



Board Meeting May 7, 2020

Meeting Start time: 7:00 pm

Meeting End time: 7:36

Board Members Present: Lucy Campbell, Kurt Fluegge, Chris Freer, Cesar Garcia, Larry Holden, Fred Clarke, Erika Satterlund, Soren Llanes, Derek Roth, Jack Chao, Jen Augustin, Rob Freytag, Ryan Mullenix, Tim Chin, Darcey Teets, Elisabeth Carroll

Note: This meeting was held virtually via Zoom in compliance with Governor Jay Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order.

We have noticed that there seems to be a problem with e-mail distribution via Stack Sports. Many families have been reaching out to Lucy asking for information since they haven't been receiving our correspondence. For some reason, some members aren't even receiving anything in their spam folders. This problem can be worked around by copying and pasting e-mail addresses from an excel worksheet to send messages.

A survey was sent out to our community to gauge interest in a summer program and allow them to request season refunds or offer to donate their registration fee to the league. Results indicate around 21% are willing to donate to their full registration to our unrecoverable fees (insurance, charter, etc.) and 20% are willing to donate half. Thanks to generous families, we will be able to as much of a refund as possible to all requests. A motion was made and approved to cancel our typical season and respond to refund requests.

We have done research to find out how our neighboring leagues are handling planned little league seasons, given the social distancing requirements necessitated by the CoVid-19 pandemic.

- Bellevue East proposed to simply end their season.
- Mercer Island is planning to run a summer program that could potentially start July 1st.

It is still hard to know what will happen in the future with stay home orders and infection/testing rates. We are interested in the idea of potentially running a summer season July 1st – August 14th. A motion was made and approved to create a new season as deemed safe by Little League Nationals. Our details:

- Players would re-register if they are interested.
- There will not be all-stars, uniforms, or a regular length season.
- Teams will be reconfigured.
- We understand players on select teams may choose to not participate.
- D-9 canceled the Little League World Series. No tournaments are allowed that would require players to stay in a hotel overnight.

- We can decide whether or not we would like to have a district tournament. We could also consider a whiffle ball or kickball tournament.
- The summer league will be very casual with no uniforms. Players can wear a light/dark colored t-shirt and wear their favorite baseball cap.

Considerations will need to be made about social distancing requirements and the number of people allowed to gather together. When we think about hosting 50 people on a field for a game, we would need to be in phase 4 of Washington State's Reopening Plan? If we are still in phase 3, gatherings would be limited to a smaller number. Things are very fluid. It seems that phase 3 could potentially start July 3rd at the earliest.

Families who donated to their original registration fee to the league may participate in our potential summer program at no cost. Families who requested a refund/partial refund will pay a nominal summer registration fee to cover field costs.

We will plan to open summer registration to our community and find out about fields later. Based on our survey, 138 families are interested in summer ball, 80 said maybe, 50 said no.

After some time passes, we will need to decide on a date that would be the "last chance" to begin a summer program. The city has indicated that they are not going to consider field requests until the fields reopen. We will need to consider how many days it will take to move between the "Go ahead" from the Governor to schedule fields, then give teams the go-ahead... We will be offering something completely different than ever before.

We need to confirm that our insurance will cover a summer program. It seems that our plan covers a calendar year rather than a specific type of season. Lucy will confirm these details and will communicate something similar to "We are closing part 1 of the season and opening part 2 of the season."

Lucy is working on guidelines and best practices about safety during the pandemic that reflect social distancing and hygiene. We will most likely need cones and policies about cleaning bats, hands, etc. These must be in place before we start. We know more as time passes.