

**Issaquah Little League
Board Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 2007**

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

Mike Mahovlich	X	Chris Dukelow	X	Debbie Dunlap	X
Robert Gellatly	P	Cary Morimoto		Tom Chan	X
Roger Collister	X	Jim Mano		Mike Swingle	P
Tom Hutchison	X	Terry Dodd	X	David Koon	
Kent Sacia		Dave Dellinger	X	Exec VP SB - TBD	
Fundraising - TBD		Volunteer Coord - TBD			

With those board members present and (2) proxies in hand, a quorum was present to conduct the business of this meeting. *The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.*

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the Sept 2007 Board Meeting minutes & General Membership Meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

District 9 Report:

Mike Mahovlich reported out on a number of items from the District Meeting.

- Parents – Poor behavior at some of the later round games (Regional in CA, etc.) in All-Star play has the District asking to stress to all parties involved that Little League is for the kids.
- Registration Boundaries – Insure that any boundary issues are identified early in the registration process, and – if desired - a waiver request can be submitted for review.
- Background Check – Insure everyone involved with the kids (including umpires) is approved. Mike also presented 2 names to fill the empty Board positions: Jeff Bennett - Exec VP of Softball (present at the meeting) & Doug “Moz” Moczulewski – Equipment Manager.
- Issy Hosting 2008 All-Star Tourney – The current schedule has ILL hosting BB 9/10 & BB Majors tournaments. Terry suggested we should do one or the other, as logistically coordinating both would be difficult. *A motion was made/seconded/approved to go back to D-9 and propose Issaquah host the BB 9/10 tourney only.*
- League Assessment – A table showing league assessment fees was reviewed & discussed. *A motion was made/seconded/approved to approve \$12/team Assessment for ILL at an assumed size of 62 teams.*
- Breakaway Bases – District wants to enforce this at all levels and Terry has ordered them for the appropriate fields. Only area that may be of issue is IHS as they won’t agree to install them on their softball fields. This may prevent ILL SB from using the High School field.

Financial Report:

Chris Dukelow reported that we had not received our check from STODS, and that he would prepare a proposed 2008 budget to review at the November Board Meeting. It was also stated we owe Issaquah School District an additional \$100 for the softball fields last season. Other financial items covered:

- Terry suggested that the President review the bank statement monthly, and also wanted to insure that ILL stuck to the policy of 2 people reviewing checks for the league.
- Tom Hutchison noted that our account is probably only insured for \$100,000. If that’s the case, should we seek a solution that would provide insurance covering the total funds under league control?

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League Calendar:

Mike presented further dates that were covered at the D-9 meeting.

- District Christmas Party – Dec 5
- Player Agent Meeting – Dec 10
- Safety Training – Jan 2008
- Issaquah BB Coast/Majors Skill Assessment @ BCC – Jan 27
- AI & AI Clinic – Weekend of Feb 10
- Mariners Day – Sometime in mid-to-late April (keep away from Spring Break)
- Star Images – *A motion was made/seconded/approved to notify Star Images that May 3 would be ILL's requested picture day.*

Registration/Website Report:

Jim and Cary were not present, but it was assumed the contract with CMI was renewed at the beginning of October. With Mariners day being scheduled almost a month earlier this year, Tom Chan suggested offering a Mariners ticket purchase option in the registration process. This would hopefully handle a number of ticket purchases up-front and make the volunteer coordinators task a bit easier with the shortened coordination timeframe. Question raised: Could the website be revised prior to registration to accommodate ticket orders? If yes, at what cost and what should it look like?

Softball Report:

Jeff Bennett was present at the meeting and willing to accept the position of Executive VP Softball. All present were in support of Jeff assuming the post, but were not necessarily sure of the official process - which will hopefully be discussed & completed in the November meeting. Jeff did raise the idea of scheduling pitching clinics at the Community Center prior to the upcoming season (Jan/Feb & Mar/Apr). These have been well received in the past and pitching depth is always an issue league wide. *It was agreed that 4 sessions (\$500 per) would be scheduled and a motion was made/seconded/approved to provide ILL funding for up to 4 scholarships (\$125 per) to be used on an "as required" basis.*

Baseball Report:

Mike noted that Robert Gellatly is in the process of identifying league VPs for the upcoming season. If anyone knows of any volunteers or good candidates, they should contact Rob. Tom Chan noted that he would be interested in volunteering for one of the lower divisions.

Uniforms / Purchasing:

Nothing to report, but there was discussion regarding our ability to purchase some new teams (Twins, Tigers, Phillies, Cubs, etc.) in lieu of past/current offerings. Mike also raised the issue of All-Star uniforms and trying to make the uniforms more special in some way, noting current versions tend to be pretty oversized & non-personalized. He also wanted to insure that all of the Issaquah All-Star teams had LL pins this year, as there were games last year where Issaquah was receiving them – but had none to give back.

Umpire Report:

No Report.

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Volunteer Report:

Mike reported that he has someone in his sights for this position – stay tuned. With Mariners Day being earlier this year and Issaquah hosting the 9/10 All Start tournament, all agreed this is probably more than a 1 person job/effort. There was also discussion regarding different concession options for the All Star tourney as well.

Other Business / Reports:

Terry Dodd would welcome any feedback regarding the schedule at all levels last season. Were there enough (or too many) practices & games, was the post season tournament OK, and would you like to see any of the schedules changed in any way?

In regards to registration, the issue of incorporating all of the Grand Ridge kids into ILL was discussed. Terry thought the local leagues had agreed that they would follow the school boundaries so that kids could play with their friends from school. Any kids who already played in, or who have siblings in, Sammamish LL could choose between the 2 until they are no longer of LL age. Kids who are just starting would automatically be placed in Issaquah LL. Mike said he would discuss the issue with the SLL President.

The next meeting is schedule for Monday, November 12th, from 7:00-8:30 at a location to be confirmed in a later message.

There being no further items, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Collister
Secretary