

Livermore Smoke, April 25, 2011, Board Meeting

In Attendance:

Board Member	Board Position	Board Member	Board Position
Louie Arias	Secretary	Andrew Paulazzo	President
Sandra Duffy	TBall AGC	Abraham Pereida	Fundraising - Sponsors
Steve Farro	Equipment Manager	Alisa Scribner	8U AGC
Jim Geyer	V.P. - Umpire in Chief	Dave Taulton	MSB AGC
Marc Kavanagh	Scheduling	Wendy Vasquez	Fundraising - Basket Raffle /
Player of the Week			
Dave Koenig	Treasurer	Gary Vignola	Director of Players & Coaches Development for Recreation & Travel Softball
V.P. Registrar			Uniforms, Trophies
Trish Martinez (Late: Had to close Snack Shack)	Snack Bar		
Denise "Brownie" Meyer	Picture Coordinator	Craig Waugh	10U AGC
Denise "Whitie" Meyer	Opening Day Coordinator	Randy Zumwalt	Travel Ball
Jeff Passama	Apparel and Community Affairs		

Non-Board Member Attendees: Darwin Stephenson

Louie Arias: +1.925.413.9715

Meeting called to order ~ 7:07 PM on April 25, 2011.

Minutes:

The Livermore Smoke March 28, 2011 Board meeting minutes were read at this meeting. Will type up the March 28th meeting minutes and send out with the April 25th meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Louie Arias read the March 28th LGSA Board meeting minutes.
- Should try to get Charter fields for the LGSA Rec season next year
- Need to get water to these fields. Jeff Passama will talk to the school district about these fields.
- All Stars standards were discussed by Gary Vignola.

New Business:

- Rec Playoff Schedule:
 - Every team will play double headers on Saturday.
 - Double Elimination i.e., lose 2 games, and your team is eliminated from the tournament.
 - 4th Inning – unlimited runs for Red and 10U Black teams.
 - MSB is unlimited runs for every inning.

- No new innings after 80 minutes.
- Girl Scouts have a major activity on 5/1/11 (i.e., during the double header Saturday playoffs).
- There are no minimum play time requirements. However, everyone has to play at least 1 inning.
- There is also NO infield play requirement.
- Everyone bats.
- No pitch limits for pitchers during playoffs.
- Balls will be in the Snack Shack for playoffs:
 - 1 new ball per game after 1st games and 1 good used ball for each game.
- LGSA bases are in the soccer locker at Altamont Creek. Need to figure out how to get them back.
- Missing 3 bases at Smith.
- LGSA is missing 7 bases total.
- LGSA is also missing a tape measure.

Playoffs:

- Playoffs will be updated as late as Friday, April 29.
- MS Red playoffs are set.
- MS Black playoff seeding may change depending on what happens on Wednesday, April 27th.
- We will have JM on Championship Saturday for 8U makeup games.
- Marc Kavanagh will reschedule 8U rainout games.
- Higher seed is the “home” team wearing red jerseys, and the visiting team (lower seed) will wear their black jerseys.

All Star Games:

- Will be at 5 PM and 7 PM on Saturday, 5/7/11.
- Randy V. has the All Star T-Shirts, jerseys and trophies.
- 10B and MSB will nominate 6 players each.
- 1st and 3rd (actually it was 1st and 4th) and 2nd and 4th (actually it was 2nd and 3rd) teams will be paired for All Stars. These pairings are based on their end of season standing. The All Star managers will be from the 1st and 2nd place teams (end of season standings).
- Equal playing time for ALL players because it is an exhibition game.
- Get All Star selections to AGCs by Monday, 5/2.
- Final pick is by the coaches.
- It is not necessarily the best 6 players, but the 6 BEST team players.

Travel Teams:

- Travel Ball tryouts will be Sunday, May 1st.
- Gary Vignola and CA Fastpitch will run the tryouts.
- Sign-Ups: Randy V. will bring the registration forms.
- 10s will tryout first, 12s will tryout 2nd, 14s will tryout 3rd and 8s will tryout last at 1 PM.
- All 8U players trying out make a team. Fowler and Craig will have teams.

