



North River American Little League

P.O. Box 1072, Palmetto, FL 34220

Board Meeting Minutes

President: Chuck Hague **Vice-President:** Oscar Vela

Treasurer: Jeff Davis **Secretary:** Tonya Davis

Player Agent: Michelle Munivez **Safety Officer:** David Huttinger

Gina Allison, Liz Conrad, Dick Coury, Shay Hague, Brian Harrell, Tina Harrell,
Chris Ralston, Tammy Stinton, Evelyn Townsley, Kris Townsley, Leticia Vela

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Call to Order at: 6:01pm Chuck welcomed new people to the meeting and stated only the Board can vote.

Approval of Minutes: Michelle motioned, Liz 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Approval Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$15,755.90, new expenses were Little League fees and yearly incorporation fees to State of Florida. Kris motioned for approval, Tonya 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Coach Coordinator: n/a

Concession Stand: Tina said she needs more help in concession stand due to her schedule, she can not commit 100%. Chuck said she needs to make schedule for board members to open/close for a week at a time starting 2nd week of February when adult league start their games, but we can close early when our little league is off the fields. Liz suggested not buying bread in bulk and freezing/thawing it.

County Liaison: Chuck went to City Council mtg last night and was told we are at 30% drawings for our new fields. City voted on taking \$20,000 from sale of school and putting towards surveying where 10th Avenue may go north to 23rd Street, but it will interfere with Ag bldg at Palmetto High. Goal is to have Opening Day in January of next year. Timeline will be given at Feb 1st mtg by Alan Tusing. Cindy Turner is not getting updates from City. County needs to get money from City and take over because City is chipping away at money for other issues. Chuck submitted \$50,000 grant for Home Depot and we're a finalist, but won't find out until April. Chuck has spoken to an attorney for advice who stated in State of Florida a verbal contract, which was made to us by the City of Palmetto is a binding contract. Our league is incorporated and considered a business which has lost funding and 44% participation due to lack of fields. Chuck was informed that we should hire an attorney. Erika said if we present a letter from attorney, it may get their attention and no legal action would be required. Chuck has talked to reporter for newspaper and emailed other news media. Chris Lukowiak said his inside source at City said there is no money set aside for our new ball fields and they are relying on County or school board to come up with the funds. He suggested we hire attorney and get an injunction order against proceeds from sale of property our fields use to be on. Chris L. had spreadsheet showing what original plans were compared to what City is wanting to do now with moving the road, etc. which will cost more money. Chuck said our local people and parents involved with this League are willing to do the work for less money. Michelle motioned to consult w/attorney, Evelyn 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Chuck said once we pay Little League fees and order uniforms for this season, we can see how much money is left to go towards paying for attorney if necessary, but would like to find one to work pro bono. Liz will head up committee to make signs and put the word out in community about our lack of fields. We have support from School Board and County Commissioners. Ric Russo said we need to remove City from this deal and let County take over building our new fields.

Field and Equipment: Managers can get their equipment after coaches meeting.

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Fundraiser: Gina is having surgery this week, Chuck asked everyone to pray for her and her family. Chuck said the result from registration poll was overwhelming for adding \$20 fee per player, but we will implement this next season. Scratchers didn't do well last season, but we still have some books left and can use new, local coupons. This season we will have silent auction at Opening Day and 50/50 raffle to raise money.

Player Agents: Tryouts are this Saturday. Chuck said JR boys do not need to tryout since we only have one team and they will still be eligible for All Stars. Baseball draft will be Sunday at storage bldg.- minors at 10:30, majors at 11:30. Tammy said softball draft will be at 12:30 and 1:30 with Buffalo Creek. Chuck said draft will be held according to rules in the new orange books and will start with older kids and go down. The managers and coaches children are 4, 5, and 6th picks.

Publicity Coordinator: Chuck said Shay is resigning her position on the board due to family issues.

Safety Coordinator: David has until Feb. 20th to measure fields and turn in safety plan. All managers must attend coach/safety meeting this Saturday at 9am at Blackstone Park.

Sponsorship: 7 confirmed, need at least 7 more. Chuck suggested we do major league team names for Tball if we don't end up with enough sponsors for all teams. Michelle motioned, Oscar 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Team Mom: n/a

Umpire Report: Dick said his umpires are ready and just need new rule books.

Uniform Coordinator: Kris asked about softball visors. Tonya asked a few parents and got 50/50 response. David suggested headbands since it is cheaper. Chuck doesn't want visors since most girls don't wear them. Liz said no parent or coach should be dealing with uniform company – everything should go thru her.

Web Site: Jeff has posted links on web site from City and County meetings regarding our fields.

