

**APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2011, 7:00 PM  
APTOS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Members in Attendance: Lisa Murphy, Brian Peoples, Sherri DeCamara, Robert Modena, Aaron Brooks, Bobby Rigor, Rob Polk, Mike Riggs, Tom Smith, Wes Hunter, Spencer Hayes. Not Present: Jason Boudreault, Tony Pepperdine, Kevin Mitchner, Jeffrey McMullen, JJ Hamlyn, Jason DeFrancesco, Koenig, Meltzer, Grant, Braga, Harris, Cohen, Clark, Fisher, Halstead,

- 1. Call to Order :** Meeting was called to order at 7:15
- 2. Agenda Modifications/Additions:** No Changes
- 3. Approval of September Minutes:** M/S Riggs/Rigor - Approved
- 4. Oral Communications (anything not listed on the agenda) - None**
- 5. Election of Officers and Positions**
  - T-Ball Commissioner – No selection was made
  - Secretary: JJ Hamlyn
  - Opening/Closing Day Coordinator:
  - Uniform Coordinator : Tom Smith
- 6. New Business**
  - **President**
    - Manager & Coach / Board Member Ratio (<50% requirement): Discussion followed regarding the requirement by Little League. No action was taken.
    - Due Items (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>): Brian Peoples will complete the following
      - League Officers update (30 days from vote)
      - ASAP Plan due to Williamsport and District
      - Constitution update
      - Local Rules submitted
      - Charter & Insurance
      - League Assessment paid
      - Meeting dates to District 39 President
      - Training
        - Player Agent/Oct 26<sup>th</sup>
        - Safety Officer/Nov 9<sup>th</sup>
        - Treasurer/Nov 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Discuss and Approve Calendar: Kasey Kollasa presented the calendar via email. Approved.
    - Registration : Discussion followed.
      - Process (on-line, mailings)
      - Dates (Volunteers to staff table). 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in Dec.
      - Registration Fee's – Approve fee of \$135 – in lieu of fundraising. No family to pay more then \$300. Deadline of Jan. 21.
      - Try-Outs: Jan 21, Make-up Tue Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Rain out Jan 28 & 29
    - Major manager process/Lower division manager process: Discussed and determine will follow the bylaws process: Selection

committee will be: All commissioners, Player Agent, Sheri Decamara, Wes Hunter Kasey Kolasa. M/S Approved. Final Approval by the Board. Committee will meet on Jan 11, 2012. Deadline for Applications Dec. 30 to the President.

- Conduct Sheet for Managers/Coaches to sign:
- Local Rules – See Attached proposed Rules – discussed but no action taken.

**7. Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Not Present.

**8. Facilities/Equipment Report:** Brief discussion regarding replacing the batting cages. No equipment report.

**9. Winter Ball Report:** Riggs reported that the season is going well, ends Oct. 23. They have 6 AAA and 5 Majors teams.

**10. Clinic**

- Umpire, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – San Jose
- Others?

**11. Safety Officer:** Not Present.

- Volunteer Application/Background check forms
- Review Incident/Accident Reporting Process

**12. Closing Comments:** None

**13. Agenda items for future meetings**

1. 50/50 for Majors

## **2011 Aptos Little League Local Rules (draft)**

1. The Draft Method for the Majors and AAA division will be the same for both divisions based on the current years operational manual. The draft method will be voted on by the January meeting.

All other Minors divisions AA, A, Farm & T-ball teams will be assigned players by the Player Agent with the assistance of division Commissioners with the goal of creating balanced teams in terms of talent, coaches, sponsors and volunteers.

2. Any Majors or AAA player who is out of the lineup for more than three consecutive weeks (or six games) is subject to being removed from his/her team by action of the board of directors. However, the board of directors reserves the right to allow such player to remain on the roster. Managers must make the Player Agent aware if any player misses more than two consecutive games for any reason.

