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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAPITOL HILL LITTLE LEAGUE (CHLL)

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on March 30 at 7:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time by video conference. CHLL President David Fox presided over the opening of the meeting. Becky Skinner served as Secretary. In attendance were:

Chuck Barnett
Melissa Beard
Frank Craddock
Jake Cumsky-Whitlock
Steve Fall
David Fox
Jason Goldsmith
Lisa Miller
Becky Skinner
Justin Sprinzen
Ramin Taheri
David Toney
Lona Valmoro

Agenda

David Fox began the meeting by noting that there were just a few things we needed to cover, including the latest news about the season, a financial update, and sponsors.

Season Update

Little League International (LLI) has asked all leagues to delay the start of their seasons until May 11. However, even if LLI stays with this date, if DC does not open the fields by then, we still have a problem. If we are unable to play, we will need to work out the logistics of how to shut down the season. The board also discussed providing players with drills and other activities that they can do while they wait for the season to start. It was suggested that the board meet again on April 20 to assess where things stand.

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$122,000 in the operating account and no credit card balance. There is also \$23,000 left to spend on the Payne renovations. If CHLL had to return all of the funds received during registration and the sponsorships and field fees were not refunded, CHLL would have a negative balance of about \$15,000. We would need to borrow from our long-term account to cover the losses. If the league only had to return registration fees, CHLL would have a balance of \$17,000. David Fox suggested that we would not return any donations made to the scholarship fund during the registration process. Board members who are also sponsors noted that sponsors probably would not want their money returned as they have already accounted for it. If the season needs to be cancelled, we can determine how to handle refunds at the 4/20 meeting.

If the season is cancelled, uniforms and equipment will be carried over to the next season. DPR and RFK are giving us credits for field fees. If all of the funds we are expecting to receive for the spring season came in and no refunds had to be issued, we would have about \$40,000 in the operating account at the end of the “spring season.”

Sponsors

There is an opportunity for CHLL to ask our families to help our sponsors, just as our sponsors have helped us. We are going to put up a new home page and highlight our sponsors. We will ask each sponsor to provide a blurb about how our families can help. We will also send regular emails with sponsor profiles. Melissa will develop a social media plan to accompany this effort. It was also suggested that when families can leave their homes again, CHLL could host events at various sponsors’ places of business. A small group of board members will reach out to sponsors to discuss the outreach campaign.

Payne Update

Steve Fall said that Shawn Fitzwater from DCPS has formally accepted our donation of field improvements.

Hall of Fame

Melissa showed board members the engraved baseballs that will be awarded to our next group of Hall of Fame inductees.

Memorial Day Tournament

The tournament has been cancelled.

Uniforms

The uniforms are in and printed. All of the patches (10 year anniversary, all stars, and softball) are in as well.

Next Meeting

The next CHLL Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 20 by video unless the board needs to convene earlier.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. EDT.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

David Fox, President

Rebecca Skinner, Secretary