**Middlesex Little League**

**Monthly Meeting -- Monday, January 18th, 2021**

**Board Members**  Eric Hildebrand, President

Brian Malchiodi, Vice-President Rich Eodice, Player Agent

Ryan Acker, Treasurer Melissa George, Ladies Aux

Brian Schwarz, Safety Officer Kevin Thyne, Secretary

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| **Call To Order** | Eric Hildebrand opened meeting @ 7.00 |
| **Roll Call** | Meeting is done via zoom -- 32 people in meeting |
| **Reading of the Minutes** | Waived |
| **Board Review** | Eric gave overview of what Board has been doing of recent and preview of agenda |
| **Treasury Report** | Account Balance  Current Bank Account Balance = $5,141.16  Unrealized Revenue = $ 25.00  Unrealized Expense (insurance) = $ (700.85)  AVAILABLE BALANCE = $4,465.31  Anticipated Revenue - player reg/sponsorship (Feb / Mar)  Note: Ryan (Treasurer) has details of the 2020 “rollover” credits, and he will be contacting all families to collect registration  Anticipated Expenses - uniforms / utilities / insurance - we have NO open/outstanding balances at this time.  Taxes - most recent filing due Feb 15th; no feedback yet on late prior year filing.  Santa Fundraiser - netted $584.46 in profit |
| **Changes for 2021** | Overview of our transition to Ripken in 2021 --  **Expanded Boundaries** [Bound Brook/Piscataway/Dunellen] --  **Change in Age Deadline:** Ripken has an earlier age deadline, allows more people to play with their grades/longer --  **Ripken Breakdown** has three divisions [tball/babe ruth] - kids playing with kids in their age group and their grades  **CHANGE 501-3-C -**- The board has secured services of Foundation Group to help guide us through the process of changing our non-profit status and name [can no longer be MLL] -- We have submitted Articles of Configuration to the state -- We will remain Middlesex Little LEague until the new non-profit MIDDLESEX YOUTH BASEBALL is accepted |
| **Registration Update/ Amazon Gift Card** | **REGISTRATION**: Registration is open in a Google Form in both Spanish and English. Payment will be accepted later due to our change in Name/501c -- Our present registration numbers are good for this time of year [128 players]  **AMAZON GIFT CARD WINNER: J**ennifer Donoghue  **2nd Gift Card Chance:**  We also encourage you to tell your friends & family about our League. For each NEW registered family that you refer, you will earn a chance at ANOTHER $75 Amazon gift card. Right now, we only have 4 families entered to win, so your odds of winning are VERY good! |
| **Volunteer Needs/ Background Checks** | **Needs for volunteers this upcoming season** -- We have definitive need in the 7-8 Minors and 9-10 Majors Division  **Off Field Volunteers** -- This can be professional services as well as outside the field volunteer opportunities  **Background Check:** need to do more enhanced background check for coaches -- Need to be done prior to draft/done asap |
| **New Business** | **Register -** complete our online Google form, if you haven’t done so already  **Help Others to Register** - direct friends & family to our website (Link)  **Identify & Guide Sponsors -** banner on our homepage to Google form  **Open To New Ideas To Bring In Revenue To League:** Please contact the board with any ideas that can bring in new revenue, We are open to new ideas and voices |
| **Old Business** | **RIPKEN SURVEY/501--3-C Transition:**  Reviewed steps Board has taken to secure transition of 501-3-C and the process that was undertaken to inform the community and results of survey regarding the possible transition [22-0 in favor of Ripken] |
| **Q&A** | **Will the ongoing pandemic impact the Spring season?** What type of safety precautions will be taken if our Spring season runs as scheduled? - we are unsure at this time if COVID will impact our Spring season; our Board will be consulting with state & local health officials and will ensure that we follow all applicable health guidelines.  **When & where will Player Evaluations be held?**  We are unsure at this time, but we are considering ALL options that will keep our players safe & promote competitive balance among our teams. NOTE: Kids will play in their respective age group, there will no longer be 11 year olds playing w/6 year olds in minors  **Will there be a “redraft” of all competitive teams?**  We DO expect significant changes based on our new age divisions, but we are awaiting more registrations before we make final decisions on teams.  **Background Checks For Coaches** -- We will contact all coaches regarding ‘Background Checks’ once we receive guidance from the State Office.  **OPENING DAY**: Opening Day is tentatively set for April 10th, this date would be tentative on Covid Situation  **FUTURE MEETINGS:** General Meeting will be the 2nd Monday of the Month, unless circumstances deem a change |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | Eric adjourned the meeting @ |