



Board Meeting

December 14, 2015 @ 6:30pm

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Members in Attendance:

Jamie Batten	Kevin McRay
David Bahen	Chris Hutnan
Andrew Hilt	Noah Mandlebaum
Christi Loving	John Norton
Chris Williams	Don Smith
Christy Duling	David Smithson
James Layne	Eddie Gifford

Members Not in Attendance:

Scott Currie	Stan Thorne
Tim Dearing	Jeff Carson
Tommy Newman	Kyle Bowles
Jeff Olden	Amber Mills
John Swierczewski	Matt Barden
Joe Bevan	

Called to Order at 6:38 pm

Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes from November Meeting
 - Official notes were not taken in the absence of the Secretary.
2. Concessions Manager (Andrew)
 - Square account can be used to enter cash without fees, we have two tablets that will be used as registers.
 - Seeking high school volunteers to work concession, eliminating labor costs.
3. Budget (Andrew)
 - See attached
 - Overall was approved and will be reviewed each month
 - Concerns with some of the estimates for 2016
 - Agreed to disconnect power until spring to eliminate extra cost
4. Field Maintenance (Jamie)
 - Motion to approve by John Norton, seconded by David Bahen, no objections
 - See attached
5. Ground Rules discussion about possible changes. (Jamie)
 - Voting was all done on paper at the end of the meeting after all items had been discussed again and tweaked for final vote.
 - The ballots were counted by two board members with an executive board member overseeing the process.
 - A point of order was called on the meeting due to how the meeting transpired. In order to make sure that the board truly had acted in the league's best interest, time was taken to examine the facts and then determine how the board should proceed. The executive board upheld the fact that the 4/5 or 80% is needed to pass the rule changes.
 - See attached results

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m



2016 Proposed Budget

1/1/2016 through 12/31/2016 Using CY 2015-2016 Category

	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	Difference
INCOME	\$233,027.97	\$269,160.00	\$36,132.03
All Star & Invitational Team Revenue	14850.00	14700.00	-150.00
All Star & Invitational Team Revenue:All Star Team Fees Collected	5180.00	5200.00	20.00
All Star & Invitational Team Revenue:Invitational Team & Player Entry Fees	9670.00	9670.00	0.00
Cell Phone Tower Fees Collected	15840.00	15840.00	0.00
Challenger Division Donations	1927.77	1900.00	-27.77
Concession Stand Revenue	57968.28	80000.00	22031.72
Concession Stand Revenue:Cash Sales Revenue	46886.50	69500.00	22613.50
Concession Stand Revenue:Souvenir Cup Sales	726.00	0.00	-726.00
Concession Stand Revenue:Square Credit Card Sales Revenue	10355.78	10500.00	144.22
Corporate Sponsorships & Donations	18063.72	25000.00	6936.28
Field Rental Fees Collected	9265.00	10000.00	735.00
Interest Income	192.24	220.00	27.76
Opening Day Fundraising Activities	1380.90	1500.00	119.10
Registration Fees Collected	113540.00	120000.00	6460.00
EXPENSES	236,096.37	226,240.79	-9,855.58
Advertising and Marketing	1742.86	1200.00	-542.86
Banners for Corporate Donors	1044.35	1500.00	455.65
Blue Sombrero CC Charges	3222.10	3600.00	377.90
Buildings & Grounds Care	86709.07	76795.00	-9914.07
Bathroom Supplies- Paper Goods	1151.00	960.00	-191.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	13998.97	4000.00	-9998.97
Campbells Monthly Lawn Service	37440.00	37440.00	0.00
Field Line Paint Expense	432.64	450.00	17.36
Field Maintenance & Materials	8672.54	8700.00	27.46
Gator & Tractor Fuel	196.09	200.00	3.91
Gator & Toro Tractor Repairs	431.26	600.00	168.74
Locksmithing	766.30	125.00	-641.30
John Deere Gator Payments	458.92	2760.00	2301.08
Pest Control	760.00	760.00	0.00
Portable Toilet Rentals	543.75	800.00	256.25
Special Projects: Labor	12000.00	10000.00	-2000.00
Special Projects: Material	13357.60	10000.00	-3357.60
Challenger Division Expenses	1775.04	1800.00	24.96
Concession Expenses	4461.00	3200.00	-1261.00
Concession Labor	3730.00	0.00	-3730.00
Co2 for the Fountain Drinks	256.00	200.00	-56.00
Equipment	475.00	3000.00	2525.00
Concession Expenses: Food and Dry Goods	30590.49	30000.00	-590.49
BJ's Wholesale Club	1585.71	2300.00	714.29
Restaurant Depot	5748.48	22000.00	16251.52
RRS	20059.80	5700.00	-14359.80
Souvenir Cups	3197.00	0.00	-3197.00
Equipment-Baseball and Softball	5972.42	7400.00	1427.58
Baseball-Softball Gear Replacement	2089.74	2000.00	-89.74
Field Equipment Replacement	957.43	1600.00	642.57
First Aid Medical Supplies	50.62	600.00	549.38
Baseball-Softball Game Balls	2874.63	3200.00	325.37
Fees and Charges	266.90	280.00	13.10
Bank Fees	106.50	100.00	-6.50
Postage and Mailing	160.40	180.00	19.60
Insurance- A.L.L.	8491.00	9004.00	513.00
Little League Related Fees & Charges	8174.80	6550.00	-1624.80
District 5 Dues and Fees	744.00	775.00	31.00
Invitational Team Fees	1175.00	1175.00	0.00
Little League All Star Team Fees	1050.00	1100.00	50.00
Little League International Annual Fees	5205.80	3500.00	-1705.80
Office Supplies & Equipment	484.61	600.00	115.39
Opening Day Expenses	2559.21	1000.00	-1559.21
Property Taxes	3611.79	3545.69	-66.10



