

**La Verne Little League
Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting Date/Time: September 18, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Location: La Verne Community Center

Attendees:

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| Anderson, Jesse | A | DeHaan, Brian | P | Martinez, Desiree | A |
| Barre, Maddy | P | DeHaan, Libby | A | Mulder, Branden | A |
| Borst, Kyle | A | DuBois, Jessica | A | Mulder, Toni | A |
| Bruchet, Angela | P | Enriquez, Steve | P | Ortega, James | A |
| Bruchet, Darryl | P | Garcia, Tara | A | Ortega, Jen | A |
| Cervantes, Brittney | A | Gomez, Raquel | A | Parra, Jon | P |
| Cervantes, Chris | A | Gomez, Ryan | A | Richards, Josh | P |
| Charlebois, Greg | P | Harrison, Chris | P | Venegas, Ashlie | A |
| Cridelbaugh, Pamela | A | Karrer, Adam | P | Vukojevic, Tom | P |
| Cridelbaugh, Travis | P | Larson, Autumn | P | Zalemea, Gretchen | A |

P = Present, A = Absent

Intro:

Travis discussed developing an operational framework to help create uniformity, and establish a clear plan to work off of for the upcoming year and in future years, including events, use agreement process, etc.

VP Positions:

Board was still seeking VP role for Major division. Branden expressed he would consider (Travis to connect with him), and John Parra has offered assistance. Steve will take on the role of VP for Farm division.

Fall Ball Updates:

1. Major Division:

- A coach was lost last minute, resulting in 15 kids on each of the four Major teams. The preferred team size is 12, which would require an additional coach.
- A communication will be sent ASAP to Major parents outlining the situation, acknowledging the coach shortage, and inquiring about whether anyone is willing and available to help coach another team.
- Assuming we are not able to secure an additional coach, possible options for parents should they choose not to participate this season, include opting out and applying dues towards the spring season, or perhaps dropping down to Farm.
- **[9/19 UPDATE:** additional coach was secured, no parent outreach was necessary]

2. Uniforms:

- Fall ball uniforms will be ready for pickup at JNL on Thursday. Travis will confirm if we have uniforms for four or five teams.
 - 3. **Equipment Pickup:**
 - Coaches can pick up their equipment and uniforms on Friday (5-7 PM) or arrange for a separate time on Saturday. Equipment includes box of balls and catchers gear. Travis will check with Jesse regarding the return of previous teams' gear.
 - 4. **Umpire Assignments:**
 - Alfonso from the San Gabriel Valley Association is stepping in with 4-5 umpires. Rates are currently \$70 for minors and \$85 for intermediates and majors. Josh will assist with securing any high school umpires should they be needed. Travis will send Alfonso the fall ball schedule.
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Committee Assignments:

1. **All-Stars Committee:**
 - A committee will be formed for All-Stars with a focus on events, such as the parade, party, and uniforms.
 2. **Uniforms:**
 - Limited on vendors we can use because they must be licensed vendors for MLB team jerseys. Discussed idea of introducing new MLB teams for Spring.
 3. **Communications:**
 - Darryl has someone in mind to assist with social media. Adam will receive admin rights to help with website updates. Maddy will support as needed.
 4. **Events and Team Parent Coordination:**
 - Raquel has previously coordinated events and provided team parent support, and will hopefully continue in this role. Will need lots of board volunteer/support.
 5. **Field Maintenance:**
 - Steve offered to help with field maintenance, but bandwidth would be limited given Farm VP role. Chris Harrison offered to help manage the trash situation, and Darryl noted parent volunteers to help with field upkeep. To be further discussed.
 6. **Sponsorships:**
 - A sales pitch is needed for potential sponsors. Sponsors want to know where their funds are being allocated. Adam suggested a periodic newsletter to update donors on fund usage. Brian suggested a golf tournament as a kickoff fundraiser since it's an opportunity to raise a substantial amount for league. Possibly the week before Spring opening day – to be further discussed.
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Miscellaneous Items:

- Spray paint machines seem to disappear. It was discussed that league could purchase a couple more, and label for each division.

- Proposed improvements around the field include raising the scoreboard, replacing the green screen around the Major field, installing a tall flagpole, and replacing posters, budget permitting – to be further discussed.
 - Maddy will email the proposed schedule through the end of the year. The board agreed to meet bi-weekly going forward for now.
 - “Gator” machine repair will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - Greg is still exploring used golf cart options.
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Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Next Meeting: Wed, Oct 9th 2024