

## 11/10/09 NCLL Board Meeting

Attending:

2010 Registration:

### **Decision on 8/9er program age grouping:**

If we go 8/9 playing together, then how will be determine when an 8-year-old plays at this level vs. staying in coach-pitch?

- Consider tryouts or some kind of assessment process based on skills for the level
- 8-year-old birth date (use April 30 deadline)
- Develop guidelines for what determining consistently who can move up
- What works for developmental needs?
- Is there a standard set of questions that parents can ask before determining where their kids should play?
- What 8-year-olds would be appropriate to move up (an 80-90% solution)—
  - Coach recommendation from their previous year's roster.
  - Tryout for skill evaluation? Appeal to division player agent in order to go up if your coach says no. Player agent should also be employed to assist coaches and parents make decisions during the season should it become apparent that a child is not ready to be at the 8/9er level.
  - Self-evaluation/self-selection by parents as part of the registration process—provide some guidelines for parents to help know what the leveling means
  - Specific ranges of skill/play are articulated in order to push skill development into the right range and opportunity.
  - Manage by triggering an email that provides guidelines for the parent so they are sure this is the right level for their 8-year-old via separate category for 8's requesting to play in 8/9er.

\*\*Feldman moved 8s play in 8/9er, with special category outlined during registration process. As parents self-identify the level for their child, an email is triggered.

Seconded. Passed unanimously.

**There was a brief discussion as to whether we should rename 8/9er without age levels. No decision was reached.**

### **Decision on registration fees for 2010 season**

- Comparison to other local leagues was shared
- Offer upfront fundraising when you register
- Share actual costs v. what your costs are
- Scholarship/50% option/Full option
- \$20 increase across the Board—could cancel the fundraising need or only do an email direct appeal during the season
- Every kid plays baseball, no financial issue will be an obstacle

**Proposed fees:**

Sr: \$130

Jr: \$130

Maj/Min./8-9er/Coach Pitch: \$115

T-ball: \$80

No multiple kid discount—every kid pays

Moved Stacy. Seconded. Pass unanimously

**Decision on pre-season player development program, including registration process.**

- Wallingford B&G Gym—January 16 through March 2010 for development and indoor practice
- \$3500 costs (includes 7 weeks of League practice time)
- Buy 5 packs for \$75—sold out buys instructor and space—purchased as part of registration
- League insurance—add to list of approved sites to apply insurance. Can we cover kids from other Leagues if they are not in NCLL?
- Maximum registration would accommodate up to 60 kids: NCLL only
- Mark Linden instructor January and February 2010
- 3-4 one hour, five-week development session
  - Track 1: 8-11 hitting and pitching (15 kids)
  - Track 2: 11-14 hitting (15 kids)
  - Track 3: 11-14 pitching (15 kids)
  - Track 4: TBD (15 kids)

Moved , seconded. Passed unanimously

Tee-ball: Prioritize NCLL v. Ballard families? After discussion it was determined to let it flow as we did last year and see how it goes, though it was noted that we may need to manage later depending on the flow of out of bounds families—16 families last year.

**Online improvements**

- Add additional schools to drop down menu
- Umpire (experienced and beginner) volunteers and other critical issues –Chance will connect with Stacy to sort out
- Sponsors liaison—ambassadors (Carla)
- Age description clear for parents when registering
- Stacy will have ready and up by December 1
- Marketing ideas included yard signs; email returning families; school fliers (Ken suggested that we utilize online school fliers); neighborhood blogs;

**2010 Calendar: Deferred to December meeting**

**2010 Finances: see registration above**

- \* Fund raising discussion/decision for 2010
- \* Marketing budget

### **Operations Update**

#### Volunteer Update and Needs

- Umpire Coordinator: major job is to place the umpires into the minors/majors/jr/sr schedules—(no rainouts—this will go through Div. Coord.)
- Player agent 9-12 year olds

#### Coach Update

High return rate for coaches—70-80% already there.

Minutes submitted by Chance Hunt, 11/27/09