2016 Proposed Budget

1/1/2016 through 12/31/2016 Using CY 2015-2016 Category

State of Va Fees Incl. Servsafe Courses	101.95	140.00	38.05
Travel Expenses	5616.00	5000.00	-616.00
All Star Teams	5616.00	5000.00	-616.00
Trophies & Awards	3668.10	3668.10	0.00
Umpire Fees	17083.10	18000.00	916.90
Uniform Expense	34204.22	35825.00	1620.78
All Star Uniforms	10801.72	10825.00	23.28
Invitational Team Uniforms	2500.00	2500.00	0.00
Regular Season Uniforms	20902.5	22500.00	1597.50
Utilities Expense	16317.36	17133.00	815.64
Electric Bill- Account Ending 2501	10768.42	11400.00	631.58
Electric Bill- Account Ending 5001	3828.44	3996.00	167.56
Phone & Internet	230.50	247.00	16.50
Trash Billing	1490.00	1490.00	0.00
Net Profit/Loss & Growth over 2015	-3,068.40	42,919.21	41,857.81



2016 Field Improvement Proposal

	Turf (\$8.15/per bag)	Total	Fielder's Choice	Total Material	Labor	Field Total
Field 1	80	\$ 652.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 852.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,052.00
Turf to spread and raked in. Cut lip on outfield grass and seed bare grass areas at no charge						
Field 2	40	\$ 326.00	\$ -	\$ 322.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 522.00
Turf to spread and raked in. Cut lip on outfield grass and seed bare grass areas at no charge						
Field 3	80	\$ 652.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,652.00
Fielder's Choice and Turf to be spread and raked in. Grass Lip to be cut. No charge to re seed worn areas in grass						
Field 4	40	\$ 326.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 522.00
Broom with power rake to level infield. Cut lip. Fix outfield holes. Re-Seed leftfield line at no charge						
Field 5	80	\$ 652.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 852.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,452.00
Fill low spots at shortstop. Spread and rake in Turf. Fix holes in outfield. Remove root in outfield at no charge						
Field 6	160	\$ 1,304.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,104.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,104.00
Spread, rake in fielder's choice and Turf to level field. Cut lip						
Field 7	80	\$ 652.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,692.00
Spread, rake in fielder's choice and Turf to level field. Cut lip. Sod 3rd base side near dugout						
Field 8	80	\$ 652.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 652.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,302.00
Spread, rake in fielder's choice and Turf to level field. Cut lip						
Field 9	40	\$ 326.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 526.00
Spread turf, rake in to level field to eliminate ruts created by run off						

