

Kernersville Little League
Minutes of Board Meeting
February 16, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Swab, President
Gary Idol, Secretary
Don Morton, VP Minor Baseball
Steve Fischvogt, VP Major Baseball
Jonathan Head, VP Jr/Sr Baseball
Ashley Manuel, Player Agent Softball
Teresa Todd, VP Major Softball
Russell Truesdale, VP Senior Softball
Gale Starbuck, Player Agent T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Jr/Sr Baseball
Gary Cobbler, VP Big League Baseball
Doug Massey, Player Agent Minor/Major Baseball
Brad Rodgers, Treasurer
Doug Wilson, VP Big League Softball
Pat McNamara, VP T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Challenger

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brenda Cobbler, Auxiliary
Lisa Smith, VP Minor Softball

Bob Swab called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. There were 19 regular members in attendance.

Jonathan Head made a motion to change the local rules to include allowing no more than eight (8) players of a particular age on any team for the Junior and Senior divisions. Jonathan read Regulation III, (c) from the 2004 Official Regulations and Playing Rules book which states: "For Junior/Senior/Big League, it is recommended that the local Little League (or district, if the Big League is administered as a district operation) set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age." This number is 8 for the Little League (Majors) Division and Jonathan thinks this needs to be applied to the Junior/Senior divisions as well. Doug Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Fischvogt has a manager in the Major Baseball division that has a returning player with a stepbrother that wants to sign-up this year. While this stepbrother is not related by birth, they do live a majority of the time with each other. Steve made a motion to allow the stepbrother to be protected through the third round of the draft as a sibling as stated in the Operating Manual for Little League. Pat McNamara made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Pat McNamara informed the board that he had 26 six-year-olds and 83 seven and eight-year-olds sign-up. Pat says that is enough to have only 2 "A" and 8 "AA" teams. Pat made a motion that unless we have more players sign-up to make at least 4 "A" teams that he be allowed to change the system back to the way it was in the past. The motion was seconded by Don Morton and passed unanimously.

Teresa Todd made a motion to approve the following managers in Major Softball

<u>Team</u>	<u>Manager</u>
Kernersville News	Tony Mizzi
Expansion Team	Brad Davis
Harris Teeter	Hope Greer
Winston Bone & Joint	Russell Truesdale
Russell Construction	Doug Wilson

The motion was seconded by Jonathan Head and passed unanimously.

Teresa Todd made a motion for Lisa Smith that Greg Hancock, Chris Fish and Wendy Ward be approved as managers for Minor Softball. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Head and passed unanimously.

Steve Fischvogt made a motion to name Danny Garrett (TRS) and Steve Howell as managers in Major Baseball. Derek Murphy has been withdrawn as a manager candidate. The motion was seconded by Doug Massey and passed unanimously.

Don Morton made a motion to approve the following managers in Minor Baseball.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Manager</u>
Stock Components	Will Gregory Pat McNamara Andy Parker John Hanson Lee Manning

The motion was seconded by Gary Cobbler and passed unanimously.

Pat McNamara made a motion to approve the following managers in Coach Pitch.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Manager</u>
Greensboro Batting Center	Steve Fischvogt
Mulvaney Homes	Bill Workman
Rural Garbage	Brad Craddock Mike Hampton Bob Bauer Tom McDaniel
Panera Bread	Don Williams
Pay-tel	Danny Myers
McDonalds	DJ Britt Rob Alterson

The motion was seconded by Teresa Todd and was passed unanimously.

Jonathan Head informed the board that because of the number of sign-ups we had that there will be an expansion of teams for both Senior Baseball and Major Softball. At the time, 94 players had signed-up to play Senior Baseball which means the league will go from 7 teams to 8. Jonathan stated that in any expansion there are three major concerns that have to be explored. They are:

1. A competitive balance must be maintained in the league for the upcoming season.
2. A competitive balance must be maintained in the league for future seasons.
3. A continuity of players should be maintained for existing teams to decrease turmoil in the league.

There are four options listed in the Operating Manual for leagues to use for expansion.

- Option 1: All players be placed in the player pool and completely redraft the entire league.
- Option 2: Each manager of existing teams gives up a selected number of players of each age group to go to the expansion team.
- Option 3: Each new team would select the number of players equal to the team with the least number of returning players before the established teams begin to draft. If the least number of players returning to any team is 5, then the expansion team would get 5 draft picks before the other teams begin to draft. The expansion manager will choose last in every round once the draft begins.
- Option 4: This plan has every existing team placing players in a preliminary draft. The team with the fewest returning players will place one player into the pool and in doing so, will establish the key to the number of players all other teams can retain. If the least number of players returning to any team is 5, then each of the other teams will be able to "protect" 4 players on their rosters. The expansion manager would pick 4 players from the pool that is created. Once these players are chosen the rest of the players would return to their original teams. When the regular draft begins the expansion manager would choose first in every round.

Jonathan made a motion to approve Option 3 as the plan to use this year for expansion drafts in Senior Baseball and Major Softball. The motion was seconded by Gary Cobbler and was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Idol, Secretary