

**Issaquah Little League  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Board Members Present “X” / Proxy “P”:**

Mike Mahovich – President	X	Debbie Dunlap – Safety Officer	X
Robert Gellatly – Exec VP BB	P	Kent Sacia – Play Agent BB	P
Jeff Bennett – Exec VP SB		Dave Dellinger – Play Agent SB	P
Tom Hutchison – Player / Coach Dev	X	Terry Dodd – Field Dev / Scheduling	X
Jim Mano – Website	P	Cary Morimoto – Regist / League Info	P
David Koon – Umpire Chief	X	Mike Swingle – Field Maint / Bkgd Chk	X
Chris Dukelow – Treasurer	X	Roger Collister – Secretary	X
Doug Moczulewski – Equipment Mgr	X	Tom Chan – Purchasing	X
“TBD” – Volunteer Coordinator		“TBD” – Fundraising Coordinator	

With those board members present and (5) proxies in hand, a quorum was present to conduct the business of this meeting. *The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion to approve the January 2008 Board Meeting minutes was seconded and approved.*

Mike also announced he had identified a Fundraising Coordinator – Gina Salters, and he was working with someone to assume the Volunteer Coordinator activities.

**District 9 Report – Mike Mahovich:**

- All leagues have concerns with recruitment of umpires, and it was noted some pay or provide rewards to people who volunteer their time. The Board discussed issues related to providing wages (Form 1099 for >\$600 earnings, etc.) and that any volunteers should be no younger than High School age. All members agreed obtaining the assistance of younger players and possibly paying them seemed like a good idea. *With Rob’s relationship with FOC, it was suggested he could contact Alan and check on what they typically pay umpires for their leagues.* Dave Koon noted if an umpire had aspirations of umping in post-season Little League tournaments – they have to remain an unpaid volunteer.
- Waiver for break-away bases – District 9 needs something in writing from the High School coach in regards to why they don’t want to change (or won’t?). *Terry was to follow-up with the appropriate rep.*
- Scorekeepers clinic is 7:00 p.m. March 21 at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center in Redmond. Further details and a map to the Resource Center are available on the District 9 website @ <http://www.washdist9.org/Scorekeeping.htm>.
- Reminder for Memorial Day Tournament – can combine 2 LL teams - \$200 entry deadline is March 31. *Jim was going to add flyer link to website.*
- Waivers for playing 12 year olds down for Majors all must be reviewed by Bob Toigo, along with a statement that includes why they need to play down and a specific request from parent.
- *A motion was made/seconded/approved for an ILL donation of \$ 1000.00 for the 2008 Junior Softball World Series in Kirkland.*

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**Financial Report – Chris Dukelow:**

Chris presented the Profit/Loss statement and Balance Sheet as of Feb 18, 2008, and mentioned he needed to reconcile “Count Me In” with Jim when available. He noted current Income of almost \$45,000 net of refunds at the time of our meeting. The issue of insurance against any ILL funds exceeding \$100K being insured at our bank was again raised. *Chris to check on what the bank insures & potentially open a separate account elsewhere.*

**League Calendar – Mike Mahovlich:**

***District 9***

- Michelle Smith February 9; Interlake HS 9am - \$ 20.00 per person
- AL & AL clinic February 10; Inglewood JHS 830 – 9-12 year-old coaches 1- 430 – 5 to 8 year-old coaches
- Tom Dedin Clinic – March 15<sup>th</sup> (10-5:30) & 16<sup>th</sup> (8:30-5:30) – Woodinville Comm Center
- District 9 Umpire Classroom Training – a link is provided on the ILL website under “umpires” that takes you direct to the schedule and training site @ Lake Washington SD Resource Center.
- 3/27 Umpire 101 & Field Training (part 1 & 2) – same link as above

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- ILL safety meeting & Coast/Major players day @ IHS – March 9 afternoon – 12:45
- FOC Coaches Training – AAA/Coast/Majors on March 2 & T-Ball/A/AA on March 16 see website for times.

**Registration/Website Report – Jim Mano / Cary Morimoto:**

- Roger reviewed an email provided by Jim that noted he had closed the website registration link for all programs but Softball and T-Ball - which will remain open until March 2. There are instructions on the website for anyone wishing to proceed with a late registration.
- Jim requested more info on the FOC Coaches clinic and the Safety Clinic (flyer, blurb, etc.) so he could post it on the website.
- Jim also requested refund feedback from Chris and confirmation that the P.O. Box had been checked. Chris confirmed that he had been by the P.O. Box within the past week and no paper registrations were there.

