



Santa Monica
LITTLE LEAGUE



Since 1950
P.O. Box 3152, Santa Monica, CA 90408

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Held on November 1, 2011**

Welcome and Call to Order - 7:05 pm

1. Housekeeping

Attendance : A Quorum was present at the meeting.

Present: Matt Steinhaus, Richard Krop, Sabrina Burton, Michele Calderigi, Todd Dufour, Carl Cramer, Steve Miller, Michael Sigman, Dave Eby, Wes Terry (arrived at item 3.A.), Brian Klingenberg, Kirk Goldstein, Mitch Dorf (arrived at item 3.B.), Christa Harris, Jeff Finkelstein and Jack Butler (began participating after item 4)

Absent: Andy Anagnos (participated via conference call for purposes of item 7 only but did not vote on that item) Jay Smith, Alex Hyde-White and Vaughn Barone

Agenda: Item 2.A. was added to the Agenda and the Agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes of October 4 Meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Meeting Participation - President

President encouraged Board members to limit their speaking time to allow for all Board members to participate in discussion of each issue.

2.A Discussion Item: Player Recruiting for Spring 2012

Vice President discussed suggested recruiting outreach to SM public schools.

3. Baseball Operations

A. Fall Ball Concerns - AAA/Majors Player Agent

AAA/Majors Player Agent led discussion of the purpose of Fall Ball, what is to be taught by the coaches and umpires, and whether a competitive playoff format is appropriate.

B. Draft Format (To Redraft or not to Redraft) - Majors Commissioner

(This Item was addressed after Item 3.C. to accommodate guest speakers for that later item)

Motion. Motion was made and seconded proposing that the Board adopt a resolution as follows:

“That the draft method for the Majors Division to be used for the Spring 2012 season be the full redraft method, and that the teams assembled pursuant to that method not be retained for the Spring 2013 season.” **Motion approved; Unanimous.** [Red Book Res 11/12-11].

C. Cage and Field Access - Secretary

Rick Giolito addressed the Board to describe the Santa Monica Arsenal baseball program and their potential field space needs for Spring and beyond.

A copy of the Santa Monica Arsenal tear sheet is attached hereto as *Attachment for Agenda Item 3C.*

Because the City had not yet responded to an email inquiry regarding the City's batting cage policy, there was no further discussion of that topic.

D. Injury Reports and Volunteer Applications - Safety Officer

Safety Officer reminded the Board that injury reports for all injuries must be submitted in writing. Also, Safety Officer requested that Volunteer Applications be completed (i.e., typed) online, printed out and then submitted in order to avoid illegible applications being submitted.

E. Manager Evaluations - Chair Kirk Goldstein

Kirk Goldstein presented the Fall Ball Manager Evaluation Form and described the process by which evaluations will be collected (parents must complete an evaluation in order to pick-up their child's Fall Ball T-Shirt at Memorial Park).

A copy of the Fall Ball Manager Evaluation Form is attached hereto as *Attachment for Agenda Item 3E.*

F. Spring Manager Recruiting - Secretary

Majors Commissioner discussed how Managers and Coaches for Spring would be recruited, and confirmed that a proposed list would be submitted by the President to the Board prior to the December meeting.

4. Open Board Position - President

The open Sponsorship/Fundraising position was filled by Jack Butler by unanimous vote of the Board.

5. **Election Committee Report - Chair Steve Miller**

Steve Miller reported the findings of the Election Committee concerning the July 2011 Board election, and presented the recommendations of the Election Committee for purposes of the 2012 Board election.

Motion: Motion was made and seconded proposing that the Board adopt a resolution as follows:

“That the measures proposed by the Election Committee to ensure that the 2012 Board Election is fair and secure, as revised below, be adopted:

- 1) *September Elections per our constitution.*
- 2) *A minimum of TWO “Notices of Election” sent out to the general membership. Once at the end of Spring and at least one thirty (30) days prior to the election. The notice thirty (30) days prior will contain a sample ballot of positions that people have chosen to run for in the election. Candidates can still submit their names for consideration after that time.*
- 3) *A quorum (20% of the eligible VOTERS) should be represented in order for the election to stand—but the election can be official as long as proper notice has been given.*
- 4) *No absentee ballots will be allowed.*
- 5) *The Election Committee will supervise the election. That includes the on site registration/distribution of ballots as well as the counting process.*
- ~~6) *League membership can be revoked pending board review.*~~
- ~~7) *Disqualified members (members not in good standing) will not be eligible to vote.*~~
- 8) *Write-in candidates shall be permitted.”*

Motion approved; Unanimous. [Red Book Res 11/12-12].

6. **Constitution Committee Report - Chair Dave Eby**

Dave Eby reported that Western Region had approved the revised Constitution form, subject to certain required revisions.

Motion: Motion was made and seconded proposing that the Board adopt a resolution as follows:

“That the revised Constitution form incorporating the changes requested by Western Region be approved, and that the final revised form be presented by the President to SMLL Regular Membership for ratification and then submitted to Western Region for final approval.” **Motion approved; Unanimous.** [Red Book Res 11/12-13].

A copy of the redlined ages reflecting the changes required by Western Region is attached hereto as **Attachment for Agenda Item 6.**

7. **Registration Committee Report - Registrar**

Registrar reported on the Committee's formulation and posting of formal registration policies for Spring 2012 on smll.com, and the opening of registration for Spring 2012. Discussion was had concerning the Concession Deposit and the Committee's decision to eliminate the early registration discount (and whether the latter amounted to a fee increase requiring Board approval).

Motion: Motion was made and seconded proposing that the Board adopt a resolution as follows:

"To approve the Spring 2012 Registration Fees as follows:

<i>League Age 4-7</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>
<i>League Age 8-16</i>	<i>\$180.00</i>

A \$30 Concession Deposit will be collected upon registration for each player League Age 9 through 12. The Concession Deposit will be refunded upon completion by an adult volunteer of a three hour shift at the Memorial Park Snack Bar before the end of Spring regular season play." Motion approved; 10-2 with 1 abstention. [Red Book Res 11/12-14].

8. **Discussion Item: Board Disclosure Statements - President/Secretary**

Discussion concerning the form of Board Disclosure Statement circulated at the October meeting (and attached to the minutes of that meeting) was continued and concluded.

Motion: Motion was made and seconded proposing that the Board adopt a resolution as follows:

"That Board members shall not be required to submit formal disclosure statements." Motion approved; 11-2 with 1 abstention. [Red Book Res 11/12-15].

AT THIS POINT, THE MEETING CONTINUED OFF AGENDA:

Motion: Motion was made and seconded proposing that the Board adopt a resolution as follows:

"That the President appoint a Concession Committee, as contemplated by the revised Constitution form." Motion approved; Unanimous. [Red Book Res 11/12-16].

Discussion concerning the Fall Select team formed by the President without Board approval.

Adjournment - 9:56 pm

Attachment (3) - Re: Agenda Items 3.C., 3.E., and 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabrina Burton
Secretary