

Ottawa National Little League
Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2022

Start 10:02am

Location: Varland Park

Board Members Present: Matt Shinnick, Darren Snell, Alex Jenkins, Heather Jenkins, Nick Spence, Nick Stevenson, Mike Jaegle

Old Business:

Fall Ball- Discussed how Sandlot went as it has come to an end. Discussed how we can make it better for next year.

Concession Stand- Discussed what to do with remaining food that is left over from the season. All expired food was thrown away. Mike was sold some drinks; meat is up for grabs at cost to board members and the remaining candy is being sold to Ottawa High School. The city will be shutting the water off on 10/24.

Reports:

None

New:

The board discussed starting registration and try outs earlier than previous years. This will help getting our uniform order into the vender sooner in hopes that items will still be in stock. Tentative date for this is March 4th so long as the gym is available. The board is requesting an actual break down of income and expenses for not only the future but the past year. This will help in getting a better understanding of income/expenses and to plan for the future.

Mike is taking the old mower to be looked at. The plan is to sell it as is or repair and sell. The league is also in need of a new drag. Mike and Darren are getting the picture to Matt & Alex. Alex would like to put a picture on the flyer of whatever fundraiser is done. This helps families see what our needs are with hope for a better turnout on fundraisers.

There was discussion on why the Junior League and Little League is separated. Uniforms that were purchased for Junior ball were paid for under the Little League account.

Alex is getting a list from Shelly the signs. He needs to know what signs we have, who has paid and what was paid. He is looking into signs from vendors once he gets the list needed. He is also working on getting a trivia night together.

Board members were asked to bring ideas to this meeting for the next season. Listed below are those ideas.

- Handing out folders to each of the coaches. They were done in previous years and have not been done in awhile. In addition to what was in them (injury reports & ASAP Plan)- adding

contact information for board members, commissioner information and basic guidelines for each division should be included.

- Having all coaches become CPR certified and putting together a coach's clinic. Mike will be getting ahold of OSF to arrange the CPR training.
- Requiring parents to take one shift in the concession stand. This will help the league in saving money for other required items at the field.
- Hosting a kids clinic. This would also help coaches in figuring out the best way to teach/coach their players.
- Re-keying all locks. Many of the keys do not work since copies of copies were made. In addition, all board members should have their own set of keys.
- Getting the scoreboard fixed and in working condition was brought up by multiple board members. Halm Electric is donating labor to help get this taken care of.
- Upkeep on general items were discussed. Tilling up the field before laying more dirt down and maintenance on the dugouts were a couple of those items suggested.

End: 11:12am

Next meeting is TBD and will be announced by Matt.