

**Johnston Little League - Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 9, 2020 - Doc's Lounge**

- I. Call to Order (6:33 PM)
- II. Approval of prior month's minutes (Sires 1<sup>st</sup>, McClish 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved)
- III. Executive Board Report
  - a. President
    - i. D3 Update
      1. Rules (Review Changes – 2021), District Realignment 2021
        - a. Reviewed rules that could potentially go into effect for the 2021 season. Also discussed the district re-alignment that looks to be moving forward.
      2. Tryouts March 7<sup>th</sup> – Review/Discuss
        - a. Reviewed dates, locations, times. League reps will run the tryout with assistance as needed. Need help with 9's and making sure we have people there to play catch, catch a pitcher, etc.
      3. League Drafts
        - a. Once dates are set make sure a board member is present that doesn't have an affiliation to a team in the room. For example, if a board member is drafting we'd need another member in the room to observe. This just eliminates any issues that could arise throughout the process.
    - b. Vice President
      - i. T-Mobile Home Run Derby
        1. Talked through the LL program and home run derby. There is interest from the board and doing this and in fact might help with registrations as the only way to be eligible is by being signed up for LL. As a league we are going to register and once that's done League President will send a mass email with details etc. The hopes are we get this communication out by EOW (February 16<sup>th</sup>).
    - c. Treasurer
      - i. Financial Report
        1. Tax return has been submitted and is done from 2019
        2. Issued 8 umpire 1099's for taxes from 2019 season
        3. For auditing the books, we are going to wait until late summer when CPA's are not in tax season as quotes were a bit high. If we wait, we should be able to get reduced rate and recommendation is to audit every other year or in the event a treasure changes every year of change.
- IV. Facilities – no report
- V. Sponsorship / Fundraising
  - a. Sponsorship
    - i. Scoreboard signage has been sold/renewed by Charter Bank which secures the allocated budget number for sponsorship. Still have one partner to renew and still trying to sell the fields.
  - b. Fundraising / Grants
    - i. Scott's – Submitted
    - ii. MLB – Submitted
    - iii. Polk Country Grant Due July 1<sup>st</sup>
- VI. Operations
  - a. Safety

- i. JDP Registration/Background Checks
      - 1. Were sent to board members. Goal is to have board done and as many coaches done as possible before coaches' clinic. Once coaches are voted upon Ben and Bryon will start working through JPD process.
    - ii. ASAP Safety Plan
      - 1. Goal is to have this submitted by end of the week.
  - b. Umpire
    - i. Talked through the scheduling process and what the plans are for Minors/AAA divisions. The plan is to use 14's (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders) as we have had strong interest from that age group for umpiring the Minor's (9's) and AAA (10's and 11's). We will then just schedule with DSM Umpire Association the Majors and higher. Should we need to make adjustments and add games for AAA we will try to do so as needed.
  - c. Information/Marketing
    - i. Update on Registrations
      - 1. 2020 – 449 year to date, compared to 662 in 2019
      - 2. Everything that gets sent out needs to have a tease for registrations
  - d. Concessions – No update
  - e. Coaching – No update
  - f. Equipment
    - i. Bats. We can get pretty fast so we will see what we have inventory wise during equipment check out. If we need some we will handle at the appropriate time.
    - ii. Catchers Mit – Plan to order a few bigger mits for bigger kids. Should be in by start of season.
  - g. Uniform – No report
- VII. League Reps
  - a. Big Bat – Fuerstenberg – No report.
  - b. 6/7 – Sandersfeld – No report.
  - c. Minors 8's – McClish – No report.
  - d. Minors 9's – McClish – No report.
  - e. Minors AAA – Gleason – No report.
  - f. Majors – Sires – No report.
  - g. 50/70 – OPEN – No report.
  - h. Juniors/Seniors – Harken – No report.
- VIII. New Business/Motions
  - a. Iowa Baseball Camp for Deaf – June 15<sup>th</sup> thru June 19<sup>th</sup> (Sires 1st, Gleason 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved)
- IX. Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn (Gleason 1<sup>st</sup>, Schlawin 2<sup>nd</sup> – passed)

**Board in Attendance:** C. Andrews, T. McClish, K. Schlawin, B. Frick, B. Lewerke, G. Weinschenk, L. Sires, T. Burleson, K. Fuerstenberg, S. Sanderfeld, M. Gleason, D. McDaniel

**NEXT MEETING**

**March 8, 2020 (Doc's)**

*\*Will need to vote/approve volunteer coaches\**