New Business:

****** Chuck said there are 2 spots open on the board for anyone who has attended at least 2 meetings. Liz nominated Chuck and Erika Blaney, Dick 2nd – they both accepted – **Motion Approved.** Chuck said we can change our constitution at any time if we need to update amount of board members.

****** Rod Sullivan paid \$120 towards cost of replacing destroyed banners and will pay balance due on 2/8, so that his son will be allowed to play ball and no criminal charges will be filed.

**** Opening Day:** Erika needs about \$550 to purchase everything she has planned, such as DJ, bounce house, games, etc. and needs volunteers on field during ceremony to help speed along process, which will start at 6:30pm on Friday, March 5th. Michelle motioned to approve budget, David 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Chuck would like to keep it at a minimal and plan more for Closing Ceremonies like last year.

**** Voting on baseball managers:** Tball - 4 teams total, Joe Pina asked to manage and we need to find 3 more. Kris motioned, David 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Pitching Machine – 2 teams, Oscar motioned for Andy Allison, Liz 2nd – **Motion Approved.** David motioned for Marco Pinales, Tonya 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Minors – 3 teams, maybe 4 teams: Tonya motioned for Scott Sauerbeck, Michelle 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Michelle motioned Derek Goforth, Oscar 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Dick motioned for Oscar Vela, Chuck B. 2nd – **Motion Approved.** If a 4th team, Oscar motioned for Jimmy Moden, Jeff 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Majors – 2 teams, Oscar motioned Chuck Blaney, Dick 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Oscar motioned for Kris Townsley, Jeff 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Juniors - 1 team, Oscar motioned for Ric Russo, Jeff 2nd, **Motion Approved.** Chuck said if any coaches have issues with players/parents, they need to let the Board know immediately. **Softball Managers:** Pitching Machine (will play Eastball and maybe GT Bray) – 1 team, Michelle motioned for David Huttinger, Dick 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Minors - 4 teams (merging with Buffalo Creek), Oscar motioned for Quincy Watkins, David 2nd – **Motion Approved.** Buffalo Creek will provide other 3 managers. Majors- 3 teams, Oscar motioned for Butch Stancil, Liz 2nd – **Motion Approved.** We need to find one more coach, and BC will provide one coach. Juniors- 1 team (some on high school team), Jeff motioned for Robby Stinton, David 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th @ 6:00 pm (930 5th Street West)

Motion to adjourn: Kris motioned, Chris 2nd - Adjourned at 8:53pm

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Treasurer's Report: December 9, 2009 - January 20, 2010

			Total Balances as of December 9, 2009	\$ 8,032.53
Revenue				
12/31/2009	MRCB	Interest		\$ 0.17
1/11/2010	BOA	Deposit (Sponsor Fees & Player Fees)		\$ 2,360.00
1/11/2010	BOA	Deposit (Sponsor Fees & Player Fees)		\$ 660.00
1/19/2010	BOA	Deposit (Sponsor Fees & Player Fees)		\$ 5,010.00
1/19/2010	BOA	Deposit (Player Fees)		\$ 660.00
1/19/2010	BOA	Deposit (Player Fees)		\$ 1,527.00
Total Revenue				\$ 10,217.17
Expenses				
Date	Check #	To	For	Amount
12/10/2009	EFT	Verizon	Phone	\$ 52.36
12/15/2009	Debit	Florida Dept. of State	State Fee	\$ 70.00
12/14/2009	Debit	Office Max	Toner	\$ 99.98
12/17/2009	1103	Little League	Spring Fees	\$ 1,707.70
12/18/2009	EFT	City of Palmetto	Utilities	\$ 73.45
12/31/2010	EFT	Bank of America	Bank Fees	\$ 29.95
1/4/2010	EFT	BANKCARD DESMTOT	CC Fees	\$ 43.90
1/8/2010	EFT	FPL	Electric	\$ 15.32
1/11/2010	EFT	Yahoo	Website	\$ 12.95
1/12/2010	EFT	Verizon	Phone	\$ 55.22
1/12/2010	1104	Office Max	Toner/Paper	\$ 157.15
1/15/2010	EFT	City of Palmetto	Utilities	\$ 74.11
1/16/2010	Debit	Wal-Mart	Registration/Cookout	\$ 8.79
1/16/2010	Debit	Wal-Mart	Registration/Cookout	\$ 10.28
1/16/2010	Debit	Wal-Mart	Registration/Cookout	\$ 15.68
1/16/2010	Debit	Wal-Mart	Registration/Cookout	\$ 19.60
1/16/2010	Debit	Wal-Mart	Registration/Cookout	\$ 47.36
Total Expenses				\$ 2,493.80
Ending Balance as of January 20, 2010				\$ 15,755.90

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