



APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
January 14th, 2021 7:30pm
Zoom Video Conference

- 1) Call to Order 7:30pm
 - a) Executive Board members present: Brian Dudley, Erik Cormier, Mark Florez, Amber Watkins, David McGillicuddy, Scott McConville, Ericka Bermudez, Brad Williams, Soren Bjorn
 - b) General Board members present: Brian Pieracci, Garret LaTorre, Amber Melenudo, Nick Tanza, Alex Smith, Fausto Romero, Will Meyer
 - c) Guests present
- 2) Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve Dec 2020 minutes put the floor. Motion passes.
- 3) Changes to Agenda- No changes
- 4) New & Open items- Look into potentially having gear swap/donation box for any interested in exchanging gear/baseball related items.
 - a) Administrative League items
 - i) ASAP plan submitted & approved- Done
 - (1) Need to fill the position of Co-Safety Officer/COVID Czar- IMPORTANT- Someone to work with Brad and have main responsibility to work with Covid-19 procedures. Follow what other leagues are doing if we play. Bring this up at the annual safety meeting, commissioners and coaches. Amber Watkins volunteered to be a co-safety officer and work together with Brad. Brad Williami's wife (Cindy) is also willing to team up and help.. Example of guidelines: player sign-in, temperatures, check with commissioners and coaches to make sure things are implemented. Ultimately, oversee and implementation of protocol follow up (temperatures and attendance) coaches have to implement and keep records of this.
 - Need to buy some items in order to follow guidelines: List of items needed for return to play (temperature checks, sign in/out sheets, organic erasable spray paint, etc)



- Something to keep kids in their spot (organic spray) to show kids where they can stand for the younger kids. Dugouts will not be available.

(2) Mandatory and ALL volunteers need to do this. Abuse Awareness certificate, Background checks, Pre-season Safety Meeting. This is in addition to background checks. All required by the state of CA now. For liability insurances, legal liability. On-line training for sexual awareness. Link will be forward to all parents and volunteers. A virtual pre-season safety meeting will be done. Brian Dudley will help Brad move forward with this.

b) Proposed plan for Spring 2021

i) Current Shelter in Place restriction-

ii) Baseball clinic February 15th- March 15th- Aptos Jr HS fields. Per CA guidelines – cohorts may be able to have 2x90 min practices, 14 kids and 2 coaches. No games or scrimmages. Only practice. It will help promote regular season. TOC schedule would not be played this season if the regular season gets pushed out to later part of April. Better to have more kids out on the field playing baseball.

-79/90 kids from survey would be interested in participating in cohorts

-credits issued from 2020 season- this would be an opportunity to offer league members to use this credit.

-50/70 League. The credit could be applied to this. We do have a field that is 50/70.

iii) Spring Season Opening Day April 18th,

- registration opening- open and run practices until we are allowed to compete. Run one registration process instead of two. Put a card on file but not charge until the league season starts. Charge up front for practice and then later do a back charge for the season.
- Tryouts- either end of March and or 1st week of April. Tryouts could be run as a cohort practice. Have the teams form early with a limited practice schedule. Potential concern (turnover).
- cost/pricing- This year it is not a requirement to have uniforms and or patches. For any league who decides to play there would be re-draw boundaries so that some players can play and be absorbed by other leagues.
- structure- In order to find coaches for both clinics and regular season it may be better if teams are put together based on enrolled participation. Tryouts may be done earlier for older kids. Another option is to draw names and skip tryouts. Also, option of splitting fee in two parts.
-Third option- \$50 starting fee and get some teams going and then charge more / remaining as the season gets going.
-Erik's idea: 5 hands



-Nick's idea: 10 hands. Based on this let's start looking at Season 2021 idea. Playing can be pushed out. Let's reconvene to February to see when we can open registration. Let's set a plan with a date and open registration on Feb 10th and close it on March and have 1st practice first week of March. Another option is to open registration after Feb meeting in early March. An email could be sent to the ALL letting them know the plan with goal to have a season (maybe a short season) of April and May with a safe return to the field. This gives an opportunity to react to things which may be completely out of our hands. Motion with one open registration in early March, send email out to update families, safety officer teams will start preparing and buying necessary items to get ready. Majority is a yes. Next BOD is Feb 12th. Alex will re-visit the schedule for the 2021 season.

iv) Volunteers, Commissioners for Majors, AAA, AA, have already volunteered., Coaches...

c) Baseball Field inspection report- risk analysis done in 2018 and a few items need to be corrected. ADA compliancy has been flagged. Things have come up with the school district. Items need to be addressed and recognize the problems and effort to fix them.

i) Mandatory field improvement(s)

(1) Bleacher concrete foundation- \$12k expenditure, bleachers need to be bolted Down. Do we have specifications? Potentially could strips be bolted down.? Instead of the full bleacher? Do we need the clean slabs? Bolt only sections which bleachers make contact with ground? Will is willing to help with project if specifications are shared with him. Erik will get more details/specifications via email and we can vote via email on approval of how to proceed. We need the code of what it is needed in order to get bids.

(2) Irick Inspection Report- March 2018-

d) Field Prep Day scheduled and promoted for volunteers- can families be invited to come to the field to help prep/weed fields? Will continues to do work on the fields as well as The Melenudo family. Now only PVUSD key opens the main gate. There is an open space to be able to walk to the fields. Will be there Saturday at 10am. Advertise to everyone. Can equipment be used by all? Will would need a week or two for prepping the fields. Shoot for Feb 6th. Rio Del mar will also be worked on the same day.

5) Info Officer Update-

6) District Update-

a) 50/70 league (SCLL, maybe Cap-Soquel)

b) CA Small Business Grant Program- could potentially apply later. Unclear if 501 organizations qualify for them.



7) Treasurer Update- There are very few ways to not lose money this year. 2021 will be very hard. Need to focus on limiting expenses. Try to encourage as much participation as possible. We need sponsorships. We have some big expenses. If participation is low and we don't charge enough it's a matter of how much we are losing this year. If we overextend ourselves, we could harm our next two-three years. Start preparing for Taxes with our CPA.

8) Fundraising Manager Update- We cannot have food trucks. Fundraising will be hard this year. Concession stand may not be open (this is an unknown). After Feb meeting once we have dates we may start reaching out to prior sponsors.

Could hit-a-thon be done over two weekends? Once teams are formed we may move forward with hit-a-thon. Hopefully live stream up will help with hit-a-thon. For that day only turn the sounds. Could kids who aged out come up and participate? Could they come to the Polo Fields? Can this be open to the county/everyone?

9) Field Manager Update- Terra-X (gopher information)

10) Equipment Update

a) Jeremy Boston-AA manager, returned team equipment bag – it's in the score booth AAA field.

11) UIC Update- trainings have been pushed back

12) Safety Officer Update

13) Snack Shack & Score Booth Update

14) Commissioner Update

15) Appointment of Executive Committee

16) Adjourn /Next Meeting- let's monitor the next two weeks and see where things stand. Meeting adjourn- 8:49pm

a) 2nd Thursday of every month, next meeting February 11th @ 7:30pm via Zoom.