

Fairfax Little League

January 2009 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Opening Day. The opening day ceremonies were discussed and due to Fairfax County Spring Break from 6 to 10 April, 18 April was selected for opening day. FFXLL needs to get its application in as soon as possible. Mace noted the city may charge us for services this year and we will need to coordinate it further out.

Burke Rebuild. Gary Hill is still coordinating the work at Burke. The contractor has provided an updated estimate and FFXLL is now working with the insurer for the additional funds.

Tryouts. The tryouts are on track for 20-21 February in the Fairfax High School Field House. These "evaluations" are for players hoping to play AA, AAA, or Majors this spring. The exception is any player who played Majors in spring 2008. (Also, Juniors/Seniors tryouts—for kids 13 and older—will be held on Friday night. Our Juniors/Seniors director, Larry Capitano, will be happy to answer any questions.) Players are asked to arrive at least 15-20 minutes prior to the start.

Treasury Report. The treasury report was discussed and passed. The insurance funds from Burke artificially indicate a greater balance than we really have.

Player Sign-up. Enrollment for FFXLL is down about 100 players from last year. Ways to get the word out were discussed.

Winter training. 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. Mace noted the city has been delayed on gaining permissions for water runoff at Providence. This has resulted in the city delaying construction of the field as they negotiate runoff rights payments. We do not expect the fields at Providence to be complete until this Fall. The first payment to the city for the field from the FFXLL is due this month.

City Field Support. The city is also cutting its budget significantly as the result of much reduced tax revenue. The city will be able to mow and attend to field safety issues, but will not be funded to work basic maintenance and repairs.

Board Positions. The BOD roster has been updated and is attached.

Umpires. We are still short of umpires, especially teenagers. Umpire training will be held 1930-2015 on 25 February at Thaiss Park, then every Monday in March. Umpire mechanics will be held on 21, 22, and 28 March at Thaiss.

Sponsor Program. The sponsor program is on track and reduced fees were discussed. However, the current sponsor fees will remain in effect.

Raffle. The raffle was discussed and it was voted to have three main prizes—of one, \$3,000 and two, \$1,000. The board was reminded there are legal requirements we must respect and this is a significant money maker.

Christmas Tree Sales. It was noted the league has not received any payment for 2008 sales.

Safety Report. The annual safety report is due soon to Little League Headquarters. While this will be very similar to last year's report, there will be some minor updates.

Submitted by
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Secretary