



## Annandale-North Springfield Little League Monthly Board of Directors Meeting March 6, 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, Tony Fiorino, Kevin Kropf, Tom Lombardi, Dale Nellor, Beth Rodriguez, Cady Sinks, Shane Wolfanger, Dennis Wright (phone); **Members Not in Attendance:** Eric Brown, Rick Elliott (notes shared in advance), James Jung; **Others in Attendance:** None

**Call to order:** Gary Arrans, President, called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board meeting minutes for February 7, 2023, approved as presented.

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

### Treasurer's Report:

- Account summaries (3 checking accounts, one CD, one credit card) shared with BOD in advance on March 4 over email and discussed at meeting.
- Independent contractors. To ensure consistent in dealings with all independent contractors, the BOD will provide an IRS FORM 1099 to all such persons who receive compensation for work performed at or exceeded the established thresholds (\$600,00 for adults and \$400.00 for children), including youth umpires.
- Discussion on donations received.

### Committee and Other Reports

- Executive Committee—no report
- Audit Committee—no report
- Coaches Committee
  - **Email Vote:** Spring 2024 managers and coaches approved by vote over email over the past several weeks. (See Appendix for approved coaches list.)
  - Point of Process—the President will review the list of manager/coach candidates before it goes out for BOD vote.
- Facilities/Grounds
  - Topics communicated by Rick via Tom: (1) electronic scoreboards for AA and AAA fields at Pine Ridge—contractor waiting on docs from county for pricing; (2) field maintenance day (scheduled for 3/16 and 3/23); shed at Howery—awaiting confirmation from county.
- Rules—Vote on the following proposed amendments to the Local Rules:
  - **“51 Pitch skip-a-game” Rule.** Under the proposed change, a player in Majors or AAA who throws 51 or more pitches will be eligible to pitch in the team’s next game, provided the player has abided by the requisite days of rest based on their pitch count. The rule remains in effect for AA. **Motion:** Kevin moved to approve the change; Tom seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

- **All-Star Selection.** Under the proposed change, the process for selecting the ANSLL Tournament Teams will include a player-vote component. Motion: Kevin moved to approve the change with a caveat the rule will be reviewed annually; John seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.; Tom seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.
- Player Development
  - Weather defeated Knock-Off-the-Rust 2-0.
  - A catcher's clinic for Juniors, Majors, and AAA players is planned for April 7 at Pine Ridge.
- Player Agents
  - Upper Level—drafts completed for kid pitch; Junior's draft scheduled for March 18.
  - Lower Level—awaiting registration to close with teams set by that time for prompt communication to managers.
- Safety
  - Vote to approve Safety Manual (shared over email prior to meeting). Motion: Kevin moved to approve the Safety Manual; Dale seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.
  - A DeChoker anti-choking device will be purchased, one for each field. The Safety Manual will be updated once purchased.
  - Coaches need to confirm to whom they provide GameChanger access.
- Uniforms
  - Update on shirts (uniform, practice, coaches, BOD), hats, stickers, signs, and magnets.
  - ANSLL Store w/ ABBA will be up and running soon.
  - Discussion over use of photos and necessary consents/permissions for doing so.
- Equipment
  - Most majors and minors' equipment distributed; juniors is being compiled; lower-levels will receive equipment at manager's meeting.
  - Will attempt to secure two adjacent units at U-Haul.
- Sponsorship and Public Affairs—no report
  - Working through issues for receiving sponsor payments.
  - All teams will be formed by March 17 to match up with sponsorships.
- Volunteer / Special Events
  - Opening Day efforts ongoing (national anthem, color guard, Chick-fil-a, whiffle balls, coffee-donuts, MC; Dennis and Tony to reach out to high school coaches for ANSLL alumni participation; invitation to Mrs. Kehrer.
  - Discussion on promoting Nationals youth days.
- Website
  - Vote to begin setting up the new Little League-mandated Sports Connect site for transition in the Fall. Motion: Gary moved to approve the Safety Manual; Rich seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.
- Special Committee to Inform All-Star Selection Process—see Rules, above.
  - Discussion over implementation to follow.

## Board/Open Discussion

- **Email Vote:** BOD approved the purchase of new U.S. and MLB flags over email prior to the meeting.
- Junior evaluations Saturday, March 16.
- Schedule should be completed and posted before FCPS Spring Break
- Preparation for Manager’s Meeting (March 20) continuing.
- Volunteer needed for the HR Derby following closing ceremonies; hit-a-thon tabled.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, April 3, 8 PM at American Legion Post 176

**Adjournment:** 9:45 PM

- **MOTION:** Louis moved to adjourn. Kevin seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.

**APPENDIX: Spring 2024 Approved Managers/Coaches**

**Juniors (3)**

- Sturgis/Driscoll
- Hughes/St. Clair
- Egan/Kropf

**Majors (7)**

- Higgins
- Arrans
- Larson
- Sullivan
- Wolfanger/Thomas
- Wycinsky/Papkin
- Porter/Santee

**AAA (6)**

- Verdi/Santee
- Henry/Hebert
- McGuire/Themak
- Deplitch/Savanh
- Brown/Kropf
- Alestock/Feeney

**AA (6)**

- Robinson/Pinkley
- Steiner/Garcia
- Stevens/Joyce
- Hanik/Hoffman
- Rodgers/Arrans
- Thorne/Desmarais

**Farm (Machine) (9)**

- Aveille/Wellington
- Bowman, T./Lee
- Cho/Kaufman
- Gudicello
- Ladd
- Oves/Novick
- Rivera
- Marti/Bowman, P.
- Lombardi

**Coach Pitch (9)**

- Boyd/Swiatocha
- Keber/Navarro
- Pitts/Warren
- Williams/Phillips
- Haran/Sill
- Sossa/Coutts
- Shuman/Ayers
- Maria
- Verdi

**T Ball (10)**

- Coghlan/Meruvia
- Southard/Perdue
- Casson/Sebastian
- Broubalow/Wright
- Conroy/Williams
- Beiro/Fox
- Wolverton/Corwin
- Sieve/Ayers
- Jaquith/Joyce
- Testa-Lowrey/Schmittou