

La Verne Little League Board of Directors Meeting



Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday January 28, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

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

P = Present, A = Absent

Start Time: 6:38pm

Adjournment: 8:31pm

Next Meeting: TBD

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the January 7th meeting. The motion was approved by Raquel and seconded by Brian. The motion passed unanimously.

Safety Officer Role

- A motion was made by Travis to vote Jon Parra into the Safety Officer role. The motion was seconded by Angela, and there were no objections. Jon Parra was approved as the Safety Officer.

Sponsorships

- Eleven sponsors committed, four sponsorship checks collected so far. Angela, Raquel and Jessica taking the lead on outreach.
- Jessica to review list of 2024 sponsors and follow up with any who have not already been reached out to.
- Discussed reaching out to new business in La Verne for potential sponsorships, like Water wings. Jessica to inquire.

- Greg proposed little league as a donation recipient from La Verne wine walk organization. They are looking for volunteers and will make a donation to the league based on ticket sales, which could range between \$500 and \$2,500. Greg to send out sign up genius soliciting board volunteers. Date is April 26.
 - Existing sponsor banners at field will be taken down and replaced with new ones. Darryl has information for printing vendor used last year and will send to Jessica. Usually need about a week or two lead time. Banners to be up before opening day.
 - Any non-returning sponsors should be removed from website, and new sponsors should be added.
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Registration Updates

- Major Division: 8 teams of 11 players (88 total players).
 - Farm Division: 9 teams of 12 players (108 total players). 23 players dropped down to minors.
 - Minor Division: 8 teams of 12 players (96 total players).
 - Rookie Division: 7 teams with 84 registered players.
 - Tee Ball Division: 5 teams with 58 registered players. Registration open through February 8th so may get additional sign ups.
 - Intermediate Division: 16 players on the waitlist. Awaiting the district schedule.
 - Juniors (14+ years): enough players to fill one team roster.
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Uniforms

- Uniform orders will be finalized this week, including practice jerseys which are to be handed out at team parent meeting.
 - The only in-stock teams for full button for major division were mainly blue so had to make custom/special order for additional team colors.
 - In-stock uniforms will arrive in 7-10 days, while custom orders may take 3 weeks, which is cutting it close to opening day but will arrive on time.
 - Intermediate and Junior divisions' jerseys will be printed with La Verne branding, and JNL will handle the printing.
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Events

- **Opening Day**
 - Will be “carnival-themed” with interactive inflatables, face painting, balloon art. Wristbands will be sold for \$10.
 - Will have the option for team booths again this year. No buyout cost if teams choose not to participate.
 - There will be an LVLL booth for ticket sales and possibly LV hat sales, and pre-order for other merchandize.
 - 50/50 raffle will be held again this year.
 - Some vendors expected so far: KIIS, Carpiaux, custom shirts, baked goods, pizza, Croc charm booth, permanent jewelry, glove relacing, rotary club. Cannot take

- walk-in vendors because we need to make sure everyone has proper licensing and/or paperwork required by city.
 - For the ceremony, Raquel has contacted Tony about the cheerleaders and band, will ask principals to attend. Travis is reaching out to LVFD and LVPD about attending.
 - Steve raised that last year there was difficulty organizing the teams in the tee-ball field for the parade. Libby and Raquel had some suggestions to help based on prior years.
 - If rained out on opening day (March 8), will do everything on spring swing date.
 - Doing silent auction again for parking spaces. Considering 4 or 5 this year instead of 3. Need to have quick turnaround on signs so those who purchase can start using right away.
 - **District:** Travis raised that there may be several skill challenges across little leagues this season through the district.
 - Possible home run derby
 - Tournament of Champions - Travis raised the possibility of hosting the tournament of champions if it comes back this year, would possibly be in late May. Brian volunteered to take the lead on this if event proceeds.
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Field Maintenance & Special Projects

- General Field Maintenance:
 - Discussed whether we need to replace locks around field. Travis to talk with Sanders about cost for replacement.
 - Discussion on fertilizing both major and minor fields. Landscape paint will be applied, and products will help stimulate grass growth, as the grass is currently dormant.
 - Thatching will be done on the tee ball field. The infield will be cut, and work will also be done on the perimeter of the outfield.
 - Base pegs will be installed on rookie and tee-ball fields.
 - Sprinkler on the Farm field will also be moved and bases to adjusted for two distances
- Windscreen: to potentially be installed on all fields, including the major field, it will be an estimated cost of \$4,200. The custom LVLL sections the installation will take 2-3 weeks. The windscreen will be lowered on major to allow visibility into the quad area from the center.
- Roofing: the city is expected to provide funding for roof repair from snack bar down to closet room, and then the equipment room (which sustained wind damage). Travis also obtaining quotes for gutter installation on the snack bar side.
- Batting cages: cost to install nets for all three cages is approximately \$8,500, including installation. Cost will be largely offset by city funding which Travis is looking into. Travis also pricing out turf for cages.
- Three-wheeler: is in need of major servicing. Tom provided update of service estimate of \$2k. Extremely useful around field so will proceed with maintenance.

- Equipment room: handyman will install a door from snack bar to equipment room to use back area for additional storage.
 - Lights: some of the field lights are out regarding some lights being out. Some were replaced last year. If the park does the work for multiple parks, there may be a discount, but expensive to do on our own. Long term discussed changing lights to LED. Adam to look further into this with Travis.
 - Major Tower: roof is set to be raised next week and there will be electrical work done outside, which includes installing downlighting for the sign, which will be replaced.
 - All-hands field day: will be organized for each division to go over how to use equipment properly with managers and other coaches.
 - Travis is working on a potential donation of a sound system for the fields.
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Equipment

- Jesse raised organizing a pre-determined date for equipment handouts and returns. There are some helmets and gloves, but not a ton returned from prior seasons.
 - Zack has two sets of catchers gear to return, and Jesse will donate three.
 - Consider taking deposits for equipment to ensure it is returned, and/or have managers sign an agreement.
 - Travis will also inquire with other districts about their equipment return processes
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Additional Items Discussed:

- **Discount Cards:** to be delivered to Raquel week of February 3rd and distributed at team parent meeting.
 - **Umpires:** discussed what the plan is for the minor division this season, and whether we will use behind the plate instead, and the need for someone to manage scheduling.
 - **Game Schedule:** No games during spring break (March 31 to Apr 5) and likely not the Saturday of Easter weekend which is not aligned with BUSD spring break this year. Travis, Ryan, and division VPs to meet to discuss game schedule for season.
 - **Website:** a volunteer page where we can ask people in the league, how to give back, people can register on their own if they want to volunteer or something they specialize in. Also need to update calendar of important dates as they are finalized (some still list TBD)
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