Fielder's Choice	2,400.00	(Rounded to 3 loads @ \$800.00per load)
Turf	5,542.00	
Labor	4,490.00	(To be paid over 12 months)
Subtotal	\$ 12,432.00	
Rebate	680.00	(Rebate of \$1.00per bag available this fall)
Grand Total	\$ 11,752.00	



2016 Proposed Ground Rule Changes

2015 Rule:

- 1.1 Before the regular season begins, teams are limited to three practices (includes practice games) per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). Once the regular season begins, teams are limited to one practice per calendar week. Batting practice and warm up drills prior to games do not count as practices. Practices shall not exceed two hours.

Proposed for 2016:

- 1.1a: Once regular season begins the following scheduling structure will be followed:
 - a. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Machine Pitch 1: Teams will be scheduled one practice during the week, and a game on Saturday. Field Scheduler reserves the right to use scheduled practice slots to reschedule game(s) due to weather and/or unplayable field conditions.
- 1.1b All other divisions will play one game during the week and one on Saturday. The Intermediate division schedule will be completed by District 5. They may or may not elect to schedule games on Saturdays. Additional Practice slots may be requested from the field scheduler. They will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Practice slots will only be given if field availability allows for such.

Results:

Item was removed from vote

2015 Rule:

- 2.1 Minors Baseball 9 and 10

Proposed for 2016:

- 2.1 Minors Baseball 9 - 8 year olds may play up and 10 year olds may play down
Minors Baseball 10- 9 year olds may play up and 11 year olds may play down

Results:

Not approved by a vote of 11:3 (78%)

2015 Rule:

- 2.2 Players requesting to play up, may only do so in such divisions in accordance with Table A. A player choosing to play up in a division is required to participate in tryouts for that division. In addition, the player must be chosen within the first six rounds of the divisional draft to participate otherwise, they will be required to play in their appropriate age division. Also, players may only be drafted in upper divisions if authorized by the parent or guardian. Parents and/or guardians are to acknowledge that playing up may require a child to participate in games/practices scheduled for later time slots.

Proposed for 2016:

- 2.2 Players requesting to play up, may only do so in such divisions in accordance with Table A. A player choosing to play up in a division is required to participate in tryouts for that division. In addition, the player must be chosen within the first three rounds of the divisional draft to participate otherwise, they will be required to play in their appropriate age division. Parents must acknowledge that playing up may require a child to participate in games/practices scheduled for later time slots.

Results:

Not Approved by a vote of 10:3 (77%) one no vote

2015 Rule:

- 2.3 In all divisions, players that are one (1) year above in league age may play down if approved by the Executive Committee, but will not be eligible for any post season play.

Proposed for 2016:

- 2.3 Players that are one (1) year above in league age may play down in accordance with the chart in section 2.1, if approved by the Atlee Little League Executive Committee, however player will not be eligible for any post season play.

Results:

Rule accepted by a 12:2 vote

2015 Rule:

- 3.1 Tee Ball teams may have up to four coaches and one manager. Minor 7/8 and 9/10 Baseball Divisions along with Minor 7/8 and 9/10 Softball Divisions, teams may have up to three coaches and one manager in the dugout. All other divisions will have no more than two coaches and one manager.

Proposed for 2016:

- 3.1 Tee Ball teams may have up to four coaches and one manager. Baseball and Softball divisions of Minors 6/7 and above may have no more than two coaches and one manager.

Results:

Not Approved by a vote of 10:4 (This most likely will be kicked back by Southeastern Region, if so, will present once again to the board)



2016 Proposed Ground Rule Changes

2015 Rule:

- 5.2b Minor 9/10 Baseball, Little League Baseball, Intermediate Baseball and Little League Softball:
No new inning shall start after one hour and forty five minutes of total playing time or six innings whichever comes first. In addition, games shall end after two hours and fifteen minutes of total playing time if a later game is scheduled on the same field (including make-up games)*

Proposed for 2016:

- 5.2b In addition, all Little League (Majors) games scheduled on a school night shall not play beyond 10pm. Motion was made to remove (or six innings whichever comes first)

Results:

Not approved by a vote of 11:3 (78%)

2015 Rule:

Proposed for 2016:

- 5.7b Add: The pitching machine shall be placed at 46feet. Distance shall be measured from front of the machine to the back tip of plate.

