

Groton Little League
Meeting of January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Present were: Danielle Daniels, Dave Franco, Bobby Gonzales, Kathryn Ilvento, Rhiannon Krekeler, Annmarie Nix, Fred Pizarz, Jennifer Tetreault, Joshua Trask, Katie Trask, Ali Williams

Also present were: Nathan Krekeler, Ryan Nix

A motion to approved the minutes as written of December 21, 2021 was made by Gabe Muscella, seconded by Joshua Trask. Motion passed.

Presidents Report

Rhiannon reviewed winter clinic for the 9-16 yr olds noting that the first two weeks have gone very well. Winter clinic for the 6-8 yr olds starts in a few weeks and we will continue to push registration. Registration for the spring season is open and emails and social media posts have gone out. The banner has been hung on Poquonnock Road at the water treatment plant.

Treasurer's Report:

Fred Pizarz addressed the group and noted that he met with an accountant to begin the league's taxes which are more complicated this year due to the grant from the State of CT.

The second slushee machine has been shipped.

He noted that he will be duplicating this years budget for the next two years for the purpose of the State of CT grant writing process.

Total in all accounts is : \$87, 581.43

New Business:

1. District Notes

Rhiannon noted that there are four new rules from Little League International for the season and recommended that everyone review them. The group briefly discussed the changes.

Coaches training from district is March 5th with a make up date of March 6th. All parents, board members, coaches are invited and encouraged to attend.

Other items discussed at the district meeting were travel teams for district, pool play for all stars, single elimination for tournament of champions, looking for a town to volunteer to host all stars (we would like to host) and umpire training.

2. Approval of By-Laws

A motion was made to approve the Groton Little League by-laws as currently written. Motion made by Joshua Trask, seconded Ann Nix. Motion passed.

3. Full Redraft

Ann Nix, player agent, addressed the group requesting a full redraft for the Spring 2022 season. Gabe Muscella discussed how many 9, 10, 11 & 12 yr olds were in the league last year. The group discussed where to place 9 yr olds in the draft.

A motion was made to do a full redraft this year. Motion made by Dave Franco, seconded by Ali Williams. Motion passed.

Open Discussion:

Jennifer Tetreault and Kathryn Ilvento, Marketing committee, addressed the group regarding sponsorships for teams and banners. They discussed a Field of Dreams campaign for smaller businesses who wish to donate. The group discussed sign companies and the prices for each level of sponsorship. Forms will go out ASAP and the committee will gather names of businesses who have donated in the past as well as reach out to new ones.

The group discussed memorials for past players and suggested a few different items to bring to the Town of Groton for approval. It was suggested to use the term Angels in the Outfield when naming the memorial.

Joshua Trask, safety officer, spoke with Groton Ambulance and discussed the options for CPR training. We are looking at end of February/early March for a training. Other options will be explored to find the best price.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gabe Muscella, seconded by Ann Nix. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.