



DATE: 7-11-23
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Roundtable – Clubhouse

Citrus Heights Little League

MINUTES – July 2023

- 1) **Roll Call: Called to order 7:04 p.m.**
- 2) **Members in Attendance (25 during transition):** Dan Gomez, Joie Tollestrup, Alicia O’Callaghan, Jessica Luna, Cory Techau, Sonia Martinez, Jeff Harkema, Nico Cobleigh, Jerry “Garsh” Garcia, Rosalind Olivas, Michelle Johnson, Mahriel Sumulong, Brian Ortega, Eddy Cobleigh, Vincent Sabedra
- 3) **Members in Attendance via ZOOM:** Tahoe Arbogast, Courtney McConnell, Muang Saechao (Moo-uhng), Harmonie Ortega, Sonny Ortega
- 4) **Members not in Attendance:** Richard Poppert Jr, Clay Warix, Casey O’Callaghan, Eric Andrade, Ty Franklin
- 5) **Guest(s) in Attendance:** Kevin Cahill
- 6) **Review of Previous Minutes:** = **APPROVED** = 1st Michelle Johnson – 2nd Dan Gomez
- 7) **Review of Financials = POSTPONED** = 1st N/A – 2nd N/A – *need more time/info to review, extend to next month*
- 8) **FINANCIAL UPDATE –**
 - a. Finance Committee met on Sunday (7-9-23). Courtney to close out Fiscal year, Muang to take over on September 1, 2023 (fiscal year ends).
 - b. Muang would like original receipts for all bills/invoices being paid by the league, and for any reimbursement needed.
 - c. Need to update Directors on the CHLL bank account – *THIS WAS NOT MENTIONED AT THE MEETING. HOWEVER, THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE ASAP.*
 - d. Tahoe requests that each position and/or committee come up with a budget for the year. Email info to Treasurer@CitrusHeightsLL.com so we can come up with an annual league budget. We need to approve ASAP so we can stay on track!
- 9) **AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED =**
 - a. Blanca Jaimez – Resigned as Player Agent (on 6-15-23)
 - b. Jessica Luna as UIC = Officially voted in as “Umpire in Chief”.
 - 1) **BOD Voted = ALL IN FAVOR = Jessica as UIC**
 - c. Casey O’Callaghan as B&G – Rusch = Need to vote on him joining the Board. Per Dan, we will push this item to the end of the meeting.
 - d. How do we get players more competitive?
 - 1) Need to embrace Travel Ball
 - 2) Form “A” and “B” teams (draft players appropriately), and present to league in a positive way.
 - 3) Have specialty coaches and hold clinics (pitching, hitting, catching, etc.).
 - 4) Hold “Baseball IQ classes” for Coaches and Board Members. We can live stream and upload onto our website as well.
 - 5) Evaluate Coaches before placing them in a Manager/Coach position (and even specific Board positions).
 - 6) Start “Protected Players” AKA “Legacy Draft” in FARM division. Need to vote on and update Standing Rules as needed (must submit 2024 Constitution and 2024 Standing Rules to D-5 for approval by 12/1/23 at the very latest).

- e. CORRECTION ON CASEY O'CALLAGHAN'S AGENDA REQUEST = Casey would like to register his travel team with CHLL for Fall Ball, as a Junior Division team that has already been formed.
 - 1) Wants to keep his players together for extra reps, and to help bring more sign-ups to CHLL during fall.
 - 2) Depending on how many sign-ups we have for Juniors in the Fall; he would be able to take on a couple extra players (need to know how many can be added on).
 - 3) For now, we can waitlist the Junior Division until we know the total number of players (we typically only have one Junior team during fall).
 - 4) We do not want to turn any players away; we need to have a plan for waitlisted players.
 - 5) Casey to work closely with VP of Divisions to make sure his field times do not overlap with CHLL rec teams.
 - 6) ***BOD in attendance (20 votes total):***
 - 1. 1st Motion = Robert
 - 2. 2nd Motion = Dan
 - 3. **ALL IN FAVOR = Casey to register and keep his team together for Fall 2023**
 - 7) Need to form Committees ASAP!
 - 1. Executive Committee – COMPLETED
 - 2. Everyone knows if they are the Chair of a committee and will start formations ASAP.
 - 8) Access to BOD Emails
 - 1. Confirmed everyone has received their login info for their BOD emails.
 - 2. Confirmed everyone can access.

