

District 8 Presidents Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Started @ 7:01pm

Attendance:

- **Leagues:** Ballard, Magnolia, North Bothell, North Central Seattle, Northwest Seattle, North Lake, Queen Anne, RUG, Shoreline, Northshore, Woodinville
- **D8 Staff** (not 100% certain, as some joined by cell number and name was not announced): Scott Brohaugh, Mark Ryder, Bev Newsome, Carol Smith, Dotty Heberling, Brian Marantz, Ann Kilker, Craig Lohr, Joanne Allen, Tom Peckham, Nick Leibold

Introduction of new D8 ADA Softball, Nick Leibold

League Status:

- **Ballard:** Not in attendance at this point in the meeting.
- **Magnolia:** Financial report NOT yet submitted. League Officers are in the LL Data Center. Teams have NOT yet been chartered. Same SB Coordinator. Concerned about Travel Ball program, Challenger, Fields, and Registration. Registration may not open until January, but still investigating.
- **North Bothell:** Financial report submitted. League Officers are in the LL Data Center. Teams have NOT yet been chartered. SB Coordinator in place. Registration has opened—most families have credits. Have plans in place in case of refunds.
- **North Central:** Financial report NOT yet submitted. Unknown about League Officers in LL Data Center or Team Chartering. Same SB Coordinator. New Registrar coordinator. Getting ready to open registration, and will be charging a \$20 deposit. Concerns about fields from the City.
- **Northeast:** Not in attendance.
- **Northwest:** Financial report nearly ready. League Officers are in the LL Data Center. Teams have NOT yet been chartered. SB coordinator is the same. Registration will open in mid-December, with a payment plan. No fees being charged until 2021 when there will hopefully be more clarity.
- **Northlake:** Financial report ready to submit. League Officers are in the LL Data Center. Teams have NOT yet been chartered. New SB Coordinator. Opening registration on Dec 1, but will evaluate in January when to charge fees. Biggest concern is fields from NSD. Discussing creative ways to make practices and games work at the youngest level.
- **Northshore:** Financial report submitted. League Officers are in LL Data Center. Teams have been chartered. NEW SB VP. North-end leagues are working on same Safety Plan and Return to Play plan, based on Northlake's model. Registration is opening on Dec 1. Still determining how to handle future payment plan, and a refund policy. Concerned about field availability from NSD and City.
- **Queen Anne:** Financial report ready to submit. League Officers are in LL Data Center. Teams are NOT yet chartered. SB coordinator is in place. Concerned about opening registration. Gauging interest and delay charging any fees until 2021.
- **RUG:** Financial report ready to submit. League Officers are in LL Data Center. Teams are NOT yet chartered. SB coordinator is in place. Registration is opening shortly, but not charging any fees until at least January to try to get some clarity.

- **Shoreline:** Financial report submitted. League Officers are in LL Data Center. Teams are NOT yet chartered. SB coordinator is in place. Registration is ready, but are pausing until January.
- **Woodinville:** Financial report submitted. League Officers are in the LL Data Center. Teams have been chartered (guesstimate). Same SB Coordinator. Registration is opening in 2 weeks, with payment. Refund plan in place. Concerned about fields.

Lot of concern about details of having a season, registration, and ready to take money. Fields.

Scott Brohaugh recommends that leagues Charter their teams now, and guesstimate the number. Insurance runs out on December 31st if you are not Chartered for 2021.

Discussion of Challenger Program and changes for 2021 (Ann Kilker presenting):

- Want to grow the program for 2021.
- Plan to shift registration from D8 website to home individual Little League websites.
- Free registration for 2021 season.
- Will be contacting each of those players from 2020 and invite them back, AND to register with their local leagues and the new updated process.
- Discussion of Challenger Senior league. Play will be recommended to a 90' diamond, per rule.
- Leagues will need to create Challenger and Senior Challenger divisions in their Registration Software.
- Leagues will coordinate combined teams similar to baseball and softball combined teams.
- Registration requests for friends/buddies should also be honored to the best of our ability.
- Equipment procurement will be performed by each league host team.
- Challenger teams will be integrated into ALL league activities, possibly including Jamboree, etc.
- Will still hold a dedicated Challenger Jamboree in June (and will invite other Districts to participate).
- Recommend D8 send Challenger materials to each league so that each league can properly communicate the same info across the District for each league's website.
- Scott would like each league to have 5-10 minutes at each of the respective next Board meetings to discuss how to setup, register, and integrate.

Minutes:

Approval of D8 Meeting from October 20, 2020. Motion to approve. Motion Second'ed. Minutes approved by voice vote.

Umpire News (Joanne):

- Western Region Clinics are online. Highly recommended and allow for questions and answers.
- 3rd clinic is next Sunday (11/22).
- Umpire coordinators are sending the leagues the info for these online clinics.

Treasurer Report:

- Balances:
 - Checking: \$25,980.21
 - Savings: \$16,413.83
 - Challenger: \$19,108.02
 - Total: \$61,502.06
- Motion to approve 2021 budget. Motion Second'ed. Motion approved by voice vote.

Baseball:

- Travel Ball Program:
 - Discussion of each league's interest and concerns.
 - Concerns and interest about pitch count, prioritization of travel ball vs regular season, post-season games, coaching, combining leagues to form a team
 - Concerns about getting it going in 2021 with all the issues with Covid-19, fields, the direction. Perhaps we prepare for 2022 and be able to develop plans and process.
 - Would be great to get some kids and coaches back to Little League from the Select Clubs.
- Discussion of Little League "Community Tee-Ball Overview".
 - PDF was sent to each President.
 - Leagues can partner with local community organizations, such as the YMCA, etc.
 - Little League is exploring incorporating this.
 - Please contact Scott if any leagues are interested in pursuing.

Softball:

- First SB Coordinators meeting on Tue Dec 1.

Teenage Baseball:

- Discussion about partnering with High School programs, where High School will take precedence but players can play with Little League.
- Flyer will be sent to all Presidents.

District 8 News:

- Need to meet with City of Seattle Parks and Rec about fields and getting 70' pegs on fields.
- Talked with NSD about fields. Nothing new to report. Likely will not be able to reserve any fields until the students can actually play on the fields as well.
- No District 8 calendar yet. D8 Board meetings are set for 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- No WA State meeting is scheduled until January.
- Not all tournament dates have been set.

Next Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 7pm (Virtual). Will schedule, but may cancel if not needed or schedule conflicts.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm