

Groton Little League
Meeting of November 16, 2021

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

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

Also present were: Jessica Donnel, Rachel Franco, Rob Lee, Pat Peterson, Jake Romanski, Mandy Sandt, Ally Williams

A motion to approved the minutes of October 27, 2021 was made by Ann Nix, seconded by Danielle Daniels. Motion passed.

Presidents Report: Rhiannon welcomed and thanked the group for coming.

Treasurer's Report: Fred addressed the group and detailed all of the work he has put into this years budget, wrapping things up from last year, and getting all of our accounts in order from the past few years. In total, there is \$88,380.27 in all accounts. He gave an overview of the past year's expenditures; including concessions, taxes, registration, chartering, merchandise and miscellaneous operating expenses.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for 2021 was made by Dave Franco, seconded by Danielle Daniels. Motion passed.

Old Business: The slushee machines were purchased, one has arrived and the other will be shipped in December.

New Business:

1. Open Board Positions

a. T-Ball Coordinator

Ally Williams addressed the group and gave a brief history of her baseball/softball experience and her willingness to be the T-ball coordinator. Doug Dickey expressed interest in the position as well but is not here tonight because of Covid-19. Ally expressed interest in the minor league coordinator as well.

A motion was made to postpone to elect Doug Dickey to the position of t-ball coordinator by Fred Piszcz, seconded by Dave Franco. Motion denied.

A motion was made to elect Ally Williams to the position of minor league coordinator by Fred Pisarz, seconded by Dave Franco. Motion passed.

The item of t-ball coordinator will be added to next months agenda for a vote. We will advertise the two open coordinator positions on Facebook to garner interest.

- b. Minor League Coordinator
- c. Major League Coordinator

2. Other Open Positions

a. Concessions Coordinator

Mandy Sandt introduced herself to the group and expressed interest in the position. There was a discussion on voting rights and board positions.

A motion to increase the number of board members to 15 was made by Danielle Daniels, seconded by Fred Pisarz. Motion passed.

A motion to elect Mandy Sandt to the position of Concessions Coordinator was made by Bobby Gonzales, seconded by Danielle Daniels. Motion passed.

3. District Initiatives

Bob Lee recapped the district meeting from the past week which included 12 year old travel ball, open board positions, work on chartering as insurance expires 12/31 and coaches training being held by the district. He noted that district meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month and invited all to attend.

4. Committee Formations

a. By-laws

b. Constitution

Jessica Donnel submitted a document of changes for review.

A motion was made to postpone forming the committee until the next meeting by Danielle Daniels, seconded by Bobby Gonzales. Motion passed.

- c. Finance Committee
- d. Scheduling Committee

5. Registrations Dates

A discussion was had on ages for tryouts and better placement of players, end of the year coaches evaluations and reaching out to previous coaches to see if they're interested in returning this year.

A motion was made to make registration dates by age by Dave Franco, seconded by Bobby Gonzales. Motion passed.

The T-Mobile grant was discussed and it was decided to promote this grant on the website and on social media. This will cover registration fees for families.

A motion to open registration during winter clinic or Dec 15, 2021 was made by Dave Franco, seconded by Bobby Gonzales. Motion passed.

a. Winter Clinic

Mystic Indoor Sports has closed. We are looking into other venues however the Groton Community Center and Fitch High School gyms are not an option because they do not allow the swinging of bats.

b. Coaches Clinic

It was noted that we will be participating in the coaches clinic held by district. Dave noted a baseball coaches clinic held yearly at Mohegan Sun and many board members were interested in attending and sending as many coaches as possible.

A motion was made to participate in both the district clinic and the clinic at Mohegan Sun by Dave Franco, seconded by Bobby Gonzales. Motion passed.

A motion was made to send 10 coaches to Mohegan Sun baseball clinic by Dave Franco, seconded by Fred Pizarz. Motion passed.

Dave Franco discussed investing in the league by hiring coaches and a coaching clinic to work on batting and pitching at his location. Dave will work on a proposal and present it to the board at the next meeting.

6. Chartering

Our insurance expires 12/31 so we need to charter our teams ASAP.

A motion to charter the same amount of teams as last year was made by Fred Pizarz, seconded by Kathryn Ilvento. Motion passed.

A motion was made to pay the charter fee by Bobby Gonzales, seconded by Dave Franco. Motion passed.

7. ASAP Plan

A motion was made to postpone this item to the next meeting by Dave Franco, seconded by Ann Nix. Motion passed.

8. Umpires

A motion was made to have paid umpires for the majors level and up by Dave Franco, seconded by Ann Nix. Motion passed.

9. Combine Team

Ann would like to discuss with Mystic Little League about combining for the senior league as our numbers are low and this would be in the best interest of the players.

A motion was made to table this item for further discussion once registration numbers are in by Ann Nix, seconded by Danielle Daniels. Motion passed.

10. Waivers

Bob Lee noted that all waivers should be sent to our board for a vote and then sent to him and he will forward it to Regional when it comes to requesting waivers for things like team size and players playing out of boundaries.

11. Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made to keep our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month by Ann Nix, seconded by Dave Franco. Motion passed.

12. Equipment day and cleanup day added to schedule

A discussion on the safety of the breaker box at CB was had and it was decided that this is a priority and a major safety issue. Rachel Franco requested information be sent to her and she will address it with the Town.

We are going to look into new uniform vendor and new sponsorships to increase revenue. It was also decided that to increase morale and interest in our league that we would research and hire a new photographer, distribute trophies and medals at the end of the season and participate in parades.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 21, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