Travel Tryouts:

- Gary Vignola covered how the score sheets will be used for the travel tryouts. For example, if a girl slides she will some points. If she doesn't slide, she will get "0" points.
- Best pitcher and catcher get on the team
- Next 4 players on the team will based on their tryout scores.
- Next 6 players will be the choice of the manager.
- Players to get 50% playing time on Saturday.
- Best 9 play on Sunday.
- 3 EB members and 2 coaches will be scoring each girl during the tryouts.
- 6 girls will make the team based on their scores. The next 6 will be decided by the coaches and based on their team needs (e.g., pitching and / or catching, etc.).
- By Tuesday, 5/3/11 the selection process will be done.
- Coaches will call parents immediately upon completion of the selection process.
- A B player cannot choose to play on a C team just because she likes the coach.
- Need a registration table for the Travel Ball tryouts on 5/1/11.
- Andy P will do the fields Sunday morning.
- Wendy will be at the travel ball tryouts at 7:30 AM to help setup.
- Andy P will get the field guy, "Brandon Robello" to chalk the field.
- Andy P will get the balls for the games.

Smoke Tournament:

- **Snack shack sales go to the Smoke travel team running it.**
- **Registration money (from the participating teams) goes to the Travel Ball Account**
- **The Smoke tournament is "FREE" for our teams.**
- **8U: 3 teams includes the 1 Smoke team**
- **10U: 9 Teams – 5 Bs and 4 Cs and includes 1 Smoke team.**
- **12U: 6 Bs and 6 Cs (includes a Smoke B and C team)**
- **14U: 5 Teams (including 1 Smoke team).**
- **Jim has taken care of reserving the fields for our tournament.**
- **Sandra is working on getting the umpires.**
- Sandra needs Field Marshalls for the different venues.
- LGSA has not cut any deals yet with the Pleasanton Phantom or San Ramon Stompers about playing in their tournaments if they play in ours.

Side note: The check written to Granada High School was written for \$1000, but the dollar amount was \$1500. Hence, GHS could not cash the check, and a new check needs to be issued.

Snack Shack – Trish Martinez

- **Trish needs a new "roll-up door" storage container at JM.**
- Snack shack sales are going well.
- She's spent about \$4,450 (in receipts)
- She needs to work with Dave to bring a Financial Statement Summary for the Snack Shack sales to the next Board meeting.
- She estimated a profit of \$8k to \$9k year to date (YTD) for the Snack Shack sales.
- Trish wants a cash register for the Snack Shack. Estimated cost is \$200 to \$300
 - Louie Arias made the motion to purchase a cash register for the snack shack.

- Motion was second by Sandra Duffy.
- Motion was amended to state not to exceed a cost of \$300.
- Motion was tabled for now, and will be included in the budget for next year.
- Budget for next year to include the following items:
 - Catcher's Equipment
 - "Roll-Up Door" Storage Container
 - Snack Shack Cash Register (will enable better tracking of sales)
 - Slurpee Machine (a Trish request)
 - Nacho Machine (a Trish request)
- We do have makeup games coming. Thus, volunteers will be needed to cover the Snack Shack for these games.
 - Snack Shack Policy: Volunteers must work a minimum of 2 hours regardless if their game has finished early. Trish has had issues with the Snack Shack volunteers leaving when their game ends while the games on the other two fields **are still being played**. **Need to resolve this issue to support Snack Shack sales.**

Apparel Update: Jeff Passama

- Sweatshirts and Windbreakers are now being sold at the Snack Shack.
- Will have an opportunity to sell Smoke apparel once the travel teams are formed.
- Apparel needs a budget.
- Jeff needs to tell us what he needs for his budget.
- Jeff wants to add the following items to the Apparel List:
 - Lady T-Shirts
 - Magnets
 - Bumper Stickers
 - Good Embroidered Sweatshirts
 - Inexpensive Sweatshirt

Director of Players & Coaches Development for Recreation & Travel Softball Update – Gary Vignola

- Gary received 8 season surveys back from the managers.
- CA Fastpitch held a free 8U pitching clinic. 4 Teams out of 14 Manager attended. Obviously, the 8U managers were not that interested in learning to teach pitching to their players.
 - Coaching evaluations are still being done.

Sonoma Fields are available. They would make great additional dirt practice fields for our league.

Fusion:

- Darwin wants Livermore Smoke to work with Fusion, so the girls can play year around.
- Fusion could be an extended Rec season and affiliated with Smoke.
- Livermore produces a lot of good softball players.
- Fusion starts June 10th on Friday nights.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.