



Annandale-North Springfield Little League Monthly Board of Directors Meeting January 3, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield, VA 22150

Members in Attendance: Shawn Alestock, Gary Arrans, Louis Blount, Eric Brown, John Cho, Bill Dristy, Rich Egan, James Jung, Kevin Kropf, Tom Lombardi, Dale Nellor, Beth Rodriguez, Cady Sinks, Shane Wolfanger, Dennis Wright; **Members Not in Attendance:** Rick Elliott (notes shared in advance), Tony Fiorino; **Others in Attendance:** Adam Santee

Call to order: Gary Arrans, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Board meeting minutes for December 6, 2023, approved as presented.

- **MOTION:** Dennis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rich seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report:

- Review of account balances (three checking accounts, one CD, one credit card).
- Zelle account added.
- Discussion of umpire payments.
- 2024 budget passed around for review; final feedback/changes requested over email.
 - Request to establish a budget committee and have the fiscal year budget added to the October meeting (with the fiscal year ending September 30).
- A volunteer is needed to champion a hit-a-thon.

Committee and Other Reports

- Executive Committee—no report
- Audit Committee—no report
- Coaches Committee
 - For kid pitch managers, Majors and AAA are okay, potentially a little short on AA. Coaches committee will review and discuss the candidates.
- Facilities/Grounds
 - Topics communicated by Rick via Tom: (1) roof over batting cages at Pine Ridge (PR) needs to go through the county's Planning and Design Division—point of contact forthcoming; (2) the following are approved—installation of scoreboard at Micklewright and finishing the bullpen on 1B side of PR 2 and ADA work at PR; (3) Rick followed up on the county's authorization for the scoreboard approved at PR 3 and the application for an additional equipment shed at Howery, but not updates; (4) Rick requested that the county cut back the tree line along the outfield of PR 1 Rules Committee—no update.
- Rules—committee will meet to review the local rules and Little League rule changes.
 - ANSL local rules must be approved by the March meeting.
- Player Development

- Metropolitan Baseball (Metro) will provide full use of their facilities on January 20 and 27 (both Saturdays), which can be broken out into age-group sessions each day (varying rates depending on whether Metro instructors are involved).
 - Depending on turnout, may open two additional days in February.
- **MOTION:** Dennis moved to add the following as practice facilities: PR, Howery, Micklewright, Wakefield Park, Annandale Community Park, Annandale High School, Woodson High School, Providence Elementary School, Bonnie Brae Elementary School, Thomas Jefferson High School, Metropolitan Baseball, Mason District Park, and Canterbury Woods Elementary School (evals). Kevin seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.
- Player Agents—no report, a few manager player evaluations remain outstanding.
- Safety
 - BOD will undergo background checks with coaches undergoing them on a rolling basis as they are approved. Anyone that has contact with a child on the field during the season (including *anyone* who may help in any capacity) must undergo background checks.
 - Safety training will be covered at the manager’s meeting.
 - Safety plan is in progress.
- Uniforms
 - Nominations for volunteer of the year will be collected over email for submission by January 17.
 - BOD representation required at the January 17 Nationals Team Up meeting.
- Equipment
 - Dick’s sponsorship will help cover practice balls and L screens.
 - Spring order for balls on reserve; budgeted for smaller catcher equipment.
 - Donating old equipment from the U-Haul, and U-Haul contract updated.
 - 40 medical kits have been restocked; may need an additional case of ice packs. (
- Sponsorship and Public Affairs—no report
 - Discussion of Dick’s sponsorship
 - All teams will be formed by March 17 to match up with sponsorships.
- Volunteer / Special Events
 - Still hoping to find a way to create a Venmo account to facilitate point of sale versus purchasing a Square; will coordinate to see how Zelle may address this.
 - Discussion of budget for opening/closing ceremonies and concessions.
- Website
 - Agreement (without vote) to add player agents and coaching coordinators as admins to the website.
 - Discussion of the website’s ability to capture pitch counts records and standings.
- Special Committee to Inform All-Star Selection Process—meeting to be scheduled.

Board/Open Discussion

- Spring 2024 Season Update
 - Player evaluations at Canterbury Woods elementary school on February 4 and 11 from 1:00-5:00 PM, with setup from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Request for Junior-level players to help.
 - Opening Day will be Saturday, April 6.

- Thanks to Dori Sophia for helping get the flyer out at Ravensworth before the holidays.
- Request that all BOD members and committees maintain a “turnover binder” to minimize disruption as BOD positions turn over. Fall 2023 Player Evaluation Update

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 8 PM at American Legion Post 176

Adjournment: 10:08 PM

- **MOTION:** John moved to adjourn. Dale seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.