



North River American Little League

P.O. Box 1072, Palmetto, FL 34220

Board Meeting Minutes

President: Brian Harrell **Vice-President:** TBD
Treasurer: Jeff Davis **Secretary:** Tonya Davis
Player Agent: Michelle Munivez **Softball VP/Safety Officer:** David Hutteringer
Todd Bonds, Tina Harrell, Bernadine Jimenez, Marco Pinales, Leticia Vela

Meeting Date: Monday, November 15, 2010

Call to Order at: 6:01pm Brian led us into prayer.

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

Approval Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$6,952.77, Michelle motioned, David 2nd – **Motion Approved.**

Concession Stand: Brian reported that we bought new lock for concession stand since someone broke in and stole about \$50 in change. Need to buy space heater, but will wait until next season to address the issue again.

County Liaison: Newspaper article stated Manatee Fruit lawyers want more money. City wants to put cap on amount. They were to have meeting on 8th to vote. If they don't agree, then they will find another spot for our fields – possibly where current police station is. We have not heard any results yet from that meeting.

Beth mentioned the Pepsi Refresh opportunity where we can get up to \$250,000 but it is all based on the most votes within 15 days, but we need to apply. Jeff said he thinks the Mayor was handling this for us at one time.

Field and Equipment: Shed was approved, but we need to buy wood and paint to make it match other buildings. Need to get all equipment from coaches after their last game – they can leave in concession stand.

Safety Coordinator: David said we all need to remind players to wear helmets while in batting cages. We are still waiting on county to make sign for the fence stating this rule.

Softball: This is last week of games.

Sponsorship: Tonya sent letters out to previous sponsors and received check for 1 team sponsor and 1 banner sponsor with promise of 2 more team sponsors who have yet paid. She will send out more letters next week.

Web Site: Jeff tries to keep it updated.

New Business:

**** Rule changes for 2011** – Brian said new rule books are coming out with changes. Beth said some new rules are being rescinded. Some composite bats are banned, but we are waiting on list. Erika suggested we add this information to our web site so parents don't buy the wrong bats prior to next season.

**** New board members and positions** – Need VP of baseball, coordinators for coach, fundraising and team mom.

Beth (DA) explained duties for each open position and that only the VP and coach coordinator has to be a board member. Brian asked if anyone wants to join the board. Derek Goforth, Jason Brown and Erika Blaney said yes.

David nominated Derek Goforth as board member, Jeff 2nd – Approved.

Michelle nominated Jason Brown as board member, David 2nd – Approved.

Michelle nominated Erika Blaney as board member, Jeff 2nd – Approved.

Erika motioned for Derek as VP of baseball, Michelle 2nd – Approved.

Michelle motioned for Jason as coach coordinator, Laura Goforth as team mom coordinator, Erika as fundraising coordinator, Jeff 2nd all the above positions – **all was Approved.**

Beth said if we want to amend constitution to allow for more than 13 board members, then we need to have a separate general member meeting and invite everyone. Beth suggested we should wait until spring before doing so.

**** Jason** said he had good ideas for coaching and Beth said we should have coach clinic and there are some good resources on little league international web site we can refer to.

**** Erika** asked if fundraising should be given out at registration. David said yes but need to have more time to turn in.

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New Business (con't.):

** Jason Brown asked if he has to live within boundary to coach in this league. Beth said not to coach, but if children want to play, then they either need to live in boundary or get waiver if they can show proof they once lived in our area as long as they did not miss a spring season. We need proof of address to file for 2D form for approval. David said we need to address issue on why Jason was previously voted not to coach anymore. Tonya said she reviewed recording from that meeting and there was no reason given for him to be banned from coaching which was brought up by someone who is no longer a board member. Sabrina Brown said that person has never been to their games and doesn't know why she said anything. They have been in league for 12 years and don't usually attend meetings however, if someone is voting against them for something, they should have been notified. Matt Burch agreed with that fact since his son was removed from league as well due to fighting at an all star game and he was not notified until after the fact. David said we were obviously given the wrong information when we voted. Beth said it was all done unfairly and proper procedures were not followed. She will get us the correct information in case this needs to be addressed again, but there needs to always be a paper trail and each person has the right to be notified and allowed to attend meeting to defend themselves before board makes a decision, but no player should be banned from the league. But it should be special meeting just for that reason and does not involve all board members, only executive board or whomever is on disciplinary board. Therefore, all prior votes against players or coaches are void and we need to forget the past and start from scratch. Leticia asked if that also applies to Ramon Negrete, who was told by Oscar Vela that Brian said he could not coach anymore for this league. Brian said he never told Oscar that. All he said was he could not coach anymore this season due to him going on field and putting his hands on Ryan Bellamy during a game and yelling and making threatening gestures that many people witnessed. Beth said umpire should have handled situation right then, otherwise Brian is head of league and has authority to make decision to remove him from game, but not the league. If Ramon wishes to remain a coach in this league, then he has right to defend himself in a meeting before the disciplinary board, but all complaints should be put in writing on what they saw or heard from both teams involved in this incident. If there are other incidents in question, they can also be addressed at meeting before decision is made. Tammy Stinton asked if there was a time limit for this – Beth will find out what that is, but suggests we take care of it as soon as possible.

**Michelle suggested putting information in manager books to explain how to deal with certain situations. David said we should make packet to hand out to each family when they register their kids, so they also know who to contact with certain issues they may have during the season and also put info on web site on how to handle situations.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14th @ 6:00 pm (930 5th Street West)

Tonya motioned to adjourn, Michelle 2nd - **Adjourned at 7:25pm.**

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Treasurer's Report: November 15, 2010 - December 14, 2010

Total Balances as of November 15, 2010				\$ 6,952.77
Revenue				
11/23/2010		Sponsorship/Concession Stand Revenue		\$ 1,071.00
12/2/2010		Winter Draft League		\$ 1,945.00
Misc.		Credit Card Deposits		\$ 36.25
12/14/2010		Sponsorships		\$ 1,000.00
Total Revenue				\$ 4,052.25
Expenses				
Date	Check #	To	For	Amount
Misc.		Merchant Advisors	Credit Card Fees	\$12.08
11/15/2010	1203	Nahum Guerrero	Player Refund	\$20.00
11/15/2010	1205	The Trophy Case	Medallions	\$412.50
11/16/2010	1196	Liz Conrad	Nacho Cheese	\$49.00
11/16/2010	1202	Kenny Brown	Player Refund	\$20.00
11/19/2010	1198	Big Earth Landscape Supply	Chalk	\$65.00
11/23/2010	1207	MCSOA	Umpire Fees	\$300.00
11/24/2010	1206	Liz Conrad	Uniform Samples	\$133.61
11/30/2010	EFT	Bank of America	Bank Fees	\$29.95
12/1/2010	1201	Maricelda Rodriguez	Player Refund	\$20.00
12/3/2010	1208	Manatee County Parks & Rec.	Winter Draft League	\$1,050.00
12/6/2010	1209	Sam's Club	Concession Supplies	\$94.14
12/7/2010	EFT	FPL	Electric	\$15.59
12/7/2010	EFT	Verizon	Phone	\$65.77
12/7/2010	EFT	City of Palmetto	Utilities	\$74.97
12/7/2010	EFT	Yahoo	Website	\$12.95
12/7/2010	1204	Cleo Ammons	Player Refund	\$20.00
Total Expenses				\$2,395.56
Ending Balance as of December 14, 2010				\$ 8,609.46

I certify that the finances reported above are true and correct.

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