



## MINUTES – AUGUST 2023

**DATE:** 8-8-23

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Roundtable – Clubhouse

CITRUS HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE

### MINUTES

- 1) **Roll Call: Called to order 6:37 p.m.**
- 2) **Members in Attendance:** Tahoe Arbogast, Dan Gomez, Joie Tollestrup, Jessica Luna, Courtney McConnell, Cory Techau, Sonia Martinez, Jeff Harkema, Jerry “Garsh” Garcia, Clay Warix, Mahriel Sumulong, Brian Ortega, Rosalind Olivas, Michelle Johnson.
- 3) **Members in Attendance via ZOOM:** Muang (“Moo-uhng”) Saechao, Alicia O’Callaghan, Harmonie Ortega, Sonny Ortega
- 4) **Members NOT in Attendance:** Nico Cobleigh, Eddy Cobleigh, Eric Andrade, Ty Franklin
- 5) **Guest Members in Attendance:** Desiree Apgar, Elicia Buitron
- 6) **Review of Previous Minutes = APPROVED = 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan**
- 7) **Review of Financials = APPROVED = 1<sup>st</sup> Joie – 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle**
- 8) **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONGRATULATIONS!!!** Courtney and Tahoe are pregnant!!! Player #8 has been drafted to Team Arbogast-Pearson and will be coming soon to a ballpark near you (due in February 2024)!!
- 9) **Agenda Items Requested =**
  - a. Vincent Savedra – Resigned from BOD (on 8-7-23)
  - b. Casey O’Callaghan – has decided to stay on the B&G Committee but doesn’t want to join the Board at this time.
  - c. Robert Olivas – would like to stay on the Board but does not want a specific position (honorary member?).
    - 1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Courtney = All in Favor = **VOTED YES**
  - d. Ty Franklin & Eric Andrade - to be removed from BOD immediately. Reason’s being...
    - 1) They have not attended the last 3 monthly meetings or helped with any current events.
    - 2) Asking families to follow them to another league promising things that are untrue (players would still be All-Star eligible, etc.),
    - 3) D-5 recommended that they should be removed from the Board immediately, as they are not coming back to the league, nor helping with the end of the current season. And causing negativity between the league and league families.
    - 4) 1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cory = All in Favor = **VOTED YES**
  - e. Desiree Apgar & Tony King - would like to join the Board as our Auxiliary Managers. They will take care of the Madera snack bar.
    - 1) 1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Courtney = All in Favor = **VOTED YES**
  - f. Jessica Luna, Muang (“Moo-uhng”) Saechao, Sonny Ortega and Harmonie Ortega – to take care of the McDonald field snack bar.
  - g. Committees must be formed tonight! See Committee list attached.

- h. League Emails - It's extremely important that all Board Members use their assigned league email(s). This is the only way to save and keep a record of info for future CHLL BOD Members. Please see Joie after the meeting if you need help logging in.
- i. All BOD Members MUST be on ALL forms of communication – this includes league emails, GroupMe pages, text messages, etc. GroupMe is our #1 way of communicating, but we also communicate via email, phone calls and text messaging. Communication is key, whether it's with fellow Board Members or league families – it's important to return all calls/messages as soon as possible! Even though we are volunteers, we have responsibilities with the league and need to do our best.

#### 10) Important Dates / Calendar List –

- a. Fall Ball is beginning soon! We need to push registration as much as possible!
- b. Need to start scheduling league events and post them on the league calendar. Auxiliary Committee to meet and discuss soon.

#### 11) Board Discussion – OLD Business –

- a. **Fireworks Booth** – We did not make nearly as much this year as we have in previous years. Total profit amount (after paying for booth/connex rentals, permits, etc.) is **\$12,548**. The heat may have been a factor, but lack of promotion, and the booth location played a part as well. Next year we will plan better and ask for more help!

#### 12) Board Discussion – NEW Business –

- a. **D-5 Meeting (on 8-7-23)** = When Tahoe arrived at the D-5 meeting, the meeting had already started and they were talking about us (CHLL). We need to keep any problems/issues in-house (within our Board only). Spreading issues or certain information to league families, and other leagues, is how rumors get started and the negativity begins. If there is something that needs to be brought to D-5, we will discuss it as a Board and our President will bring it to D-5 if needed. *We must be a united front to everyone outside the board, no matter if we agree or disagree with each other!*
- b. **Focus on your BOD Position** = All directors please focus on your specific board position(s) unless someone specifically asks for help. If you need help, please reach out and ask! We're all here to help and support each other, but we don't want to overstep into someone else's position unless asked.
- c. **Concerns??** = If there is concern that any Directors are not actively working in their position, please let Tahoe know and he will have a conversation with them.
- d. **Meeting Attendance** = It is extremely important that all Directors attend every meeting. Life does happen, and sometimes you cannot make it in person or via ZOOM. However, when you miss a meeting, you miss important information.
- e. **Merger Discussions** = There has been a lot of talk about a Merger. A Merger is not our focus right now. We need to be focused on Fall Ball registration, getting kids registered, getting our league back to its glory days and most importantly - providing an awesome program for the kids in our community!
- f. **Merger Approvals** = D-5 advised Tahoe that it must be a unanimous vote from all District 5 Presidents to approve the merger. If one President does not want us to merge, it will not happen. It's extremely important that we work as a team to make our league better.
- g. **Travel Teams** = Per D-5, we can allow Travel Teams to use our fields and register their players for Rec ball. The only rule is that the entire team cannot be registered together onto one team (they have to be split up).