Failure to do so will be cause for corrective action against the manager. (See Regulation III (d))

3. No player will be called up from the AAA division to a Major League team or from the AA division to a AAA division team in the last two weeks of the regular season. (See Regulation III (d) 2)

4. It is Aptos Little League policy that if a player declines to move up to a Majors division team via the draft or when a vacancy occurs in the Majors division, it will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Majors division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by the local league.

5. Division Alignment

*(age breakdowns meant to be a general guideline based on player's age as of April 30, 2010)*

Major League Baseball: 10-12 year olds-Kid Pitch

AAA Division Player Pitch Baseball: 8-11 year olds-Kid Pitch

AA Division Player/Coach Pitch Baseball: 8-11 year olds-Coach Pitch/Kid Pitch

A Division Coach/Player Pitch Baseball: 7-8 year olds-Coach Pitch/Kid Pitch

Farm Division Coach Pitch Baseball: 6-7 year olds-Coach Pitch Only

Tee Ball Baseball: 4-5-6 year olds-Tee usage only

For the current season, all players league age 4 and 6 will play Tee Ball.

(Exception: With concurrence of the parents, player and Player Agent, those 6-year olds who played Tee Ball last season may be moved up to Farm division).

All players league age 7 will be placed in Farm division unless they have completed two years of baseball and may then move up to the A division. All players league age 8-12 will be evaluated and, based on the evaluation and previous playing experience, be placed in the A, AA or AAA divisions.

Parents of 11 years who score in the bottom 10 of 11 years on tryout evaluations will be contacted by Player agent prior to AAA draft to determine Parents desires for AA or AAA league. Placement of player in AA will be based on Parent's desire – player will be drafted in AAA based on parent's desire.

6. In the Majors division, players will play at least 3 innings (9 defensive outs, not necessarily consecutive) and get at least 1 at bat. All players who begin the game on the bench must be substituted into the game by the 3rd inning. If a team violates the minimum playing time requirements, the manager is subject to disciplinary action by the Majors Commissioner, Managers Committee and Board of Directors. Continued violations may warrant suspensions or removal of the manager.

7. In all Minors divisions (AAA, AA, A, Farm) and Tee Ball, continuous batting order will be used during regular season play. Each team's batting order will be set at the beginning of the season and pick up where it left off each game (whomever was due up next at the end of the last game bats first the next game). The AAA managers may reset the order ½ way through the season if all managers agree. During the AAA playoffs, the continuous batting order will be eliminated.

All players shall have the opportunity to play the infield and outfield during the season. All players should have an equal and fair amount of at bats during the

season.

All players in AAA and AA are to sit out a minimum of one inning and a maximum of two innings defensively per game unless a team has too few players to do so. Teams in A, Farm and Tee Ball may play all their players defensively each inning. If a team violates the minimum playing time requirements, the manager is subject to disciplinary action by the division Commissioner, Managers Committee and Board of Directors. Continued violations may warrant suspensions or removal of the manager.

8. All player pitch divisions will abide by the green book pitching rules. It is mandatory that all managers keep track of the number of pitches and sign off on the pitching log after each game. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action or suspension by the board. Also, the pitching logs and scorebooks may not be removed from the scorebooths.

9. The 10 run rule will be in effect for the Majors & AAA division only. (See Rule 4.10 (e))

10. Slap bunt/slashing is allowed in Majors only. Teams should first prepare the teams and teach them how to bunt first before attempting to slap/bunt. A slap bunt is showing or faking a bunt and swinging at the pitch instead.

11. The home team manager and coaches will prepare and line the field prior to each game.

12. All trash must be removed from dugouts after games. Both team managers are responsible for putting away all equipment (chalkers, bases, rakes, etc.) and locking up scorebooths, batting cages and equipment sheds.

13. All managers, coaches and umpires must attend a clinic sponsored by the District Administrator, Aptos Little League or another approved clinic, prior to the start of the season. Positive Coaching Alliance training is also mandatory for all managers and coaches. Aptos Little League will host **three** PCA workshops in 2011-12 and online workshops will be available and paid for by the league for those who cannot attend workshops in person. The Commissioner of each division is responsible for giving information on clinics to the managers and coaches. The umpire-in-chief is responsible for giving information to the umpires.

