

Livermore Smoke, October 18, 2010, Board Meeting

In Attendance:

Sandra Duffy, Trishe Martinez, Andy Paulazzo, Marty Sampson, Alisa Scribner, Gary Vignola, Randy Villazon and Craig Waugh

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Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM on October 18, 2010

Minutes:

The Livermore Smoke October 20, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes were sent via email to LGSA board prior to this meeting.

Old Business:

- Emails were exchanged between Gillian Boxx and Andy Paulazzo regarding the Catching Clinic Gillian is supposed to do. However, Andy did not have an update for this activity for this meeting.
- Correction to Old Business meeting minutes: LGSA decided NOT to rent the Grizzlie facility because there was not enough room for team practices, and the meeting room was too small for Board Meetings.
- Andy Paulazzo called Jeff Melrose 3 times regarding renting a space that Livermore Smoke could use for indoor practices when it is raining. However, Andy has not received any return calls from Jeff. Jeff is MIA. Thus, there was no update on renting an indoor facility for Livermore Smoke practices.
- No update on reserving Joe Michell fields on a yearly basis. **Jim Geyer needs to know expenditures for the last two years for these fields. Al. Dave Koenig**
- Andy met with LARPD on October 19th at 9:30 AM. **Andy do you have an update about this meeting.**
- Andy thanked Randy Villazon for the Livermore Smoke Registration banners. They were a huge success.
- Banners need to be collected after the **final registration. Randy, how many banners did you get back?**
- Little League Registration: Livermore Little League liked our advertisement banners. They want us to do it with them next year. Next year, we will only hold walk in registration days with Little League. Make sure our signs say "Girls Softball" at our registration tables during the Little League registration event.
- October 28th was the next Livermore Smoke Walk In Registration date. Need volunteers to work this event.
- November 6th was the next registration date with Little League. We need volunteers. Andy and Louie have already volunteered already for this event.

New Business:

- Dave K has done most of the registration data input, and we are at 148 registrations. Is this normal or low at this time of year?
 - We expect > 500 registrations for our league.
 - Everyone agreed that our alliance with Little League's Registration is working.
 - Dave's printout of the registration info:
 - i. 20 - T-Ballers
 - ii. 47 - 8U
 - iii. 52 - 10U
 - iv. 23 - MS
 - v. 6 - Senior
 - 100 Walk-In
 - 50 Used Credit Card
 - Andy told Dave K to deposit registration checks right away.
 - Randy told Marty that he could help by reaching out to high schools for Senior players.
 - Online registration will be available to December 31
 - 10U and Up must be registered by Saturday, Dec 4th because of tryouts.
- Randy requested DK to publish the Tryout Dates on our web site.
- ASA Annual Mtg for Rec and Travel. Andy, Randy and Jim G will go to this meeting to represent our league.
- Gary V gave an update on training clinics:
 - 15 girls signed up i.e., it was maxed out. One girl cancelled late, so there 14 attendees
 - However, there was only 9 attendees for the 2nd clinic.
 - Clinics went well with girls mostly in the 10 - 12 age range participating.
 - Next clinic 10/30, 11/7, and 11/14 is FULL.
 - Only turned away 2 players because these clinics were full.
 - Gary would do 1 Day, 2 hour pitching and catching clinic if we want him to do it.
 - DK suggested a clinic for HS girls.
- Andy introduced Trishe Martinez and asked if she would be interested in the running the Snack Shack for our league.
 - Prior issues with Snack Shack:
 - i. Not being open
 - ii. No Food
 - iii. Need to get power to the snack shack
 - Snack Shack responsibilities include:
 - i. Needs to be open for tryouts on Nov 20 and Dec 4 with limited menu
 - ii. Needs to be open with FOOD during Rec Season.
 - a. 4:30 to close during week
 - b. 8 AM to close on Saturdays
 - iii. Needs to be open during playoffs
 - iv. Needs to be open during the Senior Tournaments
 - v. Needs to be open for Travel Ball tryouts in May - 1 Day
 - vi. Needs to be open for Memorial Day Tournament.
 - vii. Needs to be open for the Winter Ball Tournament (Jan 22/23)
 - Discuss the stipend for doing this Board Position. It is either \$500 or \$1000. Alisa Walker got \$500.
 - An idea was discussed of tying the stipend to a percentage of total business. If the Snack Shack made a lot of money then the coordinator would get a higher stipend. If did not meet some minimum expectation then the stipend would be lower (or some minimum)
 - Being on the board you do not have to pay registration fees for your kids. This is one of the benefits of being on the board.
 - Board will have to approve the Snack Shack Coordinator stipend.
 - Andy appointed Trishe Martinez to this position after she agreed to me the requirements of the job. The board unanimously approved Trishe's appointment.

- Andy is going to check with LARPD if we can use the Snack Shack at Robertson? **Andy,**

what did you find out?

- We discussed the idea of creating a T-Ball field at JM

Winter Ball Information:

- Rich Hayley joined the meeting at 7:59 PM.
- The Winter Ball Director position was eliminated.
- Right now we do not have a tournament director.
- Rich Hayley wants to run the Winter Ball Tournament
- Andy wanted to appoint Rich as the Winter Ball Tournament Director. He was unanimously approved for this position by the board.
- Rich will lineup coaches / umpires / reserve fields.
- LGSA will pay for 1 umpire per game.
- Participants: More experienced MS players. Based on level of experience. This tournament is mostly for travel and Black level players.
- Manager and coaches will pick the players
- Competition level is high.
- Start recruiting coaches NOW.

Advertising and Links on Web Site:

- Gary does a lot for the league. A link to CA Fastpitch is on our web site.
- We should do a links:
 - CA Fastpitch
 - Cabernet
 - ASA
 - USSA
 - Etc.
 - Andy wants a link page
 - Approved clinics for CA Fastpitch and Cabernet should be on web site.
 - Sponsor page should also have links.

- Cabernet's Girls Softball Trainer (Dave Brown) wanted to talk with us, which he did at the end of the meeting.
- LGSA wanted to support Mark Thraikill for the election in November.
- The board decided to stay out of politics. However, vote for Mark Thraikill because he is for creating a Sports Park in Livermore.

Field Prep Cart

- Need to invest in a new cart. John Deere. \$4k to \$6k for a new cart for dragging fields. Midland will give prices to Andy for these carts. Andy will bring prices to next meeting.
- We should sell our two old carts on Craig List. Randy/JG is interested buying one of them.

- Need a new cart for JM.
- Andy will get some prices and have us vote through email.
- Old cart is in the container
- 2 BBQs are in the container
- By the time Rec starts will need to have the new cart purchased. JG / RV to buy the old cart after we get bids for them.

Locate a Drag for Emma Smith

- Ask LL to drag the field for us.

DK will send out our possible web site names, so we can finalize the preferred web site name.

Player Draft needs to be scheduled:

- 10U
- MS
- Seniors
- Board decided to limit the number of locked players to TWO: One for the Manager and one for an assistant coach.
- Sponsors can request their managers for their kids
- Draft Guideline says 3 players locked per team. Need to update draft guidelines

Dave Brown from Cabernet gave an overview of his softball training program at Cabernet.

- Cabernet agreed to giving hitting cage tokens to all Livermore Smoke players as a way to introduce our players to Cabernet's training facility.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.