### **13) Financial Committee UPDATE –**

- a. SAFE Credit Union – has mailed us documents to have Muang added to the CHLL account, and to remove Richard. These documents need to be signed/completed and returned ASAP.
- b. Committee Budgets = Each Committee must submit a budget for the season (please forward to [Treasurer@CitrusHeightsLL.com](mailto:Treasurer@CitrusHeightsLL.com) for approval). Please also let Muang know ASAP, if you go over your budget.
- c. Purchasing Items = Treasurers to clarify if Directors are able to purchase items themselves (and be reimbursed later) or have Treasurers purchase items for them.

### **14) Player Agent UPDATE –**

- a. As of today (8-8-23) we have 44 registered players. Fall registration numbers are typically less than half of what we have during Spring, but this is much less than what we should have. We will likely get a bunch of sign-ups right before registration closes (per usual). So please keep up the hard work - it will pay off in the end!
- b. We're scheduled to meet with SLL on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Fall (registration numbers, plans, etc.).
- c. Unless there is a safety concern or a player completely stands out against the rest in their division, it's important that we keep players in the proper "league age" divisions. Although we do have some wiggle room during fall (to move players around a bit); Fall ball is designed to help prepare players for the upcoming Spring season. If a player is not in the right division, then they're being held back.
- d. Can we give a discount to Sentinels team(s) for Fall and Spring seasons? Need to discuss further for Spring.

### **15) Public Relations UPDATE –**

- a. Need to hand out Fall Ball flyers!
  - 1) Ask local businesses to post our flyers.
  - 2) Drop off approved flyers at schools (still waiting for school district to approve our flyer).
  - 3) Post on all social media platforms.
- b. Need to post pictures and CHLL event info frequently on social media pages (keep a presence)! All BOD should be sharing/liking CHLL posts. The more shares, the more families we will connect with.
- c. Work on Spring flyer so we can hand out at any Fall events coming up (need to discuss and approve our spring fees ASAP). Make sure to add QR Code to flyers!

### **16) Uniform UPDATE –**

- a. Clay is looking into uniform pricing. We cannot order uniforms until we get closer to the closing of registration, but he will get quotes and get ready to order ASAP.

### **17) B&G UPDATE –**

- a. A Police Report has been filed against 7 homeless people at McDonald Field. The same 7 people keep destroying our park.
  - 1) They set fire to the fence in the outfield, broke into the scoreboard to draw power, keep destroying the dugouts, and leave drug and other paraphernalia around the park.
  - 2) Tahoe is going to talk to Sunrise P&R about putting a fence around the whole park. If they do not help, he will go to the City Council. There is no reason for anyone to be at McDonald Field unless they are playing baseball.
  - 3) If you see any homeless at McDonald, please call CHPD to have them removed ASAP.
- b. Need new locks for the dugouts and field access (for McDonald).

- c. Sunrise P&R to reimburse us for damages. Sonny to reach out to them with cost of the damage.
- d. Dan getting dirt for McDonald field. Casey O'Callaghan and Jeff Williams to help with the field.

**18) Good & Welfare of the League –**

- a. We're still waiting for SJUSD to approve our Fall flyer. If we don't hear back by Thursday evening, we will hand out flyers to students after school on Friday! We cannot physically be on the school premises, but we can stand at the exits and hand out to students!

**19) Open Discussion –**

- a. We need to form another "*Crisis Committee*" - this worked really well for us in the past! 3 Directors (who are great with people, communication, and deescalating situations) were nominated to be the first to help with any issues. Any disciplinary actions would go to the entire board for a vote, but most of the time issues were resolved at the "Crisis Committee" level. We need to discuss this further and nominate directors for this committee.
- b. Next year (2024) is CHLL's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday!! We need to plan an amazing Opening Day (and season) to celebrate and start promoting it ASAP. We want families to know we are working on making CHLL better again!

**Meeting adjourned: 8:23 PM**