

South Durham Little League Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 6:30 PM
Harris Incorporated

Orders of business

I. Board meeting day

The board agreed to continue meeting on Wednesday evenings in 2008. When the spring season starts, we might have to adjust this schedule because of conflicts with games and practices.

II. Parkwood Field

President Gordon Ferrell met with a representative from the Parkwood Homeowners Association. The priorities from PHA are:

- Replace the centerfield light pole
- Replace the centerfield net
- Remove the trailer
- Build new bathrooms

A meeting was held with Parkwood Athletic Association president Stewart Downey. A different set of priorities is forthcoming for Stewart and will have to be reconciled with the PHA list. The proposed contract that the SDLL board approved at the October 14 meeting has not been officially approved by either PAA or PHA, so going forward SDLL's relationship with the two organizations will continue as it has been in the past. We will continue to reserve and pay for playing time.

A firm in Roxboro quoted light pole replacement at \$2880 per pole, with a two pole minimum. To tear up the field and replace the dirt will cost \$385 for twelve cubic yards of fill, with at least thirty-six cubic yards needed. Gordon proposed that we offer to do both in lieu of an equal amount of rental fees. The lip in the outfield/infield needs to be corrected. A hole in the centerfield net needs to be closed.

Formal vote: The board approved, with a unanimous voice vote, that SDLL officially offer to replace the two poles, replace the infield dirt, and repair the net, with full credit against 2008 rental fees at Parkwood Field.

III. Durham Parks and Recreation meeting

A meeting was held with Tammy Brown of Durham Parks and Recreation and SDLL board members. Lights for the Herndon Field were discussed. There is some concern about running the necessary electrical conduit to the light poles because of rocks in the soil. DP&R is going to promote a baseball league at Herndon in competition with SDLL in the spring season, although limited enrollment is expected. We expressed our desire to use the field on weekends as much as possible. Two batting cages promised by the city will be located at Herndon if SDLL agrees to assemble them.

SDLL was presented with a bill for the fall season for \$8,190, which we feel is much too high. We are going to challenge this bill based on actual field usage, particularly at Crest Field by the Juniors and Seniors.

Action item: Walter Daniels will provide documentation to Gordon Ferrell of what SDLL's original request was for fall season reservations.

Action item: Gordon Ferrell will request a storage place for bases and line machine at Herndon Field.

We asked for usage at the Herndon Field for the District 6 9/10 year old All-Star Tournament in July 2008, which DP&R agreed to.

IV. Team breakdown for the 2008 spring season

Little League has passed a rule requiring all twelve-year-olds be placed on a Majors team. In our player database, we have 50 twelve year-olds, 60 eleven year-olds, 70 ten year-olds, 41 nine year-olds, and 39 eight year-olds. Player evaluations will ultimately determine how many Majors team will be required, but it is projected that we will field more Majors teams than the four that we have had in the past.

V. Registration fees for 2008

Our per-player expenses in 2007 were \$183, which is much more than the registration fees we collected (\$95 for AA, \$110 for AAA, and \$125 Majors/Juniors/Seniors). Gordon Ferrell proposed that we increase our fees for Spring 2008 to a standard \$125 per player. The rest of the expenses will be covered through sponsorship and fundraising activities.

Formal vote: The board approved, with a voice vote, to charge a uniform fee of \$125 per player regardless of division for Spring 2008.

VI. Year-end gift giving

A parent asked if they could contribute to SDLL as a charity for tax purposes. The answer is yes.

Action item: Mark Grant will draft a letter to SDLL parents reminding them of SDLL's tax exempt status.

IV. Negotiations with the city of Durham for Herndon Field

The board discussed whether to continue negotiations, as started by Walter Daniels earlier this year, with Durham City Manager Patrick Baker regarding a partnership for exclusive use of the Herndon Field. The matter was tabled and will be an agenda item at the January board meeting.

Action item: Gordon asked that all board members send him an e-mail stating their opinion on the matter.

Action Item List (only open and recently closed items shown)				
Number	Description	Date Opened	Assigned	Status
1	Make an agenda item for the October meeting concerning parent volunteer commitments.	9/09/07	Gordon Ferrell	Open
2	Provide documentation of SDLL's official request for Fall Ball field reservations.	12/05/07	Walter Daniels	Open
3	Request a small storage space at Herndon Field for bases, lime, and a line marker.	12/05/07	Gordon Ferrell	Open
4	Send an e-mail to all SDLL parents reminding them of gift-	12/05/07	Mark Grant	Open

	giving opportunities for tax purposes.			
5	Send Gordon Ferrell an e-mail with each board member's opinion regarding continued negotiation with the City Manager for a partnership between SDLL and the city of Durham	12/05/07	All board members	Open

Board Members in attendance

Name	Oct 7	Oct 14	Nov 7	Dec 5	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Gordon Ferrell		X	X	X								
Walter Daniels	X	X		X								
Nick Livengood			X									
Lee Kolosna	X	X	X	X								
Robbie Oakley	X	X	X	X								
Tim Van Acker	X	X	X	X								
Michelle Koeneke	X	X		X								
Jay Harris		X		X								
Camille Berry	X	X	X	X								
Jill Stafford	X	X	X	X								
Irene Dwinell	X	X	X	X								
Jamie Terwilliger	X		X	X								
David Finucane												
Jim Schaeffer	X	X										
Phillip Mumford												
Lawrence Kahn	X	X	X	X								
Alex Perry		X	X	X								
Jamie Dillard	X		X	X								
Mark Grant	X			X								
Stephen Gwaltney	X	X	X	X								
Robert Gampe	X	X	X	X								
Marie-Paule Dumoulein		X		X								
Denise Grant			X	X								
Misty Pidgeon		X	X									
Greg Shaw			X	X								
Rob Wilson			X	X								

X – present at meeting

Recorded by SDLL secretary Lee Kolosna