

# ***Bear Creek Little League***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

11/2/2008

### **I. Call to order**

Fred Haranda called to order the regular meeting of the Bear Creek Little League at 6 pm on November 2, 2008 at Bear Creek Village Clubhouse.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Fred Haranda, Danny Rosales, April Rasco, Jayson Rasco, Jeremy Taylor, David Symmank, Fernando Moreno and Curtis LaMontagne. We only have 6 Board Members in attendance. Not enough for a voting quorum.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

David Symmank presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

### **IV. Fred Haranda**

- a) Fred gave positive feedback for the agenda but said it was too much for one meeting. In the future we need to plan ahead for future meetings by prioritizing the topics and planning for future meetings.
- b) Fred is confident that we are doing a great job at BCLL and we just need to continue to look for ways to improve the BCLL experience
- c) Fred was disappointed at the attendance as well as the rest of us. All agenda items will be tabled until the next meeting.
- d) Fred would like to see rule consistency in all levels of play at BCLL. Fred cautions everyone to be careful of what you promise/ tell people. Don't deviate from the Little rules, It is our responsibility to stay with in Little League parameters
- e) Fred encourages year round field usage, it helps keep the fields in better condition
- f) David Symmank questioned the position of Equipment Director. Fred has been in contact with Lacy Fryer and he has accepted the position of equipment Director.
- g) Fred Haranda wanted to address the Schulke Field Dedication that BCLL did last spring. He is not only concerned but personally upset that the plaques and promises that BCLL has made have not been completed. Fred will follow up and get this completed. He would also like to see any remaining funds be used for BCLL scholarships.

## **V. Rookie Division Jeremy Taylor**

- a) There have been some rule's issues but they are slowing down, the problem is there have been too many variations of rules and Jeremy wants to stick to the Little League rule book for reference.
- b) There are several Umpire issues but they are a result of the rule variations from the past. Jeremy is working on training and is having a positive result from referring to the rule book for Question's
- c) Fred commented that one reason for all the problems in the rookie division is because of parents and players are new to Baseball and recommend that Jeremy have a division wide kick off meeting before the spring season to educate the new parents and umpires.
- d) Fred has had 6 inquires for 4 year old T-ball. This needs further board consideration because using league age guidelines it would allow for a 3 year old to be on the field, there was a general consensus that this is too young to be on a field with a 5 year old being that a 3year old could still be wearing diapers.
- e) Jeremy inquired about the core team structure we have at BCLL, He would like to mix up the teams to help with making a more competitive league, Fred said that this is a Board issue and should be presented to the board and he personally didn't want core teams. David Symmank said he feels we could make a change with core teams but not eliminating them, April Rasco said that maybe we could do a parent survey on our web site to get input from the parents. Fred explained that we do player/parent request for fall ball only and he feels that it is Ok for a player to up in a older league but not down.

## **VI. LL 8 and 9 Jayson Rasco**

- a) Fall ball going smoothly, No major issues to report
- b) Jayson was questioning the level of play at BCLL, How competitive should we allow the mangers to be. Fred replied that the overall objective is to be competitive but not to a level that may be harmful to the players, we need to make sure that managers don't become overly aggressive and that they keep a positive attitude towards the players. Jayson wants to make sure we keep a friendly family atmosphere here at BCLL.

## **VII. Concessions**

- a) Miranda is not in attendance to report on the progress of the fall concessions.
- b) Currently Miranda is the sole source for revenue reports; Fred will contact Miranda to get a report.
- c) Fred contacted John about BCLL concessions. John was non responsive to Fred's calls. John seemed non interested about making any changes, he conveyed to Fred that he was told not to open the concession at complex 2 and didn't seem interested in opening these concessions in the future. Currently there is no contract for concessions and Fred feels we should move forward

with improving our concessions. Fred feels one option we should explore is hiring a Concession manager to help with the work load and monitor profit and loss as well as set up a work schedule.

- d) Fred will get the keys for the concession stand at complex 2 so Miranda can start using this concession stand.
- e) Fred said the damage to the concessions was not at BCLL stand but at John's facility

### **VIII. Maintenance**

- a) Kelly not in attendance, Fred said he will give a partial update
- b) Kelly has been working with Insurance, Insurance has paid for the lights and they all have been pointed in the proper direction.
- c) Insurance will not cover the damage to the fences. We have received a quote for replacing the wood fences with cyclone fences of approximately \$2800.00 for the fence and \$1800.00 for the slats. It was mentioned that we hold a tournament to help pay for the fences.
- d) Steve Dorman called on the fences and is wanted to see them repaired.
- e) The grass contract with Tom Waldrup is up for renewal November 15<sup>th</sup>. Fred said that we have received bids and it appears that we have a fair contract. Fred would like to send a letter to Tom to give us more time to further review the contract before it renews.
- f) Fred would like to finally make improvements to fields 3 and 4 in complex one. The Board approved the removal of the grass in the base path last spring, Fred is wanting to do this to make our fields more appealing for tournaments to help increase BCLL revenues.
- g) The Thunder baseball program has showed interest in renting these fields for tournaments as well as other programs in the area.

### **IX. UIC Curtis LaMontagne**

- a) 8 Umpires showed up for Umpire Clinic
- b) Curtis questioned if we are going to have a Budget Meeting to set up physical budgets. Fred supported the Idea
- c) 84 players showed up for the clinic. BCLL will disperse the 840.00 to Matt Hall. The Board members in attendance agreed that future clinics will have a set price for the clinic and have an agenda with available trainers
- d) Fred would like to see some Coaches only Clinics
- e) BCLL is in need of more Umpires, Fred would like for us to start recruiting from the High School level. Many of these young players could receive Volunteer credit hours and get free training

### **X. Uniforms April Rasco**

- a) Fall Ball Uniforms are complete

- b) Fred and April had a meeting concerning the uniform committee. Fred would like for the committee to get and accept a fair proposal for BCLL uniform contract. The committee will set contract parameters and request Bids
- c) April has had several parents questioning her about when they can expect their fall registration checks to be deposited. Checks are being held for months and this process needs to improve. Board members in attendance agreed
- d) April would like to see an opening day carnival at BCLL. April requested that we try to get Christine Kalmbach involved with the carnival

**XI. WHGSA**

- a) BCLL needs a contract with West Houston Girls Softball Association. Should be a friendly contract with a good working relationship.
- b) Contract topic is moved to a future meeting
- c) Danny said one option we should consider is having the contract fee to be based on their player registration, 5 or 10 dollars a player so the contract is flexible to their funds

**XII. New business**

- a) BCLL members in attendance would like to have another meeting before the December first meeting to cover this month's agenda topics with a full quorum.
- b) The BCLL Board needs to have at least a seven day notice for agenda topics

**XIII. Adjournment**

Fred Haranda expressed his disappointment over the attendance of the board members. He will contact all Board members to have an additional meeting and adjourned the meeting at 8.50 pm

Minutes submitted by: David Symmank

Minutes approved by: Fred Haranda