

**Northeast Little League
Annual Meeting of the Regular Members
May 15, 2010 – 8:30 AM**

- I. **Persons Admitted as Regular Members** – Cristy McKillop, Secretary
- a. Absent members should see Secretary at June meeting to pay dues and be noted as members in absentia.



General Membership
Mtg 2010-Attendance

- II. **Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum** – Cristy McKillop, Secretary (20% of the Regular Members Required to be Present)
- a. Quorum was achieved.

- III. **Election of New Regular Members** (Motion Required)
- a. Per ARTICLE V, SECTION 6 (b) the Regular Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, which shall be twenty (20) (Motion Required).

b. Jen Terrana and Lee Honaker moved to accept the roll call and quorum

- IV. **Election of Board of Directors for 2010 – 2011 , Terrana and Gregory**

a. No opposition. So moved unanimously.

b. Voting Board Members

1. Jim Anson
2. Tonia Anson
3. Trey Bond
4. Bill Counsman
5. Wayne Drash
6. Andrew Gregory
7. Chris Hayes
8. Lee Honaker
9. Jack Hower
10. Dick McClure
11. Cristy McKillop
12. Amy Meyers
13. Kent Nelson
14. Dave Nicholson
15. Brooke Noble
16. Bill Sharp
17. Wes Smith
18. Michael Solomon

19. Kris Sulte
20. Jen Terrano
21. Rob O'Connell

c. Auxiliary/Honorary Members:

1. Barry Dewitt
2. Kristin Grimm
3. Kate Hower
4. Cheryl Matala
5. Diana Miller
6. Kay Sahagian

V. **Affirmation of NELL Constitution– Wayne F. Drash, President**



NELL Constitution
May 2010.doc

- a. Copies have been distributed both electronically and in hard copy. Changes have been incorporated from 2007. Several issues need to be finalized at the June Board meeting.
 1. Article XI, Section 7 & Article V, Section 6.c. Suggestion to change the Fiscal Year and start date for new Officers to August 1 from October 1. New Officers would be voted on during the June board meeting and assume their roles on August 1. The impetus for this change is to create consistency between leadership structure and financial accountability and to allow preparation time for the new season. Trey Bond moved to change, Andrew Gregory seconded. Approved unanimously. Further research by the Secretary, however, acknowledges that the Little League template for the Constitution states that the FY must begin on October 1 if the local league wants to qualify under the Little League Baseball Incorporated Group Tax ID number. Treasurer to verify if this will impact the NELL decision.

VI. **Condition of the Local League – Wayne F. Drash, President**

- a. President Drash confirmed that he has been a part of the league since 2000 and this is the healthiest he has seen NELL. Approximately 475 children played in Spring 2010 with more than 150 dedicated parent volunteers. There is also a record number of sponsor participation. Michael Solomon and Diana Miller invited the sponsors to the field, which was a wonderful community support builder. We have also updated the web site with the help of Andrew Gregory.
- b. Facility Improvements – Tee Ball aluminum benches and covered awnings. The 62nd Ave field house has been painted with new batting cages, new wall AC for Shorey Concessions, and new scoreboards
- c. Service Delivery – There are now two coach pitched softball teams in NELL with only four teams in the area. It certainly fits the demographics of NELL children. There is also a new summer camp program, which is approximately 50% full as of 5-15-10.
- d. Closing Day – This is being coordinated by Tonia Anson for May 22nd. There will

be lots of food (thanks to Paisano's and other establishments), radar gun for pitch speed, inflatables, slip n slide, skills competition, dunk tank, etc...Trophies will be given out on that day to increase participation. The 12-year olds will also get a special medal because it's their last year. Kids need to be reminded to bring gloves, bats, and bathing suits. Volunteers are still needed and coaches are still needed for dunk tank. Interested parties should contact Tonia Anson. Discussion about selling/giving away leftover burger and hot dog stock in case people do not want the ziti, etc...Concession is now fully staffed.