**Softball Report – Jeff Bennett:**

Mike mentioned that Jeff was making plans to partner/interlock with Sammamish LL.

**Baseball Report – Mike Mahovlich & Mike Swingle for Rob Gellatly:**

Mike Swingle reported the Coast/Majors Manager meeting will be held Feb 28 @ 7:00, with a follow-up meeting planned for Mid-March – right before the season starts. He also mentioned they were still working Manager assignments, and hoped to have it sorted out shortly. The Division VPs provided current estimates for teams in their divisions as follows: Majors – 9, Coast – 9, AAA – 8, AA – 9, A – 11, T-Ball – TBD. It was also noted we were getting to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour for a T-Ball VP and needed someone ASAP.

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**Baseball Report – Mike Mahovlich & Mike Swingle for Rob Gellatly (Continued):**

Terry suggested it may be time to eliminate divisional play since we have 1) dropped below 10 teams and 2) have low registration numbers. This was followed by a short discussion in which *Mike said he would contact District 9 (Bob) and ask if we still has time to make the change, and if so, what will be needed from the league to make this change.*

Mike M raised the issue of changing the Local Rules for the AAA Division to allow a shorter pitching distance of 42' in the first half of the season (make it easier for everyone) and then play the second half of the season back to 46' with walks and no coach pitch and no stealing (to get familiar with Coast level play). *A motion was made/seconded/approved to implement these rules for the 2008 season and see how it works out.* Jim to work with Mike M / Roger / Rob G to add text to website local rules.

**Uniforms / Purchasing – Doug Moczulewski / Tom Chan:**

Tom confirmed the 2008 uniforms had been ordered for T-Ball through AAA, and a *motion was made/seconded/approved to allow purchase of 7 new sets of uniforms (4 Coast, 3 Majors) for the upper divisions.* We will work ordering of All-Stars uniforms at a later date.

Dave Koon confirmed that he would handle ordering his own umpire equipment for the Coast and Major Division umpires. A mask, chest protector and clicker should be handed out to all Managers at the A thru AAA level (it was also suggested AAA teams take shin guards) for their umpires.

In past meetings we had discussed donating our old uniforms to the Lewis County Little League and *Mike M was going to check with their President to see if they'd be interested in any of our stuff.* Time would be crucial as they are probably purchasing new equipment right now.

**Umpire Report – Dave Koon**

Much of Dave's information was covered in the earlier District 9 discussions on paying umpires and then the discussion of the District 9 calendar for umpire training.

**Volunteer / Fundraiser Report – TBD / TBD:**

Mike M noted at the opening of the meeting that Gina Salters had assumed the Fundraising Coordinator position, and he would forward Roger her contact information for inclusion on future Board distributions.

**Other Business / Reports:**

Debbie provided a rough draft of the Safety Clinic handout and invited any comments/revisions be forwarded to her. She hi-lited getting the Medical Release Forms and Volunteer Forms completed for all players & coach/parent volunteers respectively.

Debbie will also be collecting the "Job Descriptions" to be prepared by each of the various Board Members. This was being done to assist with the large turnover that the Board will be experiencing after the 2008 season.

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**Other Business / Reports (Continued):**

Doug M noted he would be out of town Feb 28 – March 3 – so he would coordinate equipment pick-up with the Coast / Majors teams around those dates.

Mike Swingle presented a proposal for obtaining a new piece of equipment for prepping the fields used by ILL throughout town. It is a bunker rake manufactured by John Deere typically used on golf courses, but something that would be ideal for our purposes. Terry agreed it has the attachments that would be perfect for maintaining our fields (including elementarys) while also saving wear and tear on the old mower. Issaquah High School has used the same John Deere product for years with great results and no problems. ***The quote for \$12,477.50 (tax included) from Cascade Turf in Snohomish, WA was presented and a motion was made/seconded/approved to purchase the new equipment.*** Chris was going to research what type of insurance we might want to secure for this purchase.

Mike M raised the issue of Mariners day on May 18 vs. Padres, and asked that all VPs remind their Managers to identify someone for the “Mariners/Magnet/Mom” program (I assume any willing Dads would be accepted as well!). He hopes to get this done early once the Volunteer Coordinator is established.

The next ILL Board Meeting was tentatively set for Monday, March 17, 7:00-8:30 at the Issaquah Middle School Commons. ***There being no further items, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roger Collister  
Secretary