

**Schuylkill Valley Little League**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Holly Hoffman, Rich Bagenstose, Paul Becker, Bob Kline, Scott Rickert, Mark Emes, Sue Bevans, Marie Perry, Casey Hech, Herbert Hech, Dave Kauffman, Jim S., Linda R., Mike Hoffman, Chris Jozwiak, Leondra Karasack, Shawna Bryson, Brian Hoffman, Matt Vernon, Brian Hiester, Adam Keppley, Darren Koch.

**January 2011 Minutes Approval:** Holly motioned to accept the January minutes. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Becker reported almost all the money is in for registration fees. We still have 10 overdue registration invoices of partial payments. The invoices have been sent out to the respective parents. There was one returned registration check in which Paul will add the \$10.00 service fee. SOS Copier was paid \$101.76 for the printing of registration forms this year, and \$96.04 for the printing of registration forms for last year. There were three registration refunds for various reasons. Outstanding bills would include the following. 1. SVLL's yearly fee to the webmaster for the SVLL website. 2. Payment for Little League rule books and arm patches for the Allstar jerseys. 3. District 8 administration fees for \$200.00. 4. A previous bill from Rawlings of \$2,685.79 for the 2009 season that wasn't paid. Holly motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**New Business:**

**\*PhotoProCreations** - Last season SVLL received \$850.00 for fundraising dollars. This year every purchased package will receive a free digital magnet and a free 8X10. Each Manager will also receive a free Manager's plaque and a free 5 x7 team picture. Each coach will receive a free 5 x 7 "father & son" picture. Sponsor plaques and Manager plaques will be free to SVLL. April 30<sup>th</sup> will be picture day for all divisions. Jon Gabel will be scheduling the times for team pictures. Holly and Marie will coordinate with the photographer all other issues. PhotoProCreations will be delivering the pictures in person at the Leesport fields. (Date and time will be announced later.)

**\*President Report –**

1. Rich announced that the pitching, hitting, and fielding clinics have ended. All the clinics were a huge success with much positive feedback from parents. **THANK YOU to Darren Koch and his assistant coaches** for all their help with the clinics especially on their own free time. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that Darren has provided the clinics and it is a huge asset to the players who have attended.
2. Rich attended the District 8 meeting and currently has the tournament dates for Marie to add to the "Dates to Remember" list. For the parents who have been looking for these dates, please check the website.
3. SVLL is looking at expanding our Little League territory into other townships which will include, but not be limited to, Shoemakersville, Perry, Windsor, Maiden creek, and Hamburg. Darren Koch explained that we need to be careful about going outside of SV School District. It would be fine for T-ball, Coach Pitch, and Minors. However, it may not be a good idea for our Major division. For the 2012 season, the Major division is hoping to have a unique "travel team" consisting of the best major players. The purpose of this team is to give the best players an advantage to excel in their baseball skills, to provide continuity among players, and to just have the opportunity to play together before going to Junior High. If SVLL expands their territory, it is possible that there would be kids from other school districts on the major's 'travel team' which would defeat the purpose of having the best Schuylkill Valley players together for a whole season. Darren suggested we table this subject for another meeting.
4. Rich announced that the SVLL charter certificate is now available.
5. Rich ordered 600 tickets for SVLL Reading Phillies Night. We have the ability to expand it to 800 tickets. Two people can throw the first pitch. Rich recommends that two 12 year olds get to throw the first pitch. There will be 15 autographed balls for SVLL to give away. SVLL players can be on the field for approximately 30 minutes for pre-game activities.
6. There will be a "Coaches Clinic" held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the SVHS. Coach Pitch and T-Ball coaches are scheduled from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Minor and Major coaches are scheduled from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a one hour overlay of all the coaches in which Sue Bevans will review the safety rules. Basic rules and general guidelines will be reviewed for "in house" games and "outside District 8" games. - Discussion among general members - Paul motioned for it to be required that all Managers attend, and all divisions be included. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>. Majority vote.

