonwealth Pool, there is no cost to hold rooms, we will move forward with that.
 - b) Reviewing Wilson's transportation for bus transportation, TBD.
- 4) Scheduling update from meeting on March 12th. Interlock schedule is done, Kari is working on house games to fill in the schedule. She will reach out to the other parks again to confirm the interlock games to remove margin of error. Schedule to be posted by the end of Spring break (or earlier).
- 5) Steve Gaskin's offer for Concession improvement donation, follow-up. What in kind service would he like to cover, get an idea of what could be useful.
- 6) Total Sponsorship updates for the park, we are at \$15k excluding in kind donations such as Thomas Electric batting cage heater.
 - a) Is Thrifty Foods sponsoring food for opening day? Need to know so we can showcase their sponsorship.

- b) Tudor liquor store sponsor - we can have them as official sponsor, we just cannot have any pictures of liquor or have the word in materials.
 - c) Banners can go up April 1st, they must be inside the fence facing inwards. Bullpen fence cannot have a sign on it due to the sprinkler.
 - d) 50/50 license - Gill is digging into and will provide follow up details via email. Options are to run full season and Districts 50/50 or monthly. Once we have the details the board will discuss where to allocate the funds in advance, spreading across all areas of the park.
- 7) Hudlin donation of \$200 for umpire resources. The Society works to remove barriers to access to sport. Mission includes values of fairness in sport and umpires. Donation to support umpire resources. Supporting documentation required to share how we spend the funds. Suggestion of funds - add 3rd umpire to game to provide a mentorship opportunity, whiteboard in the umpire room, smaller sizes of jerseys to support Rookie Minors, special hats (with umpire on the side, generic with no Layritz logo to ensure unbiased during interlock games), mid-season party for umpires to celebrate them.
- 8) 9/10 District Tournament -
- a) Will be asking a lot of parents to volunteer. We will create the game schedule. Reach out to Lakehill to request the schedule from last year as a reference to build off of. Look to put together a skills competition, hack attack, gong skills, top leadership, top hitting, top pitching competition with T-shirt or memorabilia awards to be given out. All Star parents typically run the tournament with a request for the 11/12 All Star Team to attend and support. We will put a volunteer ask out to the greater park and can leverage the Intermediate kids to help work the concession as well. Let's use this opportunity to build excitement towards 2025.
- 9) Coaches Clinic being held on April 3 @ Oak Bay Rec (Mini Minor down) and 4th @ Songhees Wellness (Rookie, Minor, Major) 5:30-9:30pm.. Registration on site and the park pays. Brittney to share out in communication.
- 10) Saanich Appreciation Night - invite Saanich workers out on a Friday or Saturday night at the park. Dinner & Drinks from concession provided.
- 11) Interlock Rules - Graham talked to other presidents, other parks in Minor and Major do not run house ball rules, they run regular rules the whole time. Layritz normally runs Mini Minors division down adjusted rules until May Long Weekend. Minors Layritz rules we do not steal home unless 2 out until May Long Weekend.. Last year we interlocked quickly and then we had other parks with different rules. It is beneficial to play adjustment rules so more kids get up to bat. Discussion and alignment - Minors - no stealing home until 2 out at our park until May 1st, coaches and umpires align in advance of the game. Rookie Minors - maximum number of bases a player can advance is 2, 3 run max per inning, no stealing, all of these rules are applicable until May 1st.
- 12) Coach attire - update from Little League Canada, shorts are fine to wear, essentially it is up to the park to decide.
- 13) Update from coaches meeting - couple of notes from Graham. T-ball is not a drop off sport updated in the guide.
- 14) Quorum at board meetings - we do not hold meetings without quorum.
- 15) Score sheets - need to order more. Laura agreed to manage, she will order 500. Binders have been started.
- 16) Umpire Pay confirmation
- a) Intermediate BB: Plate \$45, 1st Base \$40, 3rd Base \$30
 - b) Major BB: Plate \$40, 1st Base \$35, 3rd Base \$25
 - c) Minor BB: Plate \$25, 1st Base \$20, 3rd Base \$10
 - d) Rookie BB: Plate \$20, 1st Base \$15, 3rd Base \$10

Gareth provided one pager on umpire guidelines. If an umpire works a game by themselves, they receive plate umpire pay and 50% of 1st base. Umpire will be paid if the game is canceled and they are on site, if it is canceled prior to that then we do not pay out. Umpire Clinic, baseball age 10 rule, wiggle room with Umpire In Chief approval but the child must be registered in a division above or age above the division you umpire We will require more umpires this year with 5 Minors & 5 Rookie Minors teams. Strong suggestions that all majors do umpire clinics and ump a minimum of 1 game. We can work on a case by case basis if there is a discomfort around umpiring a game. Will help long term to have the 10 year olds take the clinic. Graham noted discussion in the coaches meeting, coaches cannot make calls, no hanging of heads, no

questioning calls. Lindsay Plumb motion to approve the umpire pay recommendation and details noted in summary, Laura Filipovic seconds All in favor, unanimous.

- 17) Park Clean up went well, everything seems in good order. Cade refaced the stairs on hiser field. Lawnmower was serviced and ready for season.
- 18) Facility notes - had an annual saanich meeting. Field maintenance guide provided. Meeting went well, they are open to working on Majors Field in advance of the 2025 tournament. Saanich requires permits for anytime a vehicle is driven onto the park property to do work, including porta-potty clean, working to get clarity on this.
- 19) Fence improvements - company was here today but they didn't do the work yet.
- 20) Can we review the cost of a Cardboard recycle bin? Additionally, we should cancel the garbage bin during November - March to recover costs, but need to check the take away and drop of charges.
- 21) Flower baskets - suggestion to spruce things up, have a couple hanging off of the club house.
- 22) Money chain - we will continue to look as we haven't located what we are looking for
- 23) Round Table
 - a) Can the assessment sheets be shared with the Host Team?
 - b) Kids Sport Girls Active Grant - can apply for promoting girls in sport. Hailey to get more info about these 3 options. Only 2 options appear applicable to the park.
 - c) Kathleen offering to take care of Candy Bags and Front End Merchandise for the season
 - d) Linsday - since the pandemic we have not brought back family day. Review bringing back this season, help will be required.
 - e) Uniforms ordered and will be here before 29th. Waiting to hear back from Team Works, asked to print logo vs stitching on badges.
 - f) Buddy Check update, they are excited to work with us, they have different swag to offer.
 - g) Photographer for opening day has asked if we are okay with doing the Tballers and Blastballers on the rock.
 - h) Lana Stokes has offered to be volunteer coordinator. Lindsay Plumb motions, Kathleen Lamberton seconds, all in favor.
 - i) T-ball coordinator - Nadia has offered to do schedule, Eric Calapo to be coordinator. Lindsay Plumb motions, Kathleen Lamberton seconds. All in favor unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.