10) **IMPORTANT DATES –**

- a. Fall Ball is right around the corner! Practices start in August; Games start in September!
- b. 2024 will be CHLL's 70th year!!! We need to celebrate and plan for a great year.
 - 1) We can get special patches for Spring uniforms.
 - 1. Opening Day should be a huge event.
 - 2. Send out an email to the entire league that we are working on revamping the league to bring it back to its glory days!

11) **Board Discussion – OLD Business –**

- a. All Stars was rough for almost all divisions. We do NOT have to enroll an All-Star team every year, in each division. Managers should know by the end of the season if we have enough players to form All-Star teams.

12) **Board Discussion – NEW Business –**

- a. The Board originally voted to interleague with Northridge Little League (NLL) for Fall 2023. We recently discovered if we interleague with NLL, it would be treated as a regular Spring season; all BOD needs to confirm they can help 100% throughout fall. Our fields and snack bars must be maintained and opened for all games taking place at our parks (whether our teams are scheduled to play there or not).
- b. BOD re-voted on which league to interleague with for fall. Votes went as follows.....
 - 1) ***BOD in attendance (20 votes total):***
 - 2) YAY's = 17
 - 3) NAY's = 3

4) **MAJORITY VOTES = To Interleague with Sunrise LL (SLL) for Fall Ball 2023.**

- c. We need to get Fall Registration open ASAP!
 - 1) The Finance Committee approved \$100 per player; however, this was when we expected to interleague with NLL. Finance Committee to work up registration estimate once we have fall all costs estimates.
 - 2) Since we are now going to interleague will SLL, we need to confirm how much we will charge (we need to break-even). We need estimates for Uniforms, player Insurance, field insurance, how much SLL is going to charge us, etc.). *Courtney* to reach out to SLL, *Clay* to get uniform estimates (just jerseys & hats – does not need to be anything fancy for fall).

13) PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE –

- a. We need to get Harmonie added as an Admin on our Facebook/Instagram pages ASAP.
- b. Must communicate better with league!

14) AUXILIARY UPDATE –

- a. We still need to fill our Auxiliary Manager positions (at least 2 people but prefer 4 people)!!
- b. An email was sent out to the league asking for help. We received 2 responses; Joie will forward info to Roz and Michelle to reach out.
- c. If you know of anyone interested, please let Roz and Michelle know ASAP!

15) B&G UPDATE –

- a. Want to make the grass area bigger at Madera (big field). B&G Committee to get a few estimates.
- b. Ritchie Kimm would like to donate dirt for Garsh field!!
- c. Once Garsh field and McDonald field are in good shape, B&G will work on Madera's fields.
- d. Our fields must always be in great shape! They are the first thing players and families notice; we want to make sure they always look good!

16) GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE LEAGUE –

- a. Ritchie Kim has offered to register his team in the 2024 SLL Memorial Tournament, under the "Citrus Heights Little League" name. We would provide them with uniforms and pay their entry fee. In return, it would help get CHLL's name out there.

17) Open Discussion –

- a. 6 members got up and left the meeting at about 8:24 pm, unsure as to why they left.
 - 1) Members still in attendance were Robert, Alicia, Michelle, Roz, Jeff, Sonia, Brian, Mahriel, Joie and the 5 members on Zoom (Tahoe, Courtney, Sonny, Muang and Harmonie).
- b. Jeff Williams with the C.H. Bombers is opening a new Batting Cage facility in Citrus Heights!! It will be open soon; we need to reach out and see about the league forming a relationship with them ASAP!! Can we become a sponsor, help advertise, etc.? *Robert* to reach out to Jeff and discuss.
- c. We have a lot of help this year! We have a team of 21 Board members!!! This is the most we've had in approx. the last 3 years. We have an opportunity to make this league great again if we all work together!!
- d. While a huge goal this year is to help our players get to a more competitive level; we need to focus on the recreational side as well. We must find an even balance!
- e. We need to make sure players are having fun and staying interested in Baseball. While we need to focus on Coach Clinics, we need to have more Player Clinics also.

Meeting adjourned: 8:47 PM