



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, October 13, 2009

Call to Order at: 6:06pm

Approval of Minutes: Dick motioned, David 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Approval Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$5,197.79 but still need to pay for Fall umpires and we have money coming in from fundraiser and concession stand. Electric bill for full month on building was only \$31.

Kris motioned for approval, Dick 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Coach Coordinator: Kris stated Buffalo Creek has questioned age of his players and thinks there are 12 year olds on team. Chuck will email Jeff (NRNLL President) to clarify the ages. Oscar stated all games played at G.T. Bray has been pleasurable and people there are nice and welcoming to our teams.

Concession Stand: Tina ordered co2 tanks for soda machine. Liz said all board members need to help work the concession stand and she has a sign up sheet. David asked how concession stand was doing and Chuck said best nights are when adult league is playing and Saturday when there are multiple games.

County Liaison: County Commission meeting was last week and Gwen Brown stated we have no say regarding new fields since we aren't bringing any money to the table. Chris Lukowiak was there to represent us, but they would not allow him to speak. Chuck said we were misquoted saying we no longer want new fields and he doesn't trust the City anymore. Now the DOT won't allow the new road to be moved because they do not want traffic light on the curve, plus the mobile home park isn't happy about the new planned intersection located next to their entryway into park. Dick said we should have our players write letters to newspaper. Chuck said Carl Nudi from Bradenton Herald will post article every 2 weeks for us regarding our field situation if we want him to and ABC 40 will do another segment for us. Dick and Shay said we need to keep fighting and let our voices be heard. Jeff said we need to stress the time frame to everyone. On record, April 2011 is the tentative completion date of our new fields.

Field and Equipment: Chuck said it has been hard for our League to be split up at 4 different parks this season and there were a lot of schedule conflicts. New equipment was ordered and enough catcher's gear for each division. Need to make sure coaches watch for kids that are being too rough with our gear. First Jr. baseball game was cancelled due to wording in insurance binder, but Chuck straightened that out. Oscar stated Buffalo Creek was expecting his team to work the concession stand when they played at their field and young kids were being the umpires. Chuck will email Beth and Jeff at BC regarding these issues. Chuck said all coaches must attend coach meeting at beginning of each season, or they will not be given their equipment. Liz asked if we got all equipment back from coaches during Spring or All Stars. Chuck said there are still 2 coaches with equipment, so Tonya will send them an invoice and ask for either the equipment back or amount of money to replace it.

Fundraiser: Chuck reported that Gina extended deadline to turn in money and books from Skratcers until October 19th and we all need to remind people about it. One team never got their books because the coach

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did not want to deal with it. A possible reward for top seller could be a money machine that one of our coaches would donate since he owns a fundraising business. Everyone thought 50/50 raffle did well, but if we do it again, we need more time. Discussions ensued about having a food booth at the fair and Chuck knows someone that may loan us a cart, but we may have problems getting enough people to work it.

Player Agent: Chuck said there is nothing to report on behalf of Michelle for the Fall, but in the Spring, they will hold Minors and Majors tryouts on different days. If a player wants to be eligible for All-Stars, they MUST tryout, even if they are a child of a coach and even if there is only one team in their division.

Publicity Coordinator: Shay said Barbara from North River News will no longer be doing a player spotlight in the paper for us since it is a conflict of interest for her because she is friends with the Mayor. There is not going to be Festival of Lights this year, so Shay is trying to get information about having a food booth at the Winter Wonderland, which is held in downtown Bradenton during Christmas time.

Safety Coordinator: David gave info to Jeff about which lightning detector we should purchase for \$343. He said that he will send an email reminder to all coaches that any injury needs to be recorded on an accident report and given to him ASAP, if this doesn't happen, then NRALL could be held liable because the insurance will not pay. Liz said there is a wasp problem at Blackstone and there is some spray in the concession stand.

Sponsorship: Chuck suggests Tonya start sending sponsor letters now for the Spring season since most businesses require at least 8 weeks notice, but all money must be paid in full before we assign their sponsorship to any team. Everyone agreed to keep the donation amount the same as last Spring.

Team Mom: Evelyn got a hold of all team moms except Jr/Sr, so Kris threw away their book of information.

Umpire Report: Dick said there were problems with lights coming on when needed. Chuck said he gave the wrong time to County and we should keep a key to lock box for lights in the concession stand.

Uniform Coordinator: Liz would like to use different company in Spring due to all the mistakes from All Stars and Fall. Chuck told her to get 3 quotes to present before the Board, but preferably not Manatee Apparel since they cost us extra money last Spring and backed out of verbal commitment to do banner. Shay suggested we get samples of exact shirts before registration in January. Liz said she needs cut-off dates to order add-ons but will order 1 or 2 extra shirts per team anyway for late registrations and suggests we don't put names on back of shirts. Chuck said that will be voted on at next meeting.

Web Site: Jeff added links to the web site from City and County meetings that pertain to our new fields. Chuck suggested Jeff add a "safety corner" to the web site for important information for everyone and instructions on what to do if there is an injury or accident.

New Business:

** All board members need to fill out 2010 volunteer forms and the ss# is now mandatory in order to get accurate information from Choicepoint. Chuck said the District will do the background checks for our board members, so it doesn't take up our free 125 uses which started over on October 1st.

** Shay volunteered to be in charge of Opening Day in the Spring, which will take place at Blackstone Park. The date and time will be determined later. More discussions about plans will be at our next board meeting. Shay said plans need to be made early since there are other functions that happen at same time and some things may not be available to us if we wait too long to plan.

** Chuck said our Spring Season will be at Blackstone for baseball and softball. We may inter league with G.T. Bray and not Buffalo Creek. We will have 2 portable pitching mounds for baseball to use these fields and the County has agreed to install them for us.

** We will set registration dates for Spring at next meeting. Shay suggested having it for one weekend only.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th @ 6:00pm (930 5th Street West)

Motion to adjourn: Jeff motioned, Tonya 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Adjourned at: 7:30pm

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