VII. Financial Reports – Cash Flow and Balance Sheet – Wes Smith, Treasurer

- a. Hit-a-Thon earned over \$13k less approx \$500 for expenses. Treasurer to verify.
- b. Add financials to the minutes. The current financial statement ended April 30. We had 16k in the account with 14k in operating, 1k in concession, and 1k in on-line account for summer camp registrations. A deposit of 13k was made in the first week in May. 5k for Rays game and 1k in sponsorships. An additional 6,500 was deposited for concessions. Tball field improvements still need to be paid...which is \$9k. \$2500k for trophies. Umpires, fix AC. Overall we should have approximately \$5k. This is consistent with last year. Summer camp helps a lot. We are still solvent. \$152k total earned this year. Year to date expenses are \$128,000. Balance on long term debt is \$65,200. We have not made additional payments. We should still receive approximately \$11k from Trust.

VIII. Condition of the Baseball Program – Jack Hower, VP of Baseball

- a. Spring 2010 season we had 4 more teams than in 2009. 466 kids played Baseball and Softball with 38 boys teams this year. We started a week earlier this year, which has lined up well with TOC.
- b. Start times. We did continue the 6:15pm start time but field availability has been an issue for the kids. Discussion about whether we need to again initiate the 6p and 8p start times so the game schedule can be spread out. This will be a discussion for the June agenda. Board was very mixed about this idea, especially for the younger children.
- c. NELL and Seminole are the only two leagues that do not interlock boys 4-12. We do not travel.
- d. Spring Tournament went very well. It is the first time Minors was cancelled. Majors were successful at the PPN. All four NELL teams made final eight. NELL Reds and Yankees made final four!!
- e. Fall 2010 Planning. We need to consider two issues in particular and we will discuss these issues in more detail at the June meeting.
 1. Recruitment for 10-year olds. It's the lightest group in NELL right now and we need to plan for the 12-year olds leaving the league.
 2. Major Umpire availability. We have spent \$4k on umpires in Majors, which breaks out to \$80.00 each game for 49 season games plus tourney. We only have 3 total Umpires for AAA. We are going to be faced with the same dilemma in the Fall because we don't have enough volunteer umpires. We need to discuss increasing our volunteer efforts or increase the cost of Major participation. Ed Cotilla and Andrew Gregory suggested requiring coaches to umpire two games. Barry DeWitt countered with the note that the Majors and AAA coaches umpired for

each other. There was camaraderie so people supported each other.
Comment from Drash that the time commitment is great for the Managers and Coaches

- f. Fall Ball. We need to increase our training efforts for kids and coaches. Two yrs ago we had weekend camps (Kotchman). Help would be needed to continue that practice. Perhaps by starting the annual year on August 1, we could recruit coaches earlier and further develop their skills. We want to have the best trained coaches at NELL.
- g. 2010 Fall. Again, Umpires are needed. This is a Major Issue! Comment from Hower that the Board will have to decide. Perhaps 11/12's may need to pay more if we want program to continue
- h. TOC. Starts Friday 5/21 minor boys and 5/28 major boys
- i. ALL STARS. Starts mid-June and potentially runs through mid-July. When coaches are recruiting, they should make sure that the family is prepared for the entire time commitment.

IX. Summer Camp - Trey Bond, VP of Softball

- a. Registration is going well. Gregory commented that we need to further develop the t-ball kids.

X. Condition of the Softball Program – Trey Bond, VP of Softball

- a. Softball had a great season with 67 girls participating. As of the 5-15-10 mtg, there was one more week of regular season play. They do interlock. The Spring Tournament went well. Coach pitched came in first. Kid pitched came in second. Lady Dragons came in 3rd.
- b. Infrastructure Improvements. The scoreboard works now and they are entertaining shading as an investment for 2010-2011.

XI. New Business

- a. Gregory commented on Nominating Committee for Officers and Chairs. This list will be further developed and discussed at the June Board meeting.



NELL Nominating
Committee Notes May

XII. Adjournment

- a. Dresh again thanked the league for allowing him to serve. He commented that when he took office, NELL was more than \$200k in debt and there were myriad unpaid obligations. At his departure, he has left NELL with only \$60k in long term debt with no unpaid obligations. The facilities look amazing and the league is stronger than it's been in a long time.
- b. Terrana motioned to adjourn. Dixon seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.