

**APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
November 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Aptos Junior High School**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Agenda addition—Gary and Wes Hunter honored by Aptos Chamber of Commerce. Aptos LL paid for Hunters' lunches for their well-deserved recognition.

Lisa Murphy requests LL donate 2 registrations to Rio del Mar School. Rob Polk seconds. Motion passes.

No public comments.

Approval of October minutes. Motion by Bobby Rigor, second Paul Braga. Motion passes.

President's Report:

50/70 program—LL Intl. has yet to give guidance on continuation/modification of program. Decision on continuance of Aptos LL participation in program tabled until then.

Agenda addition—new bat regulations. Has been sent by email to all LL parents. Info on LL website. Harsh punishments for violations, including player/manager ejections. Brian Peoples says we need to educate parents, local sporting goods stores re: any new additions to prohibited bats list.

Audit Committee—needs to be formed. Committee needs to review balance sheets and make any necessary recommendations. Must be comprised of 3 board members. Motion for formation of committee tonight and present report next June (when new Board elected) Greg, second Lisa, approved. Committee members to be determined.

Proposed changes to local rules: 1) change tournament rules—no seedings;; instead, matchups drawn at random. Advantage—discourages competitiveness during regular season. Less-skilled kids might play more if managers/players less concerned about tournament seeding. 2) Continuous batting order for majors, at "practice games" only, and with batting order changes permitted before each new game. Motion to approve by Mike Riggs, second Bobby Rigor. Motion passes.

Treasurer's report:

Nikki recommends NO MAJOR expenditures.

We have \$900+ on deposit.

We do have the \$23K C.D. We can pull from that with minimal penalty.

Recent expenses—photos, fence improvements.
Nikki recommends vote to approve access to CD.
Robert Modena moves, Paul Braga seconds, a motion to allow withdraw of \$5k if needed. Motion passes. Consensus approval to add Lisa Murphy and Brian as account signers.

Fees were raised to \$135 for this coming year.

Facilities report:

Infields need aeration 2x year, top-dressing 2x year.
Dave Murphy asks for suggestions.
Need new PVC piping for top of outfield fences.
Tony says new home plate needed for majors field.
Brian knows of field/equipment consultant who can make recommendations. Free estimate/analysis.
Polo B is erroneously set up as 50/65—needs to be corrected.
Leaking pipe / ground water needs repair near AAA field.
Quadranner—where is the key, who should have access?
Need to schedule field clean up days—Rob says its March 4th.
Brian will contact scholarship parents to stress their volunteer work.
Dave will put together to do/ wish list for fields.

Equipment report:

Spencer Hays says baseballs are needed. Purchases needed soon for reduced costs.
Will take inventory this weekend and come up with purchase list.
Another need is to get used balls returned for use as practice balls next year.

Information Officer Report

APP Signs is making 3 new ad signs for registration announcements, 1 older sign was able to be patched.
12/4 /11, 10 am-2 pm for walk up sign-ups at AHS.
Rob Polk proposes reduction in fee for online registration to save on labor. Or for early registration. Concerns raised about consequent loss of revenue.
Others propose no price differences, with online registration to be encouraged. Rob proposes minimal mailer (postcards) with LL information. Rob synthesizes proposal as:
1) 12/4 walk-up registration
2) postcard and email blast re: online registration.
Discussion re: making other forms electronic (volunteer form, manager application form, etc.)
3) paper registration will have added “processing fee” (\$5)
Jason Boudreault moves to approve Rob’s proposal, Paul seconds. Motion passes.
Website will now have Google maps link to show people if they reside in Aptos LL district for league eligibility.

Winter Ball report: Mike Riggs

All in all very positive. Umpiring excellent. Aptos Soccer will help pay for portapotties.

Tom Smith: Uniform report

Tom has contacted Sport About—they provided last year's invoice.

Tom concerned about prices of majors' jerseys v. lower divisions.

Tom waiting for responses from 2 other vendors.

Sport About is the only authorized Majestic vendor (which majors uses); therefore it's the most convenient supplier for Aptos LL (splitting order between 2 vendors has been done in past, however).

Safety Officer report: Jason Boudreault

Time to start thinking about getting in your volunteer forms.

Jason pledges to work on signage/accessibility to AED devices this year.

Tony (umpire) brings up having people w/CPR first aid certifications on file. Jason agrees its good idea.

Fundraising: General discussion

Idea to throw up pictures on website of areas needing improvement to generate responses.

Mike brings up PCA and AI and AI clinic. Brian talking with Brian Evans about that.

Nikki proposes looking into portable scoreboards for Polo.

Brian and Bart talking about working to get AA teams to play few games here at AJHS.

New Managers: Casey/Sherry/Wes and commissioners will make recommendations for AAA/Majors manager applicants.

Nikki wants deadline (12/31) for manager applications to be FIRM.

Mike wants us to look into using LL sponsored "Game Changer" program for scorekeeping.

PRESENT:

Lisa Murphy, Brian Peoples, Tom Smith, Paul Braga, Kasey Kolassa, Robert Modena, Paul Ramos, Kevin Mitchener, Morty Cohen, Bobby Rigor, Aaron Brookes, Vern Miller, Rob Polk, Spencer Hays, Wes Hunter, Gary Hunter, Jason Boudreault, Mike Riggs, Steve Clark, Greg Koenig, Nicole Laurence, Nikki Harris, J.J. Hamlyn, Tony Grant