

## **DRAFT**

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

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on April 1, 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  
David Fox  
Lona Valmoro  
Erica Martin  
Jason Goldsmith  
Emily Cichy  
Jason Goldsmith  
Marty Welles  
Jake Cumsy-Whitlock  
Opi Lecksas  
Craig Cookson  
Randy Lange  
Adam Meier  
Frank Craddock

#### **Approve Agenda and Minutes**

The April agenda and March minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Workout and Draft Recap**

Majors Draft – there was some displeasure by some of the Major league managers regarding the draft status and ranking of a certain player. Ultimately the issue was resolved.

AAA Draft – Between the workouts and the draft, the AAA commissioner (and AAA manager) attempted to adjust the rules regarding the losing subsequent draft rounds when a team has two first round picks in a way that only affected that particular manager's team. There was disagreement between the CHLL President and a number of other AAA managers and board members regarding the propriety of adjusting the rule. The CHLL President did not allow the rule adjustment. The board discussed this matter in depth and voted to table for further discussion. Upon motion by Craig Cookson the board voted to ask pro bono counsel to attend the next meeting to discuss issue in context of the CHLL by-laws.

### **First Week of Practices and Games**

The board briefly discussed how the first week of practice and games went. There were some reported problems with calls made by a AAA umpire.

### **Summer Tournament Hosting**

CHLL will host DC Little League tournament games played at Fort Lincoln.

### **Summer Tournament Coaches and Teams**

We have an option to have two 10U tournament teams. The Board decided not to field a second 10U tournament team. We are still looking for coaches and managers for 11U and 12U tournament teams. Randy Lange asked the board to recruit coaches/managers particularly for 12U.

### **Registration Update**

Jason Goldsmith gave an update on current registration numbers. The final total is approximately 640 registered players. We admitted many wait-listed players.

### **Safety/Background Check/Concussion Update**

Jake Cumsky-Whitlock provided an update on progress for background check/concussion training for coaches and board members. The background checks have been easier to obtain than the concussion training certificates.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Marty Welles provided the Treasurer's Report and distributed a copy of the checking account bank statement to board members. SI Play is currently taking a fee for each registration. The board was under the impression that there was no fee. Marty plans to investigate. CHLL made the first cut for the Scott's field renovation competition (first cut to 35 leagues). Marty suggested considering retaining an outside bookkeeper or auditor in the future.

### **Fundraising Update**

Frank Craddock provided an update on sponsors.

### **Scheduling Update**

Fields – Lona Valmoro reported that field scheduling is successfully completed for the spring season. We have submitted summer permit applications to DPR.

Opening Day Agenda/Assignments – The board reviewed the draft agenda for the CHLL Opening Day festivities at Ludlow Taylor (Saturday April 6 at 10:30 am EDT). Councilman Allen will attend.

### **Equipment Update**

David Fox gave a brief update. The last of the equipment has arrived and has been distributed to the commissioners.

### **Uniforms Update**

Emily Cichy reported. Every team has uniforms. There were some issues with small pants, but that has been resolved.

Month of May Breast Cancer Awareness – Little League has ordered all the leagues to do something uniform-wise for BCA (but not jerseys). Adam Meier suggested pink “eye-black.” The board discussed whether the league should do this since we have not heard specifics from Little League headquarters. Board members suggested making a donation instead. Charles Barnett will discuss with district commissioner.

### **New Business**

Approval of board members, commissioners, managers, coaches, and volunteers. The board voted unanimously to approve a slate new managers, coaches, and volunteers.

### **Field Renovations Update**

Charles Barnett reported that local Scouts have proposed performing Eagle Scout service projects to benefit CHLL fields.

### **Discuss and Approve Credit Card Policy**

The board decided to table this discussion for the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the board will be on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Hill Center.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. EDT.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Barnett, President

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Scott Cernich, Secretary