

Issaquah Little League General Membership Meeting Minutes September 29, 2008

2007/2008 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	P	Dave Dellinger – Play Agent SB	X
Tom Hutchison – Player / Coach Dev	P	Terry Dodd – Field Dev / Scheduling	X
Jim Mano – Website	X	Cary Morimoto – Regist / League Info	X
David Koon – Umpire Chief	P	Mike Swingle – Field Maint / Bkgrd Chk	X
Doug Moczulewski – Treasurer	X	Roger Collister – Secretary	X
Doug Moczulewski – Equipment Mgr	X	Tom Chan – Purchasing	X
“TBD” – Volunteer Coordinator		Gina Salters – Fundraising Coordinator	X

With those board members present and (5) proxies in hand, along with the additional attendees at the meeting, a quorum was present to conduct the business of this meeting. *The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.*

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the September 2007 General Membership Meeting minutes was seconded and approved.

President’s Report – Mike Mahovich:

- Mike thanked all of the 2007/2008 Board Members for their time and efforts over the past year, and noted the league will only run as well as the volunteers that are involved. It was a wet and challenging spring, but everything ended up working out in the end.
- In reviewing the rules for last season, the biggest complaint centered around last seasons new rule which did not allow a player to catch at all in a game after throwing even 1 pitch. This issue is sure to be discussed further at the upcoming D-9 President’s Meeting.
- It was suggested that ILL look at potentially increasing the registration fees for the upcoming season. They have not been raised in a few years and everything we need to procure keeps getting more expensive. This will be discussed further in subsequent Board meetings for the upcoming season.

Financial Report – Doug Moczulewski:

- Nothing reported. Mike had reviewed this information during the Board Meeting which immediately preceded this meeting - all current attendees were also in attendance for that meeting.

Other Business / Reports:

Mike opened the floor to any questions or comments.

- A question was asked in regards to the post season manager/coach surveys and what was done with the information that was received. ILL only received 55 replies to the earlier request so it was suggested the forms be sent out again prior to this year’s registration so the information could be available prior to next season’s team formations.

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- It was noted that the ILL “mass emails” do not always make it to a number of addressees. Last year Comcast accounts were blocking the notes for a short time as did some other smaller internet providers. The ILL messages appear to come from CMI (website developer) – which might add to the problem (i.e. being perceived as SPAM). This is another issue to be discussed in future Board meetings as email is the primary means of communicating league information.
- It was suggested that prior to next season the equipment manager look over all of the catcher’s equipment and replace anything that is damaged.
- Old uniforms (regular season and all-stars) that have been replaced can be thrown away.
- An attendee asked how last years ILL registration numbers compared to prior years. A table summarizing registration numbers for the past 6 seasons (2003 to 2008) is included as Exhibit A to these minutes.
- The lack of interest in umpiring was discussed as it impacted games at all levels. Frank Fite (Umpire in Chief) is planning to implement a junior umpiring program and the Board may decide to create a new position to serve as an Umpire Program Assistant to help Frank in implementing the program (coordination, training, payroll, etc.). It’s obvious that parent volunteers are not providing the necessary coverage for games, and the junior program would be a means for kids to get volunteer time for school or earn a few extra dollars being involved in a sport they enjoy. This will be an ongoing issue as the new Board gets underway for the upcoming season.
- Last year’s All-Star notification process was discussed at length. The 2007/2008 season was the first time in many years that ILL only fielded 1 team per age division (Baseball 9/10, 10/11, 11/12) due to declining player numbers. This was also done to create a more competitive team as input in past years questioned what could be done to make Issaquah more competitive at the All-Star level. Many thoughts were exchanged and it was generally thought that ILL should send a league-wide note out that would explain when the All-Star process is underway and what should be expected (e.g. players who “played up” to Majors may be placed on the lower division All-Star teams – thereby limiting the number of Coast players to be selected). The website has a write-up on the process, but the language may need updating.
- Microsoft payment for volunteer time with ILL. It was suggested an effort be made to make sure all Microsoft volunteers are aware of the program, and also confirm who the checks should be made out to and where they should be sent. It sounded as if some checks may have been delivered to the ILL PO Box last year, but they were never accounted for.

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2008/2009 Board Election:

Following conclusion of the open discussions, nominations were taken for the various Board positions – with the following individuals being elected for next season:

Mike Mahovlich – President
Rich Nardi – Secretary
Gina Salters – Treasurer
Doug Moczulewski – Executive VP Baseball
Jeff Bennett – Executive VP Softball
Cary Morimoto – Player Agent Baseball
Dave Dellinger – Player Agent Softball
Frank Fite – Umpire in Chief
Tom Chan – Player & Coach Development
Jim Mano – Website
Mike Gunn – Equipment Manager
Ermine Erickson – Volunteer Coordinator
Debbie Dunlap – Safety Officer & Background Checks
Terry Dodd – Field Development & Scheduling
Dirk Jongejan – Registration & League Information
Mike Swingle – Field Maintenance
Gabriel Dorta – Purchasing
James Dunkelberger – Fundraising Coordinator
Jeff Jones - At Large Position
Matt Munro - At Large Position
Jon Reese - At Large Position

It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint the above noted officers for the 2008/2009 season - pending successful background checks.

With conclusion of the election a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Collister
Outgoing Secretary

Attached: Exhibit A (1 page)

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Exhibit A – Issaquah Little League Registration History – 2003 to 2008

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		2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
T-Ball	Paid in Full	129					
	Pending	7					
	Total Registrations	136	141	139	147	174	140
A-AAA	Paid in Full	348					
	Pending	9					
	Total Registrations	357	338	417	364	381	427
Coast-Majors	Paid in Full	193					
	Pending	4					
	Total Registrations	197	222	240	281	335	329
SB Minors	Paid in Full	23					
	Pending	2					
	Total Registrations	25	28	19	36	41	38
SB Coast	Paid in Full	28					
	Pending	0					
	Total Registrations	28	40	50	24	41	52
SB Majors	Paid in Full	27					
	Pending	1					
	Total Registrations	28	38	38	49	28	44
SB Juniors	Paid in Full						
	Pending						
	Total Registrations	n/a	8	12	25	18	32