**Hershey Little League**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: April 13, 2014**

**Meeting Location: Hershey Medical Center, H 1059**

**Members Present:** George Blackall, Chris DeFlitch, Doug Hummer, Myron McCurdy, Josh Orris, Vince Pasquini, Terry Singer, Matt Wildasin,

**Members Absent:** Pat Meister, Chris Painter Jeff Schmidt, Mark Snyder, Stan Sullivan, Dave Umberger

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Myron McCurdy at 6:38 PM.

Approval of minutes from March 2, 2014 and February 9, 2014. Motion by Vince Pasquini. Second by Douglas Hummer. Unanimous approval.

**President’s Report**: Myron McCurdy:

Opening day was a great success- thank you to Geralyn and Terry Singer.

Concessions are on track for this year. Myron has had multiple contacts with JC&J and things have been resolved. Pat Meister is securing the initial payment. Concern was raised about how the lack of concessions availability on opening day reflected poorly on the HLL Board.

Stan Sullivan has not been at the past 4 Board meetings- Motion to reinstate Stan to the Board- first by Matt Wildasin. Second by Chris DeFlitch. Unanimous approval.

**Vice President’s Report**: Chris DeFlitch:

Chris will send out an update for general good practices for coaches.

2 new batting cages – Plaza & Koons will be coming on line this week.

Bleachers have been move to the3rd base side of North.

Koons Upper bleachers have been moved to Koons Lower.

**Coaching nominations**:

35 players signed up for the 3 team levels of Legion, Suburban and Senior Teeners. It is going to be challenging to field competitive teams at each level.

Legion: Doug Ruhl nominated as head coach. Assistants pending. Motion to approve by Myron McCurdy. Terry raised a question about who would be the assistant coaches. The question was whether is it acceptable to have an all high school coaching staff? Chris DeFlitch suggested that we provide some suggestions for assistant coaches. Josh suggested that we have Board approval for assistants. There was agreement that we finish this year and allow Coach Ruhl to choose his assistants. Second by Matt Wildasin. Unanimous approval. One abstention.

Senior Teeners: Rick Donegan nominated for head coach. Motion to approve by Terry Singer. Second by Josh Orris. Unanimous approval.

Suburban: Chris DeFlitch nominated for head coach, Chris Bravacos & John Rizzo as assistants. Motion to approve by Myron McCurdy. Second by Doug Hummer. Unanimous approval. One abstention.

Tryouts for both Legion and Suburban at 4 PM On April 25.

Teeners A (13 year olds)- 2 teams:

Nomination of Dave Mysel as head coach and Mike Warfel as assistant.

Nomination of Myron McCurdy as head coach. Second assistant is pending. Danny George will be assisting once per week or so.

Teeners B (14 year olds) – 2 teams

Nomination of Chris Abruzzo and Chris Barrett as co-head coaches. Assistants pending

Nomination of Tony Nerino as head coach and Mike Still as assistant.

Entire slate of teeners coaches nominated for approval. First by Chris DeFlitch. Second by Terry Singer. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

It was agreed that all coaches who did not attend the PCA training sessions should take the on-line PCA course.

Josh let the Dauphin County league know about the additional teams- they are balking at letting the additional teams in because of scheduling. Myron called Grady Paul, the President of the Dauphin County League, and discussed. Myron thinks it will work out.

Doug Hummer asked for a game to be rescheduled from Good Friday. Chris DeFlitch asked that these changes be run through BBO for consideration. Doug will do his best to make it work.

**All-star policy changes**- attached with updates. Key changes:

Disclose planned absences

Process for decision for breaching the Disclosure/ Commitment form has been taken away from coaches and is now the responsibility of the Board.

Add basic statistics for each player to the decision process.

Motion to approve Chris DeFlitch. Second byVince Pasquini. Matt Wildasin gave his proxy vote to George Blackall. Unanimous approval.

There was a problem on the pitch count loading on the web site. Chris work with Trishia to fix the pitch count site. There are still some bugs in the system- Chris will work with Trishia to get this resolved.

Doug suggested that we consider increasing the league fee to avoid the collection of drink donation money. Myron explained that this is a work in progress and we have made improvements from previous years when each family had to bring drinks to the field.

**Secretary’s Report**: George Blackall: ASAP program. HLL has met most of the requirements of Little League International’s ASAP program. The remaining requirements (such as first aid training for all coaches) are a bit burdensome with limited benefit to the organization. It was decided that at this time we are not going to pursue this further.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Pat Meister not present. Current financial statements were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting (attached).

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**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Myron proposed buying first aid kits at $12 each. We need to buy 27 kits. There was agreement to proceed on this this week.

Motion to adjourn by Myron . Second by Terry. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

**Important Dates:**

**Next Meeting**: Our next meeting will be on May 11, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the Hershey Medical Center, Room H1059.

Minutes submitted by George F. Blackall, Secretary, Hershey Little League.

Date: 4/14/14