Minutes

Suffield Little League Board of Directors

02/11/2019

Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association Building

Present

Bill Baril, Doug Organ, Stephen Shanks, Rob Faber, Scott Lingenfelter, Laura Eisenhaure, Keith Woods, and Heidi Crocker

Bill Baril called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**1) Financial Update (Stephen Shanks)**

The League has approximately $72,000.00 in the bank account. There are several expenditures coming up, such as the purchase of L screens, nets, new bases, upgrades to the batting cage by the softball field, and various field improvements. It is anticipated that equipment purchases will cost about $1,000.00, and field improvements will cost about $7,000.00 to $10,000.00.

**2) Registration**

1. Numbers

Approximately 200 people are already registered; it is anticipated that about 300 total will register.

1. Issues

There have been no major issues or concerns raised yet with the new website and registration process through said site.

1. Registration Closing

Registration is scheduled to close 02/17/2019

**3) NCCBL meeting**

Seven towns will be involved with the NCCBL this year.

Suffield will host the scheduling meeting 04/04/2019 at 7:00pm.

The Majors level will play primarily on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The AAA level will play primarily on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

We will try to schedule local head-to-head games on Sundays, in the evening.

Playoffs will be scheduled for 06/06/2019 to 06/08/2019. Higher seed will host in the playoffs, with the exception of the finals, which will played at a field with lights.

Suffield will oversee the website this year (Keith Woods will take care of this).

**4) Evaluations**

Player evaluations will be March 2, 2019 at the Suffield Academy. The schedule for time slots will be distributed shortly.

**5) Draft**

The draft will be held on March 10, 2019 at the Suffield Ambulance building, between 4:00 and 8:00pm.

We will try to determine practice field times at the draft.

**6) Equipment**

We will seek to purchase new equipment for the league, including:

* 3 safety socks
* 2 L-screens
* New bases
* Improved netting for the batting cages

**7) Pasta Dinner**

Pasta dinner fundraiser to be held March 2, 2019.

**8) Tom Christian Requests**

The Christian family has made some requests for Christian Field, including:

* Naming the AAA field the Anthony E. Christian Field, with a sign
* Naming the Major’s field the Daniel K. Christian Field, with a sign
* Erect a sign for Chet’s Place
* Better maintain the plaque behind the Major’s Field.

**9) East Granby Player**

One East Granby Player has requested to play with Suffield Little League. East Granby and Granby recently merged, and some in East Granby are not happy. There is presently only one request from East Granby to join Suffield. Rob moved to allow the player to join the Suffield Little League, Doug seconded the Motion, which was passed unanimously. Future requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

**10) Chets**

There was continued discussion on limiting the offerings from Chet’s this year. Discussion ensued about reaching out to the community for assistance with Chet’s with the hopes that it can operate fully. There are some families who have dinner at Chet’s, and we would like to allow that to continue; however the Board does not want to continue to operate it.

Scott will draft an article for the Observer and reach out to local organization for assistance.

If no one takes over the management of Chet’s, then it will likely to limited to beverages, candy, and simple items like that.

**11) Open**

Laura suggested that we advertise events, like the Back East Brewery, on Facebook through an events page. This will allow more people to know about these events, and hopefully will generate even better attendance.

For Opening Day, we will reach out to Tom Christian and Joanne Sullivan to throw out the First Pitches.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm