



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

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

Members in Attendance: Gary Arrans, Eric Brown, Louis Blount, John Cho, Rich Egan, Rick Elliott, Tony Fiorino, Kevin Kropf, Tom Lombardi, Shane Wolfanger, Dennis Wright; **Members Not in Attendance:** Shawn Alestock, Bill Dristy, James Jung, Dale Nellor, Beth Rodriguez, Cady Sinks; **Others in Attendance:** None

Call to order: Gary Arrans, President, called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Board meeting minutes for June 5, 2024—approved.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Account summaries (3 checking accounts, one CD, one credit card) shared over email June 30, 2024.
- Reiteration of the importance of BOD reviewing and confirming transactions.

Committee and Other Reports

- Executive Committee
 - Discussed complaints of coaches during the spring season. **Action item:** BOD to ensure the Executive Committee is comprised to avoid conflicts when coaches on the BOD are the subject of such complaints.
- Finance/Audit
 - No report, but annual audit to commence in the upcoming months.
- Coaches Committee—
 - Only about 86 responses to the coach's survey. Eric will resend it.
 - The President (Gary), Director of League Operations (Denis), and when a conflict arises, the Secretary (Tom), will review negative comments.
 - Feedback is considered when selecting managers for following seasons.
 - Continuing to solicit interest for managers in the Fall.
- Facilities/Grounds
 - Everything is on track for scoreboards approved for installation.
 - Sponsorship on the AAA electronic scoreboard.
 - **MOTION:** Rick moved to have the Nationals represented on the top panel. Dennis seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.
 - Rick proposed dedicating the AAA scoreboard to Don Pederson. Tabled until we see how the scoreboard will look.
 - New tarps will be ordered, which will be lighter, w/ weights to hold them down and to be stored on rolls under the dugout roofs.
 - **MOTION:** Kevin moved to spend no more than \$5,000 for tarps and weights. Tony seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.
 - Fall Field Cleanup
 - Rick will put together a list

- Noted that Travel Teams granted use of the fields didn't help maintain.
 - Trees/Roots at Entrance to PR from Medical Facility
 - The facility will not remove the tree and asked that we present options (e.g., rubber mulch, asphalt, wood bridge, removing tree)
 - Pitching Mounds—BOD will look into Little-League approved movable mounds.
 - General Field Maintenance—overseeding and watering on AA field.
 - Rick will reach out to Burke Nursery
 - Trash and Common Area Conditions—when trash builds up or common areas are not unkempt, take pictures and provided them to BOD so we have a record for presentation to the county as needed.
- Rules Committee
 - Committee to consider alternatives to assigning game coordinators.
- Player Development
 - Discussion for Knock-Off-The-Rust
- Safety
 - ANSLL parent offered to provide CPR and first aid training free-of-charge, with any certs being an additional cost. Tabled for James to follow-up.
- Uniforms
 - For future discussion: Suggestion to only cover Jerseys and hats for All-Stars.
- Equipment
 - New ground-level 10x15 U-Haul unit secured; upstairs unit retained storage.
 - Equipment will be inventoried after fall.
- Sponsorship and Public Affairs
 - Louis has been distributing sponsor plaques.
- Volunteer / Special Events
 - Need to define role to ensure assistance/coverage for special events such as ANSLL-hosted all-star games, Home Run Derby, and other events.
 - BOD to consider this position establishing a committee of non-BOD members to support the various events.
- Special Committee to Inform All-Star Selection Process
 - Schedule debrief.

Board/Open Discussion

- Fall Season—discussed dates for registration (early bird—July 20, majors-minors closure, drafts, and potential field maintenance day)
- Acknowledgment of a Death in the ANSLL Family
 - **MOTION: Tom moved to approve funds for support/recognition. Louis seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
- Softball—Combined team w/ FFX LL. General agreement to formally proceed.
 - **MOTION: Dennis moved to approve formation of a combined team. John seconded. Tony seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**

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

Adjournment: 10:10 PM

- **MOTION: John moved to adjourn. Tony Seconded. Motion approved by acclamation**

