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

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the Hill Center. CHLL President Charles Barnett presided over the meeting. Scott Cernich served as Secretary. In attendance were:

Chuck Barnett
Jake Cumsky-Whitlock
Marty Welles
David Fox
Lona Valmoro
Scott Cernich
Erica Martin
Jason Goldsmith
Opi Leckszas
Frank Craddock
Craig Cookson
Adam Meier
Emily Cichy

Approve Agenda and Minutes

The January agenda and December minutes were approved unanimously.

Registration Update

Registration has opened. Currently there are 145 players registered.

Treasurer's Report

Marty Welles provided the Treasurer's Report. CHLL accountant Pat O'Rourke prepared the CHLL tax return. Marty Welles distributed the draft return to the board for review. Marty provided a check to CHLL in the amount of \$1,395 for field fees that were reimbursed to Marty's credit card by DPR (DPR only issues field refunds to credit cards and CHLL does not currently have a credit card. CHLL's *pro bono* counsel is working on an official CHLL credit card policy).

Fields Update

Lona Valmoro provided an update on the field permitting process. CHLL has submitted our permit applications. We have already received our field permits for our "historic" fields – fields/times CHLL traditionally has permitted.

Marty Welles informed the board that there will be a meeting with coaches on Jan. 9 at 2 pm at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School regarding the proposed Amidon field renovations and the ANC will be discussing those renovations at its Jan. 14 meeting.

CHLL representatives are meeting with Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School officials regarding Ludlow field on Jan. 16.

Events DC does not wish to manage the new fields at RFK stadium. The Capitol Riverfront Youth Sports Park (“CRYSP”) Group has put in a bid to manage the field permitting process. CHLL has communicated with CRYSP regarding its requests for field use.

Administrative Item Update

We do not have DC Little League Tournament dates yet. We are waiting to hear from the District commissioner.

Councilman Charles Allen Visit

Councilman Charles Allen and Jen DeMayo attended the meeting at the Board’s invitation. The Board members introduced themselves. President Charles Barnett started by explaining the need for field space/time and field improvements for CHLL.

Councilman Allen asked the Board to identify the two or three things that are most important as the Council moves into the budget and oversight process. He offered to think through how to address the Ludlow-Taylor issues and asked for the Board’s thoughts on short-term and long-term goals/priorities.

Councilman Allen informed us that there is a new interim DPR director – Delano Hunter. He offered to advocate for CHLL field space as part of the outdoor space renovations at Miner Elementary.

Councilman Allen offered to explore options to offset the DGS field fees for school fields as a way to eliminate the school field fees.

Charles Barnett raised the issue of the new fields at RFK. Councilman Allen emphasized that Events DC does not need to make any revenue from the new RFK sports fields and looks forward to having a community-based organization manage the fields for the benefit of the greater community.

Councilman Allen encouraged CHLL to coordinate with other leagues around the city to leverage their collective strength in advocating for fields and field improvements throughout the city.

Indoor Workout Facilities for Workout Days

Majors Workout Days - We will seek to reserve DC Dynasty’s facility for Majors workout days.

Marty Welles reported that the Greenleaf Rec Center would like to involve Greenleaf kids in CHLL and offered the use of the gym for baseball.

Equipment Update

David Fox provided an update on equipment. David reported that we have the scoreboard control for Zimmerman field and suggested using it more often.

Commissioners

The following commissioners have been identified. Once their paperwork is complete, the Board will vote to approve the commissioners.

Single A – Jay Williams

AA – Doug Rawald

AAA – Justin Sprinzen

Majors – Josh Batkin

Juniors – not identified yet

Softball – Jennifer Squires

Sponsorship

Frank Craddock provided a brief update on sponsorship. New sponsorships are \$1,000. Returning sponsorships are \$800. CHLL received a grant from the Capitol Hill Community Foundation.

CHLL Social Media

The Board is still looking for volunteers to post CHLL news on social media.

World Baseball Coaches Meeting/Clinic

Two CHLL coaches are attending the World Baseball Coaches Clinic in Connecticut.

Umpire Training

Adam Meier will schedule umpire training for Spring. CHLL plans to rely on volunteer (including youth) umpires for AAA baseball.

New CHLL Store

David Fox has been working on setting up a new league store for CHLL merchandise through SquadLocker.

Competition Committee Report

David Fox reported on work to develop a new process for identifying and selecting tournament team coaches. The competition committee will continue to work on ways to further develop the competitiveness of the CHLL tournament teams.

New Business

Adam Meier reminded the board of the importance of outreach efforts to underrepresented schools for spring registration. Majors registration ends Feb. 15.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the board will be on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Hill Center.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. EST.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Barnett, President

Scott Cernich, Secretary