

Schuylkill Valley Little League
November 15th 2010
Meeting Minutes – (Subject to Approval)

Attendance: Rich Bagenstose, Jon Gabel, Holly Hoffman, Marie Perry, Paul Becker, Mark Emes, Scott Rickert, Chris Jozwiak, Mike Hoffman, Mitch Dugay

October 2010 Minutes Approval: Rich motioned to approve minutes. Jon 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Paul reviewed the current treasurer report of income and expenses.
Rich motioned to approve Treasurer report. Mark 2nd. All in favor.

November Business:

***President report** – Discussion in reference to our current bank vs. Citizen Bank. Rich suggested a change for several reasons. The change will save on fee charges. There will be no interest on accounts. Banking cards will also be free. All checks will require double signatures and every check will be carefully reviewed by the bank. Online banking with Citizen bank is also highly recommended. Rich made a motion to move the SVLL checking account to Citizens Bank. Holly 2nd. All in favor.

***Uniforms** - NLS Sportswear presented a jersey option for the minor and major divisions. The jersey is offered in two different styles and prices. The first option jersey would be made of a lighter material, costs approximately \$25.00, and last approx. 4-6 years. The second option jersey would be a heavier material with twill decorations, cost approximately \$50.00, and last approx. 8 – 12 years. Another decision is whether the parents or the league would buy them. Rich B. made a motion: Option 1 would be for the parents to buy the jersey and possibly use it for other siblings. This would help keep uniform costs down. The league would have to collect jerseys to change sponsorship each year. Option 2 would be for the league to buy the jerseys which ultimately could possibly increase registration fees over the next 4 years. Each player will have to sign a disclaimer for their jersey. A possible “refundable fee” may be charged for each player to insure that the jersey is returned in good condition. Mark 2nd the motion. All in favor. NLS Sportswear presented an idea of using Minor and Major league uniform formats for the Four Year Old, T-Ball and Coach Pitch divisions. - (board discussion) - Rich motioned that we use the Minor League Format for T-Ball and the Major League Format for Coach Pitch. Paul 2nd. All in favor.

***Lighting Project** - Paul Becker reported that the lighting project is almost complete. Pagoda still has to put final connection of power from the main pole to the concession stand with a new panel box. Pagoda will also be adjusting the lights next week. Paul will send out the exact date via e-mail if anyone is interested in helping to adjust the lights. Discussion continued on how many keys to the lighting box should be distributed. Rich made a motion that 10 keys be made in which 9 of them will be for the board members. Holly 2nd. Motion carried.
Paul suggested the board have a sponsor banner made for Pagoda Electric in return for their large sum of electrical donation.

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***Registration for 2011 season** - Rich B. shared that SVLL has the lowest baseball fees in District 8. – (board discussion) - Rich motioned to raise the registration rates for each level \$10.00 per player. Paul felt that the board was not in a position in which we knew all of our expenses in order to make this decision. Jon G. had suggested we lower fees for the Four Year Old Program. Jon also suggested that the board consider buying new bats and ball that are more appropriate for this age level. – (Further discussion among board members.) - Rich made a new motion to set registration fees to the following rates: \$55.00 for the Four Year Old Level and \$65.00 for T-Ball and Coach Pitch levels. There needs to be further discussion and decisions made on uniforms before a fee is set for the Minor/Major level which will be done at the December board meeting. Mark 2nd. All in favor. A registration late fee was discussed. The purpose of this would be to encourage parents to register on time. This year the league would like to offer a pitching clinic for the 9–12 yr olds, a player’s clinic for Coach Pitch, Minor, and Major levels, and also implement skill assessments for all players in the Coach Pitch thru Major levels. The league also has to coordinate teams, order uniforms, approve coaches, and would like to offer a coaching clinic for all coaches. Mark E. suggested January 31st, 2011 the deadline for registrations and the registration late fee to be \$50.00. Marie suggested a \$30.00 late fee and consideration for the fee to be waived for new incoming students to our school district. Holly suggested a \$40.00 late fee. – Further Discussion – no motion was made

on this subject. Rich suggested that we do not have on line registrations due to the fees and the uniform sizing. – (board discussion) - Rich motioned that we do not offer on line registration. Marie 2nd. All in favor.

***Major Division** – Rich informed the board that the City Diamond League has 19 games during the season. The registration fee is triple that of Schuylkill Valley’s fees. The parents of the players will have to do their fundraisers in which the profits benefit the City Diamond League. Rich offered to call several parents of eligible players to form an opinion of whether we should send a team into this league. There will be further discussion on this at the December meeting. Rich suggested we also offer an opinion poll on the website for parents to participate and offer their opinion. The poll would be our options for the major division. The options are as follows:

- A. One team in the City Diamond League.
- B. Just have 2 Major teams consisting of our higher skilled players and 6 Minor teams.
- C. Keep consistent with past tradition consisting of 4 Minor teams and 4 Major teams.
- D. One Major team in Little League’s 50/70 Travel League program.

Rich will inform Marie what to put on the website .

Meeting Adjourned: Holly motioned to adjourn. Rich 2nd. All in favor.