

Groton Little League  
Meeting of April 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Present were: Danielle Daniels, Dave Franco, Bobby Gonzales, Jerry Hayter, Kathryn Ilvento, Rhiannon Krekeler, Gabe Muscella, Fred Pisarz, Jennifer Tetreault, Joshua Trask, Katie Trask, Ali Williams

Also present were: Nathan Krekeler, Haley Rabe, Mitch Sullivan

**Presidents Report:** Rhiannon noted that everything is falling into place, opening day is this weekend and we are working on finalizing game schedules.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred noted that taxes have been completed.

**Equipment Manager Report:** Bobby noted that uniforms will be picked up on Friday, coaches can meet at Calvin Burrows to pick them up after 4pm. More helmets have been ordered, Bobby asked that coaches make note of things that are missing or needed and supply that list to him so that he may order new items. The konex box key will be removed from the key ring in the lock box in order to keep unauthorized people out the konex, if coaches need anything they should contact Bobby, Rhiannon or Dave. Catchers gear is set to be replaced for each team. The pitching machine is now located in the score box.

**Old Business:**

1. Umpires

Umpires still need to receive the most recent schedule. The umpires want to be paid in cash, in advance. A discussion on how to account for the money while also keeping it safe was had, it was decided to give the money to the coordinators to distribute.

2. Opening Day

Juan Melendez, Juliette Parker, Capt. Curtin and Joe De la Cruz have confirmed their attendance.

Joshua discussed the opening day schedule, noting that Nutmeg Fife will march with the players and play the National Anthem at the field. Senior Division catchers will catch the first pitches thrown by Joe De la Cruz and Juan Melendez.

A motion was made to accept the opening day schedule by Joshua Trask. Motion made by Gabe Muscella, seconded Katie Ilvento. Motion passed.

The concession stand at Calvin Burrows needs re-inspection, it should happen within the week.

The concession stand at Washington Park has been cleaned, the City will handle the inspection.

### 3. Picture Day

The photographer asked if a Sunday is acceptable for pictures, the board agreed that it was. Rhiannon will follow up with dates.

## **New Business:**

### 1. Player Agent Position

Our player agent has resigned so we are looking for a new board member. Rob Lee's wife Amy has offered to take over the position for the remainder of the year and to train a new member for next season. It was suggested to have her join as a temporary player agent with no voting rights. Amy Lee phoned in to give an overview of the role she foresees herself having for the rest of the season.

A motion was made to made to make Amy Lee the temporary player agent with no voting rights. Motion made by Gabe Muscella, seconded by Fred Pizarz. Motion passed.

### 2. Basket Raffle

There was a discussion on the basket raffle ticket prices; baskets are valued between \$50-\$100.

A motion was made to charge \$1 ticket or 20 tickets for \$15. Motion made by Gabe Muscella, seconded by Jerry Hayter. Motion passed.

### 3. Volunteers

It was noted that all volunteers on the field must be background checked and have a current volunteer application on file. Any one with continuous access to our players should follow these rules.

Smoking and vaping is not allowed on any field.

4. CPR Training

Nathan Krekeler volunteered to teach the CPR class and the league will pay for the certification. The league directors will find out which coaches need to be certified.

5. Scholarships

There was a discussion on a senior player who is looking for a scholarship due to making the high school team and not playing for GLL for the full season.

A motion was made to not give the scholarship. Motion made by Fred Pizarz, seconded by Dave Franco. Motion passed.

6. Late Registration

Some teams have lost kids. We also have a few kids on the waiting list. It was decided that three kids on the waiting list will be allowed to register to fill spots on teams missing players.

**Open Discussion:**

Dave Franco asked the board for funds to revamp the batting cage at Washington Park. He estimated that the gravel and 4X4s to build it would cost approx. \$1000.

A motion was made to approve the proposal from Dave Franco. Motion made by Fred Pizarz, seconded by Joshua Trask. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gabe Muscella, seconded by Katie Trask. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.