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

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on August 18, 2020 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:

Charles Barnett
Melissa Beard
Frank Craddock
Jake Cumsky-Whitlock
Steven Fall
David Fox
Becky Skinner
Ryan Smith
Justin Sprinzen
Kevin Starace
Ramin Taheri
David Toney
Lona Valmoro

Board Elections

Becky Skinner reviewed the dates related to the board elections and noted that current board members running for re-election will need to be nominated or self-nominate.

Fall Season Update

CHLL still does not have access to any fall field permits. DPR/DGS are not going to issue permits. The RFK Fields are reconsidering whether they are going to issue fall permits. It is unclear when a final decision would be made. The board agreed that there was no point in opening registration until we had permits. This led to a broader discussion about whether it was prudent to hold a fall season even if we did receive permits. CHLL would be the only Little League in the city planning baseball and softball. This raised concerns about safety, liability, and what health criteria would be used to stop a season if one was started. If a season was held registration would have to be capped. There also was a discussion about whether clinics could be held if the pandemic situation improved and permits could be obtained. A motion was made to cancel all fall activities, registration, practices, and clinics. The motion passed by a vote of 10-2. David Fox and Jason Goldsmith will prepare an email about the fall season for CHLL members.

Bylaws and Constitution

David Fox discussed the changes made to the bylaws and constitution by Nelson Mullins based on the feedback that the board provided at the previous meeting. A motion was made to approve the changes to the bylaws and constitution subject to technical corrections. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

Baseball Divisions and Age Structure

The board discussed the proposed changes to the age eligibility structures for Majors and AAA. This included a focus on 10 and 11 year olds, their eligibility for majors, and the need to achieve a certain score at the workout day to be eligible for the draft. For AAA, 8 year olds would only be able to play at the AAA level if they met a minimum score requirement and there was space available. The board also discussed possible issues related to coaches with children who could play in Majors or AAA or in AAA or AA. The board agreed to vote on the new structure at the September board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Monday, September 7 at 7:00 pm, unless the board needs to convene earlier, and will be conducted by video.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. EDT.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

David Fox, President

Rebecca Skinner, Secretary