Results:

Approved by a vote of 14:0

2015 Rule:

- 5.7d A coach from the hitting team will feed the pitching machine and call balls and strikes. Batters will not walk and will not be awarded first base if hit by a pitch. The batter will be out after three strikes. A batter will receive no more than seven (7) pitches in an "at bat" A strike is a pitch that is swung at by the batter and is missed, or it is fouled by the batter when there are fewer than two strikes; or touches the batter as the batter strikes at it. If the 7th or subsequent pitch is fouled, the batter will continue until he gets a hit or makes an out. Softball will be a max of five pitches.

Proposed for 2016:

- 5.7d A coach from the hitting team will feed the pitching machine and will be responsible for calling balls/strikes. Batters will not walk and will not be awarded first base if hit by a pitch. The batter will be out after three strikes. A strike is any pitch that is swung at by the batter and missed. A strike is also recorded if the ball is batted foul or touches the batter as the batter strikes at it with a strike count of fewer than two. If the 7th or subsequent pitch is fouled, the batter will be allowed to continue the at bat until he/she strikes out or puts the ball in play.

Results:

Rule not approved by a vote of 13:1

2015 Rule:

Proposed for 2016:

- 5.7 Minors 7/8 Baseball Division
- I) A 14feet circle (pitchers circle) will be drawn around the pitching machine. The circle will be divided with a line even with the anchor bar of the pitching machine. The player pitcher may not cross this line until the ball has been released by the machine. A play will be considered over when a player has control of the ball inside of the pitcher's circle. Runners may advance at their own risk until the ball is controlled within the pitcher's circle
 - J) A batter shall receive a max of five (5) pitches per at bat. If the 5th or subsequent pitch is batted foul, batter shall remain at bat until he/she strikes out or puts ball in play. If the fifth pitch is deemed unhittable by both managers or umpire (if available) the batter will be awarded one (or more) additional pitches until the batter receives a hittable pitch.
 - K) A 30foot progression line will be used at every base. Once the ball is controlled inside the pitchers circle, a runner will be allowed to proceed to the next base if he/she has crossed the progression line. If runner has not, he/she will be sent back to the base of which he/she last rounded.
 - L) Teams shall play with nine (9) defensive players. There shall be no additional player positioned in the outfield.

Results:

Approved by a vote of 12:2



2016 Proposed Ground Rule Changes

2015 Rule:

- 7.1 All Baseball and Softball divisions from Minors 9/10 through the Juniors division will have end of the season playoffs. Each team participating in these divisions will be entered into the playoffs in their respective divisions. A minimum of three teams must have played in the division. The playoffs will consist of Atlee teams only, in the case of where inter-league games were involved during the regular season. At the end of the regular season, each team will be seeded for the playoffs based on best overall win-loss record starting with first and so forth until all teams are seeded. Inter-league games played will count toward the overall win-loss record. Softball 9/10 will use an unseeded playoff format.

Proposed for 2016:

- 7.1 All Baseball divisions of Minors 7/8 through Juniors and Softball divisions of Minors 9/10 through Juniors will have end of the season playoffs. Each team participating in these divisions will be entered into the playoffs in their respective divisions. A minimum of three teams must have played in the division. The playoffs will consist of Atlee teams only, in the case of where inter-league games were involved during the regular season. At the end of the regular season, each team will be seeded for the playoffs based on best overall win-loss record starting with first and so forth until all teams are seeded. Inter-league games played will count toward the overall win-loss record. Softball 9/10 will use an unseeded playoff format.

Results:

Approved by a vote of 13:1

2015 Rule:

- 8.3a Any regular season manager/coach interested in managing the All-Star or a tournament team in their respective age group, must declare their intention to their Division Director by June 1st of the current season.

Proposed for 2016:

- 8.3a Any regular season manager/coach interested in managing at the District and/or Invitational tournament team level in their respective age group, must declare their intention to the All Star Director by May 21st of the current season. All declarations made must be submitted on the Atlee Little League Tournament team manager declaration form.

Results:

Approved by a vote of 13:1