**\*Registration** - Mark Emes reported there are 234 registered children. The breakdown is as follows: 193 families, 38 Major players with 3 teams, 49 Minor players with 4 teams, 74 Coach Pitch players with 6 teams, and 73 Tee-Ball players with 7 teams. Additional coaches are needed for the Major and T-Ball divisions. Skills Evaluation for all Minor and Major players will be offered at two different times at the SVES. The times will be 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Parents can choose which time slot is most convenient for them to bring their child. For those parents who can't make it, Mark has last year's evaluations available. Marie asked if we could take 2 late registrations. – general discussion – Rich motioned that we do not accept these two registrations since it is past the deadline. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Majority vote. .

**\*Team Sponsorship** – Holly reported that all teams are sponsored expect for 3 T-Ball teams in which she is waiting on answers. It should be no problem to have all teams sponsored again this year.

**\*Banner/Sign Sponsorship** – Paul motioned for SVLL to buy a banner for Pagoda Electric and Colonial Electric. Frontier Electric has their own sign. The cost for a banner is \$125.00. The banners would be hung at the Leesport fields for free the entire 2011 season. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous vote.

**\*Umpires** – Scott announced that he has 15 volunteers for umpires so far. There will be an outdoor clinic which is "tentatively" scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. The clinic is organized by District 8 employees and is free to those who want to attend. Sue suggested we need to look at the first aid kits. Every manager is required to have a Little League approved first aid kit.

**\*Uniforms** – Discussion among the board on whether all divisions including the 4 yr olds get pants and what color for each division. Holly advised that the color choices for pants are black, gray, white and blue. Rich motioned that we decide on either black or gray. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. – Discussion over color with general members. – Rich motioned for all divisions to wear black. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>. 7 votes for black. Rich motioned for all divisions to be in gray. Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10 votes in favor of gray. The color of pants for the 2011 season will be gray. T-Ball will have Minor League hats with colored t-shirts. Coach Pitch will have Major League hats with colored t-shirts. Minor and Major players will have colored t-shirts with black hats and a red 'SV' embroidered on the front. Holly advised there are 3 different hat choices from NLS Sportswear and suggested the board order extra hats since they will be embroidered. Mark suggested 110 hats plus extra. – Discussion about fitted and adjustable hats among the general membership. – Holly will find out details to some proposed questions and report back to the board. - Discussion on coach's shirts. - Mark motioned that the coaches get the same t-shirts as the players. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Majority vote.

**\*Team Structure** – Rich advised that T-Ball is playing all in-house games except for opening day and picture day. Coach Pitch also has two outside games. The Minor division will have six in-house games and six District 8 games. The Major division will have four in-house games and eight District 8 games. The board's goal is to fill the game schedule with Friday nights and Saturdays as much as possible. Rich proceeded to discuss "Team Structure" and advised everyone that one Manager is necessary for every team. The amount of assistant coaches is optional. Questions were raised such as: Should the teams have 2 assistant coaches or 3 assistant coaches? Should the Managers get to pick who they want for assistants? vs Should the assistants be put in a "pool" and told by the board who they are going to coach with for the season? - Discussion among the board and the general membership. Darren Koch advised throughout the discussion. – Marie motioned that the League have 1 Manager per team and 3 assistants of choice. Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Majority vote. Rich advised for this issue to be tabled for the August meeting to better prepare for the 2012 season.

#### **\*Additional Concerns or Information –**

- Jon advised of an upcoming Schuylkill Valley – Blue Mountain tournament that would be played at the Mohrsville fields. This tournament is not a Little League tournament. It will be for 8 & 9 year olds and will be scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Additional information will be given at a later date.

- Jon inquired about a practice start date. – Board discussion – It was suggested and agreed that March 26<sup>th</sup> will be the first practice day for Minors and Majors. April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the first practice day for T-Ball and Coach Pitch. The possibilities of spring cleanup days were discussed. Marie motioned that these days be March 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. More details will follow.

- Jon advised of a Hoss's Steak House fundraiser in which SVLL will receive 20%. SV Community Night will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Adjourn meeting** – Rich motioned to adjourn. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

The next SVLL meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 @ 7:00 in the LGI room at the Schuylkill Valley Elementary School. We hope to see you there!

