

## Fairfax Little League

### February 2009 Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order & Minutes.** Mike McCarthy called the meeting to order and the January minutes were approved.

**Attendance.** In attendance were Mike McCarthy, Tom Russell, Pat Donohue, Neil Hence, Fred Elliot, Brian Kimmel, Michael Clarke, Tom Heller, Charlie Jumper, Bob Marchibuona, Mark Hanney, Scott Peirce, Larry Capitano, Pat Murphy, Jeff Beima, Jack Law, Kay Jones, Mary Koster, Jim Knowlan, Lisa Alecxih. James Elliot, Steve Hals, & Mace Carpenter.

**Opening Day.** The opening day ceremonies were updated and it is on track. Some areas still needing to be addresses include coordination for the VIPs cars, Paul VI School, & Potomac Mascots. Mace completed and submitted the parade applicaton the application to the city. We await word on the city charges. Mace noted the city will likely charge us for services.

**Burke Rebuild.** Gary Hill continues to coordinate at Burke. Completion is still expected to be before opening day.

**Tryouts.** The tryouts remain on track for 20-21 February in the Fairfax High School Field House. Players are asked to arrive at least 15-20 minutes prior to the start.

**Treasury Report.** The treasury report was discussed and passed. Money is beginning to come into the accounts; about \$30,000 in expenses, mostly in equipment. We had ~\$149,200 in the bank.

**Burke Fence.** A Boy Scout group will be painting the Burke fence as part of an Eagle Scout project. FFXLL will provide the materials.

**Player Sign-up.** Enrollment for FFXLL remains down about 100 players from last year.

**Winter training.** Everyone was reminded of FFX LL and Virginia Baseball Club have partnered for a 6 week Training Program on Mondays 2/9 thru 3/16. The early session is from 6:00 - 7:30p for AA / AAA, followed by Majors 7:30-9:00p @ VBC Merrifield. This is to be led by VBC instructors assisted by FFX LL coaches.

**Providence Field.** The city has been paid the first installment from FFXLL for the Providence 90' Field. The city expects the field to be completed this summer in time for fall baseball. The city plans turf on the field.

**Safety.** All fields must have break-away bases.

**Board Positions.** The BOD roster is attached and requires update. All BOD members should review and send updates to Mace.

**Umpires.** We still remain short of umpires, especially teenagers. Once again, Umpire training is being 1930-2015 at Thaiss Park on every Monday in March. Umpire mechanics will be held on 21, 22, and 28 March at Thaiss. Umpire pay has been increased to help attract and reward our younger umpires. Pay will begin at \$20 a game for a level 6 umpire for the first 10 games, and increase as high as \$42 a game after 30 games for level 3 umpires.

**Batting Order.** By a 13-12 vote, the board approved continuous batting order at all levels except Majors. Majors will use a 9 player hitting order.

**Pitching Guidelines.** The board voted to use pitching rules option 2 for the league. This means pitchers league age 16 or under shall:

- > 60 pitches in a game, rest 4 calendar days
- 41-60 pitches in a game, rest 3 calendar days
- 21-40 pitches in a game, rest 2 calendar days
- 1-20 pitches in a game, no rest is required

**Equipment.** It was noted equipment for several fields would have to be repaired or replaced. Pallets of lime and Pr-choice need to be coordinated.

**Rodio Field.** FPYC football equipment remain there. Mace approved FPYC using the shed last fall. Lisa volunteered to coordinate the removal of this equipment.

**Bats.** All were reminded to review the new little league rules on bats. The bats used this season must comply with little league guidelines. A performance factor of 1.15 or less is required. Different ways to check bats each game were discussed, but no decision was made for a set league procedure.

**Sponsorship.** Good so far.

**Submitted by  
Mace Carpenter  
Secretary**