

Mattawan Little League  
Board Meeting  
Monday, January 4th, 2016  
Antwerp Township Hall

Board Members Present: Chad Tomlinson, Rob Sullivan, Angie First, Gregg Eicholtz, Lisa Sylvester, Joe Wolf, Shawn Klinger

Other Regular Members: Amy Tomlinson, Jason Maes, Dan Murphy, James Carlisle, Ryan Westra, Mike Longman, Matt Erway, Jamie Beck, Jim McCarty, Steve Thomas, Mark Lochart

Guests:

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1. President Chad Tomlinson convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Chad updates board as to the division directors responsibilities. He also updated board as to what to expect with apparel provided to board members to wear at fields.
2. The December meeting minutes were presented. Angie motioned to approve, Lisa seconded and board approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
  - All bills are up to date
4. **League Information Officer Report:**
  - Registration is open. Notice was sent via facebook and school newsletters. Signs will be placed to announce registration.
  - Options for indoor practices were discussed.
5. **District 15 Report**
  - No Report
6. **VP Softball Report:**
  - The wildcat tournament is scheduled for this year. Changes to previous years are that they will start 2 hours later and all parking fees will go to MLL.
7. **VP of Baseball Report:**
  - Rob has discussed with WMU's staff about a coach's/players clinic.
8. **Player Agents Report:**
  - No report
9. **Safety Agent Report:**
  - Creation or purchase of a safety video for coach training was discussed.
10. **Concession Manager Report:**
  - Looking for 3 more concession committee members
  - Pictures will be taken of board member
11. **Sponsorship/ Fundraising Manager Report**
  - Sponsorship forms and prices were handed out.
12. **Building and Property Committee Report**
  - No report
13. **Grounds Committee Report**
  - No report
14. **Playing Equipment Committee Report**

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- No Report

**15. Umpire Committee Report**

- Umpire training will be provided for all divisions.

**16. Membership Committee Report**

- No Report

**17. Division Director Round Table**

- John Canning has stepped down from the AA baseball director. We are seeking a replacement.

**18. Old Business**

- No report

**19. New Business**

- Bylaw changes were discussed. First is to change bylaw 17.0 which would change opening day to opening week. The 2nd is to change bylaw 20.1 to include the following wording: Registration will be closed at least 1 week prior to draft date which will be voted on annually.
- Matt Erway would like to take the AA baseball director position instead of his former softball position. Motion to approve made by Shawn and 2nd by Lisa. Board approved.
- The process to select the all star coaches was discussed. Gregg and Rob recommended that the process consists of nominations made by managers in the respective division and given to an allstar coach committee. That committee will consist of the v.p. of baseball or softball (depending on the sport being discussed), the respective player agent and all division directors for the respective sport. This committee will reach out to the nominated managers and make a recommendation to the Little League president who will bring that manager to the board for formal approval.
- Dan presented a request to have his Mattawan Baseball Club team to be allowed to play together in the regular season of Little League. These players would then not be included in the regular season draft. It was recommended that MLL do the best they can to not schedule his team to play any other MLL team. The biggest benefit presented was to keep kids in MLL that might otherwise choose another travel team/organization. Many opinions were presented. Vote will take place at next board meeting.
- Jim McCarty had questions as to why the board had voted to halt plans/funding for the south pavilion and why changes to the high school softball tournament were approved. Both questions were addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

**Next E-Board meeting on Monday, January 25th at 7:30 pm at Main Street Pub.**

**Next Board of Directors meeting on Monday February 1st at 7:00 pm at Antwerp Township Hall  
(All members of Mattawan Little League are welcome to attend.)**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Gregg Eicholtz  
MLL Secretary