



## Southington South Little League Monthly Meeting

January 9, 2023

### 1. Motion to Accept Prior Meeting Minutes ([November available here](#))

– December meeting canceled

### 2. General Updates

- District Meeting updates (next meeting 1/19)
- Important upcoming dates:
  - i. **Majors Signup Deadline: 2/1**
  - ii. **Majors Tryouts: 2/25 @ SHS in the afternoon**
  - iii. **Majors Draft: TBD, early March**
  - iv. **Triple-A Signup Deadline: 3/1**
  - v. **Triple-A Evaluations: targeting early March (2-3 days) @ D-Bat, D-Bat instructors to provide grading for players**
  - vi. **Triple-A Draft: TBD, mid-March**
  - vii. **Field Cleanup Day: targeting late March**
  - viii. **Double-A & T-Ball Signup Deadline: 3/31**
  - ix. **Opening Day planned for 4/22 and South Day 6/2 initial plans have started**
  - x. **Note: Rules Changes to Little League coming, talk in March**
  - xi. **Majors will merge w/ West, North again for interleague play**
  - xii. **Jr and Sr deadline for signups is 4/15, depends on Middle School and High School tryouts**

### 3. Treasury

- Concession Stand deposit made 11/1/22
- Largest expenses for November/December were trophies, fall ball uniforms and hats, charter and insurance for Little League
- Preliminary 2023 budget completed, compared to 5 year trends
- Plan to keep \$40/50k in bank in case we can't collect fees
- Umpire costs will increase this season

### 4. Safety

- Need headcount ahead of time for CPR course
- \$40 dollars cost per person? – checking this week
- Scheduling CPR Course (certification lasts 2 seasons), targeting late March
- Plan on mandatory coaches meeting to emphasis CPR training is necessary. Only 5 people attended last season.
- Make coaches aware of AED defibrillator in room above concession stand
  - i. We'll have sign made to point out device location.



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- Concussion protocol should be discussed with all coaches

### 5. Fields and Facilities

- F&M Managers and volunteers met with U.S. Pitchcare on Saturday 12/3 to assess field upgrades to Fields 1-6 – estimates should arrive this week
- Other field improvements, the Board will determine next steps from the master list compiled over the last few months
- Get permission from town ahead of time to improve dugouts etc

### 6. Sponsorship

- Going to use CheddarUp to collect sponsorship submissions and funding
- Sponsors will have 5 tiers to choose from, ranging anywhere from \$300 to \$1200/yr, with multi-year plans included
- Field plan for banner options was put together
- Goal is to get program announced this week

### 7. Fundraising

- Panera Fundraiser on Thursday, 1/12 – use FUND4U at Southington Panera b/w 4-8p, 20% of sales go to SSYAA
- Chipotle Fundraiser 3/8, 33% of sales go to SSYAA
- Coupon Cards pre-season
- Hit-a-Thon during the season
- Looking into possible sponsored game at New Britain Bees

### 8. Marketing

- January communications/events:
  - i. 1/2 – Registration is open (x2 reminders, including email to Majors 1/29)
  - ii. 1/4 – Winter clinic reminders (x2)
  - iii. 1/9 – C&V meeting (x2)
  - iv. 1/12 – Panera fundraiser from 4-8p (x3)
  - v. 1/30 – Flyer distributed to schools, k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - vi. TBD – Sponsorship program announcement
  - vii. 2/1 – Majors registration deadline

### 9. Equipment

- Dennis Hinkson and Andy Martinelli update
- \$250 gift card from DSG towards equipment
- Dennis has been getting quotes from older and newer vendors



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- Plan on getting one set of new catcher's gear for each majors teams
- Plan on getting two catchers mitts for both righty and lefty
- Need practice balls
- Dennis/Andy will breakdown prices on spreadsheet
- Plan on using Hartford Printing for jerseys (Majors uniforms)
- Ordering Shirts mid-march

### 10. New Business & Other Topics

- Concession Stand direction – Fireside on Main St. is good to go
- Winter clinic at D-Bat has been successful, they filled all slots and couldn't accommodate all applicants
- Still looking for [volunteer opportunities](#) for the 2023 season:
  - i. Event Coordinator – need 2-3
  - ii. Community Program Coordinator – need 1 more
- Next Meeting will be **February 6, 2023**
- Possible T-Ball clinic run by Jamie Leggett?

### 11. Motion to Adjourn