

## Arapahoe Little League, Board of Director's Meeting February 10, 2013 4:00pm

**Attendees:** David Burch, Carlos Jimenez, Robb Sus, Robin Sus, Chris Wiensch, Heidi Wiensch, Kristen Wilmes, Thate Wilmes, Dan Vesticka

**Absent:** Elena Lira, Kevin Lyster

Meeting was called to order by Chris Wiensch, President at 4:03pm.

### Key Items:

1. **Budget:** Dan presented the 2013 season budget to the board; he reviewed the amounts that were spent from the prior season and the predictions that were made for this coming year. Chris added the additional items that were not included in the preliminary budget. Dan made a motion to approve the 2013 budget as amended in his updated spreadsheet, Thate seconded, motion passed. (Spreadsheet will be sent directly from Dan.)
2. **Constitution:** Chris passed around the recommended Constitution from Little League International that we would like to adopt; the constitution that was originally submitted by our chapter has been rejected and needs to be revised to meet their guidelines. Thate will update the Little League International document to reflect our changes.
3. **Rules:** Chris and Thate have created the rules page for each level of baseball and softball and will be emailing them out for everyone to look at before they are printed to go into the player packets.

### Operating Reports:

1. **President's Report:** Chris updated the board on the district meeting, a new league will be joining District 5 starting in 2014 from Pueblo West- beginning with only T-ball and Farm the first year, District 4 is considering being reinstated for the 2015, season (Durango Area).
2. **Director of Coaching:** Thate will begin working with the PCA to get the program going for coaches; they request about three weeks to get the high schools arranged for meeting spaces. Thate will also look into a scholarship through PCA for \$1,000 off the clinic.
3. **Uniform Manager:** Heidi presented the options for all-star jerseys with the players able to keep their jerseys or the league keeping the jerseys to reuse for the following year. Robb made a motion for players to have the opportunity to keep their jerseys after all-stars. The \$50 deposit made at the time of registration will be used to purchase the belt, socks, jersey (with last name on the back), and hat. Thate seconded, motion passed.

Heidi recommended that players on scholarship pay the \$50 deposit, if the players on scholarship make the All Star team their deposit will also go towards the All Star uniform package listed above, if their volunteer hours are completed and uniforms returned but do not make the All Star team their \$50 deposit will be refunded.

Heidi is having the founding fathers of A.L.L compile a history for the board to include on the website and for grant writing proposals.

4. **Special Events Coordinator:** Heidi updated the group regarding the Opening Day Ceremony, she has secured Dinger and Kristen is working to get Jeff Francis to come. Opening Day will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am before the games. She also mentioned the Rockies game Father's Day weekend.
5. **Director of Umpires:** Dave updated the board on how many umpires have expressed interest so far for the summer season. His umpire clinic will be held Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. He requested that Heidi look into light colored (gray or light blue) shirts with patches sew on for the umpire uniform. Carlos suggested he look into JUMP to find additional umpires, there was also discussion about looking for high school players or college students interested in umpiring over the summer.
6. **Concessions:** No report
7. **Player Agent:** Carlos offered to track the demographics of which areas within our region we are getting most of our players so we can target our outreach efforts for the following season. Chris held up the map of our boundaries that we can use during registration and hang in the clubhouse, Carlos will have it laminated.
8. **Safety Officer-** No report
9. **Information Officer:** Robin requested that we nail down the in-person registration dates to be held at Sports Authority. After discussion the board decided on March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Kristen will reach out to Lyndsay and see if those dates will work for her for us to be onsite at both of the Sports Authority locations (Glendale and Aurora Mall). Robin designated the Facebook page to Mistelle to begin updating on a regular basis with fun informative facts and pictures. There was discussion about what forms were required to be signed: medical release, code of conduct etc. Chris is going to verify, these will be signed at the time of uniform pick up. The next newsletter will be out by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Flyers and postcards will be printed this week- Robin requested that we meet next weekend and divvy up the distribution- Carlos offered to plot the elementary and middle schools in our boundaries and then plot board addresses so we could distribute most efficiently.
10. **Sponsorship/Fundraising:** Kristen updated the board on the fundraising progress that has been made so far and the outstanding requests and appointments. Kristen will also be setting up a fundraising calendar with local fast food establishments for after games and practices that families can go to, to benefit the league- there will be an option for every night of the Fire Cracker tournament since the participants often ask where to eat after the games for the day.

Kristen also updated the board on the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser- to have the personalized logos we will need to purchase at least 100 boxes of chocolate with 60 candy bars in each box. We will need to pay \$3,000 up front for the 100 boxes. After discussion on the pros and cons of moving forward Kristen made a motion to purchase 100 boxes of chocolates

to sell in the sugar shack and as a player fundraiser; Carlos seconded, motion passed with a 5:3 vote in favor.

Chris recommended having a committee meeting in between the board meetings especially while we are in the planning stages of the season, the first committee meeting will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

The next board meeting will be March 9th, at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kristen Wilmes, Secretary