



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, November 10, 2009

Call to Order at: 6:01pm

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

Approval Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$4,523.97 – Tina motioned, Oscar 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Our yearly contract is up on cc machine, so we can see about switching to lower fees.

Coach Coordinator: Kris said we need to decide on how to select coaches for all stars. Chuck suggested we give ballots to coaches, kids, parents and finally the board to vote for all stars because the manager with best record for season doesn't always work for all stars. Kris said we should select according to the rule book. Evelyn suggested putting names of possible coaches on ballot and letting board decide. Oscar stated the coaches have to know all the rules, but they seem to differ from each field they play on. Chuck said we will have a coach clinic and they will all get rule books to abide by. Also, Chuck said we need better way to pick all star players since there were several players last season who didn't deserve to play because of their bad attitudes. Chuck said coaches can suspend players if need be, not to exceed 3 games.

Erika Blaney suggested after each game, a coach from opposing team pick up to 3 players who deserves to be nominated for all stars, then at end of season – pick the players with most votes instead of always picking coaches kid or board member kids who play every year. Kris said sometimes it is based on availability of players and coaches.

Chuck had a deck of coach cards with different practice drills and wanted Kris to review and give him feedback. If he likes, then we can order more for \$19.99 each. Liz suggested just making copies or take notes of the drills instead of spending that much money.

Concession Stand: Tina stated she needs more help this week working in the stand. Most money is made on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Sam's isn't carrying some products we normally buy like boiled peanuts, but she put in complaint and hopefully they will get more by Spring. Shay said more board members need to step up and help instead of same 5 people doing everything. Much discussion ensued and it was agreed that Tina will make weekly schedule for upcoming season and it's up to each board member to find coverage if they are unable to work during their assigned shift. There will be a floater key to go around. Chuck suggested opening for all practices in Spring as well as games.

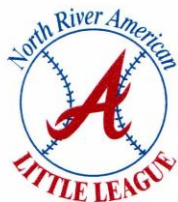
County Liaison: Oscar brought in drawing of new fields that the engineer has proposed to the City. Chuck said it is missing the 2 story concession stand and we need to let them know our plans show they can move it further south and can start building now. County will get portable mounds the last week of November and will set up for us and add clay, then we will go out and troubleshoot to see how it works. All Spring games should be at Blackstone Park for all divisions except Jr/Sr baseball, which will be at Palmetto High School. However, we will have to share fields with school and other leagues.

Field and Equipment: We got back the 2 equipment bags from previous coaches. Need to check for roof leak in building before storing new equipment and need to get stuff out of storage unit by end of month. Chuck stated every team will have new catcher's gear next season.

Fundraiser: Gina is still waiting on books and money from some teams, so far she received \$2,434 which puts us at a

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loss of \$166. There are 45 empty books and it's too late to send back to company for refund.

However, we can ask for more coupons at no additional charge and have more local vendors printed on it and try it again with same books. She suggests next season, we add a fundraising fee to registration since parents don't want to help us raise money. If we give them tickets, they can sell at their discretion if they want to re-coup that money or not for themselves. Shay suggested we post a sign of what it cost this league per player, so all parents can see. Chuck said last season, it cost \$122 per player. Brian said we should sell hot dogs at Walmart. Michelle said we should continue the 50/50 raffle again since a lot of people like that. Oscar said just give more time to sell tickets.

Player Agent: After discussions, it was decided that the registration dates are **Jan. 8,9,15,16**. Tryouts will be held on Jan. 30 and draft on Jan. 31. If anyone signs up after that, they will be put on waiting list and not guaranteed to play. Gina said there needs to be a cut-off point so the league doesn't have to incur additional charges for uniforms, etc. Shay suggested adding late fee for those who sign up late. Oscar asked about keeping certain kids on his team from previous seasons, Chuck said rule book states only if 50% of players are returning, but then he will lose turn during draft of new players for each player he already selected. **ALL** players must tryout if they want to be considered on All Star team and we must follow all rules in book. Chuck stated that we do not have to participate in County Cup and would prefer we do our own playoffs. We will take off week of FCAT and Spring Break. Tonya asked where will registration be held, Michelle prefers at Blackstone. More discussions ensued about price for Spring registration. Chuck said other leagues charge over \$100. Oscar motioned for **\$80**, Shay 2nd – **Motion Approved**. Shay suggested having discount for players who signed up early. Oscar motioned for discount on multiple kids, nobody 2nd – denied. Tonya motioned for discount for board members, Leticia 2nd – denied since majority ruled against. Tammy stated since we are trying to do fundraisers to raise money, then we shouldn't offer discounts and lose money.

Publicity Coordinator: Shay said there is a Christmas parade on Dec 12th at Anna Maria Island sponsored by the Privateers, but it is long and we would need a float to ride on. There will be a Santa and free lunch at the end of parade if we want to participate.

Safety Coordinator: Anytime a player needs attention to injury (ice, bandaid, etc.), an accident form **must** be filled out that day and put into safe and call David ASAP. If this does not happen, the Board and NRALL can be held liable. We received the lightning detector that we ordered and it is in the concession stand.

Sponsorship: Sponsor letters have started to be sent out and already received one back so far, as well as a commitment from Active Images who will be doing our pictures again next season.

Team Mom: In Spring, coaches will choose their team mom and meeting will be after 1st week of practice.

Umpire Report: Chuck stated that our umpires support this league 110% and Dick has sent emails to people regarding our field situation and got article in newspaper for us. They have a good group of guys.

Uniform Coordinator: Liz received 2 quotes but is waiting on 2 more. Chuck asked her to get this info by next meeting so we can vote, then she can get sample shirts in time for registration in January. Michelle stated we should allow Liz at least 3 weeks to order uniforms before Opening Day.

Web Site: n/a

New Business:

**** Opening Day** – Shay suggested having it on Sat. March 6th and she can book Privateers and that would give teams about 5 weeks to practice. Michelle motioned, Tonya 2nd – **Motion Approved**. Tammy stated high school softball having tournament that day on the fields, so after discussions – motion was changed to **Friday evening, March 5th** possibly on soccer fields if necessary.

**** Spring**–Chuck stated we will inter league with G.T. Bray, not sure about Braden River & Lakewood Ranch yet. Shay said our teams should rotate times for Saturday games.

**** Tammy** asked when the next District meeting was. Chuck said nobody has heard from Nicole since July.

**** Kris** asked if we ever updated our Constitution. Chuck said he has different version than Nicole, so he has to wait and get most recent copy from her.

**** Evelyn** noticed some teams not doing pledges before each game. Chuck said it is up to all board members to enforce this with coaches if any of us notice them not doing it, along with anything else we notice going on – it is up to all board members, not just him.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8th @ 6:00 pm (930 5th Street West)

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

Adjourned at: 7:59pm

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