

Groton Little League
Meeting of December 21, 2021
VIRTUAL

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

Present were: Danielle Daniels, Dave Franco, Bobby Gonzales, Jerry Hayter, Kathryn Ilvento, Rhiannon Krekeler, Fred Pizarz, Jennifer Tetreault, Joshua Trask, Katie Trask, Ally Williams

Also present were: Jessica Donnel, Rachel Franco, Nathan Krekeler, Gabe Muscella

A motion to approved the minutes as written of November 16, 2021 was made by Dave Franco, seconded by Fred Pizarz. Motion passed.

A motion to approved the minutes as written of December 6, 2021 was made by Joshua Trask, seconded by Dave Franco. Motion passed.

A motion to approved the minutes as written of December 12, 2021 was made by Joshua Trask, seconded by Jerry Hayter. Motion passed.

Presidents Report: Registration for Winter Clinic has opened. We will continue to advertise and push notifications on Facebook to hopefully get more players registered after the holidays. The contract has been signed for MIS, the contract have been received from Dave's clinic.

Old Business:

1. Open Position - Majors Coordinator

Gabe Muscella addressed the group and expressed interest in the Majors Coordinator position.

A motion was made to elect Gabe Muscella to the board in the position of Majors Coordinator made by Kathryn Ilvento, seconded by Danielle Daniels. Motion passed.

2. Formation of Rules Committee

This committee will review the Groton Little League Constitution and By-laws over the next year. As Vice President, Danielle is automatically on this committee.

Joshua Trask, Gabe Muscella and Rachel Franco were appointed to the Rules Committee.

Fred noted that the by-laws must be approved by the start of spring season.

A motion was made to extend an invitation to be on the rules committee to the community at large by Gabe Muscella, seconded by Fred Pizarz. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Fred Pizarz gave a line by line overview of the 2022 budget.

A discussion on increasing the marketing and the signs budget (or possibly combining them), coaches uniforms and equipment was had.

A motion was made to increase the marketing budget by \$2000 (making it \$3000) made by Gabe Muscella, Ally Williams. Motion passed.

A motion was made to increase the coaching uniforms budget to \$3750 made by Gabe Muscella, Fred Pizarz. Motion passed.

A motion was made to increase the training equipment budget by \$5000 made by Joshua Trask, Gabe Muscella. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the 2022 budget as amended. Motion made by Dave Franco, seconded by Joshua Trask. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Challenges & Victories from last season

District has requested a recap of the past season and where we think we succeeded and failed. Our board spoke on the trouble finding coaches, lack of communication, umpire oversight, communicating ground rules, further assessing talent at the majors level, and the ability for the majors to play in house only. Rhiannon will bring these comments to the next District meeting.

2. Fees for Board Member's kids

A motion was made to discount board members kids 50% for the 2022 spring season made by Joshua Trask, seconded by Gabe Muscella. Motion denied.

A motion was made to discount for head coaches kids 50% for the 2022 spring season made by Joshua Trask, seconded by Gabe Muscella. Motion denied.

3. All Star Format

Rhiannon would like a vote to bring to the district meeting next month regarding the format for All Stars and whether we would like to play double elimination or pool play.

A motion was made to run the All Star format as pool play by Danielle Daniels, seconded by Joshua Trask. Motion passed.

4. District Volunteers

District is looking for volunteers at their level.

5. Brief discussion on Constitution Changes submitted by J. Donnel

A motion was made to forward the changes submitted by Jessica Donnel to the Rules Committee by Joshua Trask, seconded by Bobby Gonzales. Motion withdrawn.

The Board discussed each article and section recommended for change.

Open Discussion:

Joshua Trask brought up a former board member sending emails to parents, membership and regional using an email implying he is a representative of Groton Little League. It was decided as a board to discuss this with the former board member.

Dave Franco would like to meet with the marketing committee to discuss winter clinic and the coaches clinics.

Jennifer Tetreault spoke regarding new fundraising ideas, banner sales and reaching out to local kids to design a new logo for GLL.

Winter clinic registration numbers, advertising and possibly opening registration up to surrounding leagues was discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Danielle Daniels, seconded by Joshua Trask. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.