

## **San Mateo National Little League Board Meeting March 5, 2009**

In Attendance:

John Lloyd, Arnie Sambel, Dave Hernandez, Doug Snodgrass, Dave Foppiano, Dirk Jensen, Shannon Carrithers, Mike Davino, Steve Nurre, Jim Blundell, Tracy Kiyohara, Silvio Rocha, Kevin Athanacio, Henry Roias, Mark Way, Barbara Blundell

*Ronnie from Velocity Sports Performance* in San Carlos discussed his company's speed work training and power development and provided brochures to the board.

*Eddie Kertel* presented the background and plan for Opening Day. The event needs big support from everyone.

*Barbara Blundell (Auxiliary Board)* reported on the sponsor status, the Hit a Thon for the batting cage and the Opening Day Pancake Breakfast.

*Tracy Kiyohara (Auxiliary Board)* reminded that Picture Day is the first day of Daylight Savings Time; there are now 14 Auxiliary Board volunteers, so the snack shack will be open on Thursdays, there will be no BBQ on Sundays. The board will be pre-selling items at a discount on Picture Day.

*John Lloyd (President)* distributed 2009 LL Rule Books to everyone. He reported that District 52 will enforce the 10 run rule when they (District 52) are umpiring games. He reported that District 52 says by 2011 the full redraft for Majors rule may be in effect. SMNLL will host the SM City Tournament this year. Field prep will be Saturday March 7. Everyone must sign up for Board Duty (3 shifts). Jim Blundell will put the field permits in the boxes at all fields.

*Arnie Sambel (Player's Agent)* thanked Dirk and Dave F for their efforts coordinating the AA and tBall teams. There are 454 players signed up for SMNLL.

*Doug Snodgrass (Secretary)* reported that the schedules are going up on the website and is working on the picture approval requests with the division coordinators.

*Dave Hernandez (Treasurer)* gave the financial report. The snack bar is now the big money maker moving forward into the season.

*Mike Davino and Jim Blundell (Groundskeeping)* reported on the field repair status; there was discussion on who gets new keys (managers w/no board

member on the team plus all Majors and AAA managers); they reported on opening day preparations, and work for the snack shack: shelving, info board, new lights.

*Henry Roias and Steve Nurre (Major/AAA Umpires)* reported that sign ups and assignments will be handled off line this year. Dave Hernandez needs the umpire information to get paid. There was some discussion regarding the payment process. Hillsdale High School will provide umpires on March 14 (umpire clinic day).

*Mark Way (Equipment)* reported that all the equipment has been distributed and noted that Phil Stathas has been a great help to him.

*Kevin Athanacio (Majors Coordinator)* reported on the local rules adjustments (all 2008 local rules renewed except the minimum 9 outs must be consecutive with 1 at bat) and updated the board on the batting cage status – the city wants financial information to back up the proposal.

*Silvio Rocha (AAA Coordinator)* also reported on the local rule adjustments.

*Dave Foppiano (AA Coordinator)* reported AA is set to go.

*Dirk Jensen (TBall Coordinator)* reported that tBall is ready to go and thanked Arnie and John for their assistance.

Other:

Dave Hernandez expressed concern that the pitching nets were left on the field.

Arnie informed the division coordinators that they will be sent the names of players that haven't paid yet.

**Next Meeting is March 26 2009.**