

## **NCLL Board January 12, 2010 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Attending:** Chance Hunt, Tom D'Angelo, John Mullin, Al Palmore, Pat Murphy, Mike Spear, Peter Richmond, Stacy Heilgeist, Todd Holec, Rob Matthewson, Nat Painter, Gregg Nyssen, Jeff Yeager, Michael Johnson, Larry Kida, Carla Cassinelli, John Lombardi, Erickson Moskito, James Simone, Ben Packard, Kevin Spence

Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

### **Old Business/Updates**

**Registration:** Current numbers show that 82 T-ball, 90 Coach Pitch, 49 8/9ers, 61 Minors/Majors, 14 Jrs., 5 Srs., 11 softball.

**Sponsorships:** Carla reported that we're at 98% sponsorship completion, 23-24 sponsors. Uncertain about Garber's returning status as a sponsor. D'Angelo suggested, "What about sponsors push over email/facebook/white board at jamboree? Look for ways to promote our sponsors to the NCLL community, but keep it reasonable."

**Umpires:** Al Palmore shared information from the recent Umpire in Chief (UIC) meeting—new softball rules; clinics on umpire mechanics; District 8 scheduling; umpires will get background checks. 8/9ers will be self-sustaining with behind-the-plate and field umpires. Minors teams will identify and provide one base umpire per team (mentor during the jamboree?). Training will occur pre-season. 6 NCLL umpires will attend the March clinic. Umpire information booth or in uniform at tryouts/jamboree. Also look for ways to include umpires at coach's meetings to build the community. Hats and shirts will be provided for all umpires.

### **Volunteer Updates:**

- Jr/Sr/Big Division Coordinator will be Chuck Ayers
- Jr/Sr/Big Player Agent will be Kevin Spence
- Coach Pitch Division Coordinator will be Jeff Yeager
- Tee Ball Division Coordinator will be Todd Holec
- Umpire Coordinator duties will be handled by Al Palmore/Pat Murphy/Chance Hunt

**Budget:** Jamie Simone distributed a spreadsheet. We are on target for the season's budget; registrations are on track. We have approximately \$33,000 in the bank. D'Angelo will create NCLL sweatshirts for sale. Also we will purchase NCLL t-shirts for the preseason clinic attendees.

**Fields:** New round of funding from the City to apply for to fund parks projects. Jamie will pursue Dept. of Neighborhoods/Parks to see what might be fundable to help improve Ross Park safety issues on the field and third base line fence.

**Scheduling:** John Lombardi reported that scheduling is under way. Coach pitch at BF Day; 8/9er at Wilson-Pacific, LW6; Majors and Minors at LW/Ross Park. Fridays with lots of unallocated time; division coordinators can use the Friday field opening for make-up games and/or practice times. Looks good at this point. John will provide full roster of allocations for coaches so they can verify what's assigned to which team. Requests for extra time go to Tom and John—they'll work with John Bates directly.

**Preseason Clinics:** We have more demand than we can accommodate with 57 kids registered in four tracks. Chance is keeping a wait list should spots open up.

**Coaching Clinics:** Confirmed for Feb. 27, 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. All managers are required to attend; strongly encouraging one more assistant coach/adult to be there, as well as Board leadership. Like to see 80-100 people in attendance. Skills and drills with Mark Linden on 2/23 for new coaches.

## **New Business**

**NCLL Web Site/E-connectivity:** Rob Matthewson has created a League fan page on Facebook, a "virtual clubhouse" for the NCLL community that could include stats, photos, announcements, sponsors, etc. He will convene a committee including Rob, Esa Carlson, Chance Hunt, and Scott French to review, recommend additional enhancements to the NCLL Web page; PR and facilitation and schedules, etc. Pitch counts will be tracked/recorded in a way that enables coaches to easily post—Google Docs, Bonzi/Excel/Email, Scorebooth.com, Twitter/Facebook may be an option—and others can view over time.

**Safety:** Meeting currently scheduled for March 2.

**Player Selection:** Agreement to run tryouts similar to last year: 1) groups of 8 at once and 2) by reservation. John Mullin will email parents to get preferences for tryout dates/times and manage the process this year. Suggested that we have a rating range of 1-5; pin numbers on the backs of kids. Tom will follow up with Pete Richmond and John Mullin on who chooses in which order.

**Inter-league Play:** We will interact with nearby leagues to inform them that we want to play across the league lines during the season. Once we know how many teams we'll have, we can schedule with one of the leagues. Inter league play with Ballard, maybe Queen Anne and/or Magnolia. Pete Richmond will work on minors teams playing against each other.

**Division Coordinators:** There will be open gym time at Wallingford Boys and Girls Club for coaches to use for practices TBD by division coordinators to open up. Focus on 8/9er, minor, majors divisions for practice time.

**Approval of Coaches:** Defer to February meeting

**End of Year Awards:** Approved, seconded and passed that League will provide every player with an end of the season pin from their team coach.