



SOMERS LITTLE LEAGUE

Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2019

All-Star review

- Decided to collect all vests (12U & 10U teams) for reuse

Treasurers report

- Discussed apparel sales being down
 - Opening Day weather
 - Few opportunities to have dedicated swag tent sales
 - Sizes we do have are not the 'popular' kid sizes
 - Ryan will be looking into and working with DK's to see if an online store can be set up. This would be for future orders and to potentially sell existing inventory.
- Discussed changing game schedules to maximize food sales.
 - Start games later in day on Saturday so morning games end closer to lunch time and afternoon games begin around lunch time.
 - Parent volunteers close shack immediately following games when players want to purchase items. Implement a time shack needs to remain open following a game?
- Discussed future of 50/70 team in 2020. Unsure if enough players. If tournaments are held on this field, can we support a snack shack at that location?

Board vacancies:

Comms - Jenny Dandurand interested and voted on to fill position at least until November voting.

Field Coordinator - Ray interested, Melissa Caye has expressed interest

Player/Coach Development - Sean interested

Juniors Rep -

Tournament Coordinator - Ray interested

Umpires – Marty expressed that he will continue. Process needs improvement (see below)

Equipment

- Tee ball, AAA, AA - handed in
- Majors -?
- May be a bunch of equipment at Kibbe fuller. Ray has key. Joe to ask Chris Boucher if he knows what is stored there
- Poll of all-star teams (Ellington, Suffield) did not use Champro balls. We decided on them due to cost. Can discuss further before purchasing for 2020.
- Discussed purchase of new 4-wheel professional field lining machine (\$300-\$500) before wood bat tournament. Joe expressed we do not have funds at this time.



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Umpires:

- Need to rework how umpers are paid. Readjust/confirm appropriate rates. (\$50/game?)
- Marty to put together a write up of what needs to improve.

Fields:

- Ray met with town and architect about minors' field. Architect working up short term solutions (0-5 years?) with expectation that proposals will be done by the end of the summer. Long term may be to move fields to field road (5+ years?). This would be under town capital improvement upon town vote.
- We would still need a solution for next season. Brining in topsoil and regrading the infield along first base, adding base mix to areas around home plate and first base line.

Picnic:

- Picnic was an overall success.
- Re-implement alcohol using white tent as 'beer garden'? Overall consensus was no. It isn't appropriate for this event, and risk is not worth reward.
- A separate adult volunteer event with alcohol available as a thank you to coaches, volunteers, parents would be an option.

Fundraising

- Discount cards - most people don't like selling them but good profit
- Golf tournament - low effort to organize. 5-8k profit depending on details. June timeframe
- Brewery - April timeframe
- Spaghetti dinner
- Cornhole tournament - January timeframe
- NCAA pool/Super Bowl squares
- Coaches whiffle ball
- Purse bingo

Next meeting will focus on discussing details of 2-3 options for 2020.

Fall ball/winter

- BP Tues/Thurs - Ray should be organized and communicated.
- 1-3 graders 1 practice/pickup games on Sat.
- S. Windsor league also an option if interest

Travel teams (Stingers)

- Funded by league through additional registration. End of spring season advertise summer ball and registration details. Info to provide would be cost, schedule, time expectations, uniform provided, etc. Registration fee based on cost per player (needs to be calculated). Travel insurance included through SLL.



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- Need tournament schedules ahead of time to communicate to parents.

Next meeting August 20th, 8pm @ Joanna's Restaurant.

Need to finalize schedules, determine level of effort, and organize work assignments for wood bat tournament before 8/20 meeting. Ray will lead this and reach out to Board with details.