

**Issaquah Little League  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2007**

**Board Members Present:**

Doug Doxsie, Kent Sacia, David Dellinger, Cary Morimoto, Tom Hutchison, Brad Smallwood, Jim Mano, John Pintar, David Chandler, Debbie Dunlap, Mike Swingle and Nancy Hudson were in attendance.

With those board members present and proxies in hand (3), a quorum was present to conduct the business of this meeting. *The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.*

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion to approve the December 2006 Board Meeting minutes was seconded and approved.*

Doug Doxsie and Kent Sacia chaired the meeting in the absence of President Peter Gaan.

Doug reported that the email vote to approve the Baseball Division VP's for 2007 *was approved*. These are:

- Majors - Doug Doxsie
- Coast – Mike Swingle
- AAA – Cary Morimoto
- AA – Roger Collister
- A – Bryan Lee
- T-Ball – Brad Smallwood

**District 9 Report / Calendar:**

Doug Doxsie reported our league will be hosting the Bruce Brown clinic on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus.

The A1 & A1 clinics are February 11<sup>th</sup> at Mercer Island High School.

**Financial Report:**

David Chandler distributed the financial report through December 2006. He noted that very little is happening on the expense side right now and that we are getting registration checks from CMI every two weeks. Our income statement continues to be very strong. *The financial report was moved, seconded and approved.*

**Softball Report:**

Dave Dellinger reported on behalf of Russ Rogers. Dave reported the progress on registrations. He noted the need to extend the registration deadline and to send another email blast about registrations and the skill evaluations. He noted that softball skill evaluations will be on January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Issaquah Community Center. Dave asked for additional softball helmets with face cages to be purchased. He will let Nancy Hudson know how many.

**Registration/Website Report:**

Jim Mano distributed a report on registrations to date for all baseball and softball divisions.

Registrations for all levels are behind last year, probably due to the weather issues. The board decided to send an email on January 16<sup>th</sup>, (the day after the deadline) notifying that the deadline will be extended until January 26<sup>th</sup> due to the unusual circumstances this winter. All registrations after that date will be subject to the late fee. Jim reported what he has been posting on the website and what will be added from this meeting's discussions. Jim was asked to produce a variety of reports from registrations on petitioning players and coaching volunteers.

Cary Morimoto discussed his plans to re-distribute flyers to the schools this week for one last push. He noted that with the power outage, many schools did not distribute the flyers until after January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kent Sacia noted that for T-Ball through AAA we take late registrations through February.

**Baseball Report:**

No report.

**Uniforms / Purchasing:**

Nancy Hudson asked for feedback on the maximum number of uniforms needed for each team at all levels.

**Volunteer Report:**

No Report.

**Skill Evaluation Report:**

Baseball skill evaluations will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at Bellevue Community College. Tom Hutchison reviewed the logistics required of volunteers, stations, equipment, times and preparation and sought feedback from the board. Peter Gaan has been in contact with the Issaquah High School team for helpers. Kent Sacia will assist Tom with the forms used by the evaluators. Board members signed up to help and suggested other coaches to be contacted.

**Other Business / Reports:**

Tom Hutchison reported he is now waiting for a final quote from FOC on coaches training clinics. Two clinics would be offered, one for T-Ball through AA and another for AAA through Majors coaches. This will be a mandatory clinic for managers. It was suggested to offer player clinics by teams as well. It was well received but all seemed to think coaches training is the first step then evaluate funding before deciding on additional programs for players. Tom also suggested a coaches mentoring program whereby past coaches are asked to come assist at some practices for many levels.

Brad Smallwood noted the background checks are quiet right now until managers and coaches are selected and processed. There was some concern about the new national directory system. It was decided to discuss this in detail next meeting when President Gaan is present.

Debbie Dunlap reported she will coordinate the safety clinic once the player's clinic is finalized with the high school team. It was suggested she contact Peter Gaan who can get that moved along.

Cary Morimoto reported that the Issaquah Press would like weekly results and standings from coast and majors games. Jim Mano noted there are guidelines posted on the national little

league site regarding player press. After discussion, it was recommended that the division VP's should determine the policy of this possibility and report back to the board for consideration.

Kent Sacia (player agent) answered some questions from the VP's and reviewed some past history of how teams are formed at coast and majors. Doug Doxsie reviewed some background on the manager and coaching selection process. Doug reminded everyone that volunteers can indicate at registration their interest in coaching but that for coast and majors it is also a good idea to email the division V.P. of their interest as well.

There was a lengthy discussion on the process for petitioning to play up at a given level. It was thought that in the past the division V.P.'s would contact those players and if appropriate for the age level, to invite them to the skill evaluations. Jim Mano will forward a list from CMI on petitions when appropriate, for them to contact.

Doug Doxsie advised everyone to go on-line and review the new pitch count rules.

Kent Sacia and Doug Doxsie thanked everyone for their hard work and attendance.

There being no further items, ***a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Doxsie  
Secretary