14. Optional rules and regulations for Minor League (AAA, AA, A, Farm)/Tee Ball divisions are:

- Tee Ball games should be completed in about 60 minutes, 90 minutes for Farm, For AAA, AA and A games the following time limits apply: 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if home team is ahead. No new inning to start after 1 hour 45 minutes. (AMENDED MAY 5, 2010 – AAA NO NEW INNING TO START AFTER 2 HOURS).
- Managers and coaches are allowed on the field in Tee Ball and Farm, A

and AA Coach Pitch. (See Regulation VIII)

- Adults (offensive team manager or coach) will pitch in the Farm, A and AA Coach Pitch Divisions.
- No stealing in Farm or A divisions. No stealing home in AA division.
- Protests must be resolved before the next play in Farm, A, AA Coach Pitch and Tee Ball.
- Protests not resolved before the next play will or pitch, legal or illegal, not be considered. (See Rule 4.19)
- A 4-run per inning limit will be observed in A, AA and AAA with an open last inning if time permits.

15. All Aptos Little League volunteers must complete a volunteer application and satisfactorily complete a screening process.

16. It is mandatory if children under 18 are umpiring that there be an adult umpire as well.

	<b>Farm</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>AA</b>
Goal of League	To transition players from tee ball to a understanding the fundamentals of baseball - how to hit, throw and make outs at first base.	To add more fundamentals to the game (pitching, catching, hitting) and begin to get players ready for all positions filled by child players.	Begin transition to a more competitive style of baseball and more closely aligned with green book rules of play
Pitching	<i>Coach pitch</i> only for the entire season, 7-9 pitches per batter with an emphasis on success in hitting for each player	<i>At Bat Centric:</i> Player pitches to batter until 4 balls in count, then coach pitches three pitches to batter to hit (no walks). Pitch Count Required.	<i>Inning Centric:</i> Player pitch until 4 walks in inning, then coach finishes out the inning (no walks by coach). Pitch Count Required.

	<b>Farm</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>AA</b>
Catching	Catch the coach pitched balls if possible, usually after bounce on ground, and return them to the coach/pitcher with a throw that uses good fundamentals	Catcher gets to learn how to properly position behind batter and attempts to catch all pitches	Catcher gets to improve on catching pitched balls and throw out runners at bases
Batting	Consecutive batting order, each player bats every inning, more then 3 outs possible in an inning while all players bat	All players in batting order, side changes after 3 outs are made or 4 runs are scored	All players in batting order, side changes after 3 outs or 4 runs are scored
Fielding	All players on field	All players on field	9 players on field
Base Running	No stealing/lead offs, players leave base when out is made, all hits singles unless ball goes out of infield in air. <i>(with an emphasis on not sending runners further on ground ball errors which was happening too much last year. If you leave a player on first, you give the defense a change to learn how to make a force at second, however if all runners are sent to second on ground balls through the legs, it becomes a first base game only)</i>	No stealing/lead offs, hits are played for the number of bases a run can advance	Stealing ok (not home), lead offs ok after pitch per green book rules, hits are played for the number of bases a runner can advance

### **Farm, A, AA**

Because Aptos Little League has split the minors level into four divisions, it is important to distinguish between each level. Farm, A and AA will be handled in one proposal while AAA is handled as a separate proposal.

The following table represents an approach to regulate each division Farm, A and AA and at the same time highlight the differences between the divisions while emphasizing that each division is a progression in the development of players. By breaking up the local rules into the fundamentals of the game, it is easier to see the progression and differences between the leagues. It also makes it easier to enforce the local rules of each division and place players into divisions since players that are not physically or mentally ready for a certain division could then be justifiably placed into a lower division. A good example of the placement characteristics can be seen in the batting section; if a child is not mentally prepared to go through a half inning without batting then they would need to be placed into Farm instead of A because in Farm, all players will bat each half inning, but that would not be the case in A.

In the following table, each baseball fundamental is organized down the left hand column and the divisions and their progressions in each fundamental are seen by going across the table

