

Flat Rock Area Little League Board Member Meeting
October 17, 2011

1) Call To Order By: Mark Coplen at 7:46pm.

Present board members: Mark Coplen, Gena Flack, Dan Flack, Todd Reiber, Joe Kawula, Maria Pi, Kevin Murphy, Steve Kamin, Cathy Kamin, Michelle Jackson and Jennifer Kline.

2) Review Of Minutes From Last Meeting By: Jennifer Kline

September 19, 2011 meeting was canceled. **Jennifer Kline** will have all meeting notes together and posted to the website by Monday October 24, 2011.

3) Old Business For 2011 Season: Everyone

A. Regular Season: Open Issue or Open Invoices: Anyone with open invoices will give them to Mark Coplen. No one came forward with any knowledge of having any invoices still out. We have also talked about in past meeting to close out one of the two banks that we use. The group present tonight has agreed to have **Andrea Bodary** close out that bank in question and just stay with the bank of our choice. **Mark Coplen** will get with **Andrea Bodary** on when to do this.

Fieldwork will be done on Crest and Lyle field: Crest Fields dug outs roofs will be worked, post covers have been ordered and dirt will be dumped. Lyle Field will have dirt dump also. This will all take place in the next few weeks.

B. Fall Ball: Open Issue: There was some issues with Tee Ball playing time. We will see about having a time limit next season but we will table this issue and bring it up at the next meeting. **Mark Coplen** will look into some information about this issue for the next meeting.

Bees were out of control; we had a lot of children and adults that ended up getting stung.

4) Financial Update By: Andrea Bodary (Not Present) Mark Coplen

Mark Coplen had a financial sheet for us to review and will have more of an idea once him and Andrea Bodary have time to sit and review financial together. Financial are in good stand order. Mark stated that the taxes are up to date.

5) 2012 Season Election: Mark Coplen

Not able to review because Maria Delgado was not present at meeting, she has all the results to the survey monkey that was posted at the end of the regular 2011 season. No one present at the meeting wanted to step down from the board. Mark Coplen presented the following idea to any new board member not currently serving. The current board did not vote or reject this proposal and will review it at the next meeting.

A. New Structure for 1st year board members must be on the following committees (or "Crew")

1. Field Maintenance, Clean Up or Concession Crew before they become voting members
2. New positions- Fall Coordinator?

3. Structured by executive board, Board Members, Committees, 1st year members.

6) Discuss Picture Day and New Picture Company: Mark Coplen

Jennifer Kline will contact the following companies and invite them to November 21, 2011 meeting to present their company to the board. Jennifer will do a little more research on a few companies that she has gotten emails from. Jennifer Kline will try to get at least 6 companies to present to the board. We will allow each company to present their information for 10 to 15 minutes. The board will review their information over the

1) Dana Keethler 2) Purple Frog 3) TSS 4) Melody Brown Photo

7) Coaches Meetings: Mark Coplen

Mark would like to start having coaches meeting with all the coaches. To make sure that all coaches are on the same page as the board members so they know what is expected of them and to brain storm any ideas of the coaches. We believe a more open channel between the coaches and the board would only strengthen the league to become a even better league. We would start this out as a small group by division.

8) Fundraising: Gena Flack

Gena reviewed the Comedy Show we made \$840.00. **Gena Flack** will look into a few things for next year, Rub duck races for next years Riverfest, Bowling at Flat Rock Lanes and we will keep the yearly golf outing on the schedule. These events are no longer being called fundraisers. We are trying to raise fund for FRALL but we are also trying to keep all the parents involved with each other and possibly have parents form long lasting friend ships with one another along with forming friend ships with the board members. So we would like people to think of these as gatherings or a get together.

9) New Shirts For Board Members: Mark Coplen

Everyone agrees on Polo shirts for the upcoming 2012 season. **Mark Coplen** will bring a catalog with shirt ideas for the next meeting. This will give us ideas. Mark would like to use Shorty's. Everyone agreed to look at the catalog before making any choices and we all agreed on using Shorty's.

10) Need To Develop A Calendar For Clinic: Mark Coplen

Mark asked if **Steve Kamin** could develop a calendar for all up coming clinics. Steve believes he can develop a calendar on the new program he bought to make game schedules. Mark would like a calendar made for the upcoming hitting club and winter clinics. We are thinking on having the hitting club for 3 months, the clinic will possible run Monday though Friday from 6pm to 9pm. These are just ideas and nothing has been agreed upon. We will review the hitting club more in depth at the next meeting and will agree on the months and times it will run.

11) 2012 Sign Up Dates: Mark Coplen

We all agreed on having the sign up dates every other Saturday starting in Late January and ending mid February. Mark Coplen proposed the following dates and everyone agreed. They are as followed: Saturday January 21, 2012, Saturday February 4, 2012 and Saturday February 18, 2012.

Jennifer Kline will call the Flat Rock Community Center to see if the banquet hall and hallway will be available on the above dates. Once these dates are confirmed then the times will be set for each day.

Gena Flack will look into the same yard signs we had last year and some small yard signs to place at corners of intersections. She will get a cost for these and bring information back to the November meeting.

Steve Kamin will contact Mary Oestrike to see if we can reserve the Old High School gym for the Try out date of Saturday February 25, 2012. We will use the same hours as last year if gym is available. We will have Draft Day with the coach's at the Flat Rock Elks on Sunday February 26, 2012 we will keep the same time frame as last year.

12) By Laws Meeting: Mark Coplen

Mark Coplen, Maria Delgado and Mike Simons will get together and set up a meeting date to sit down and review and possibly rewrite the by-laws.

13) Top 10 Things: Mark Coplen

Mark Coplen would like all current board member to come up with the top 10 things they can think of that would need to be focused on. **Everyone** please email Mark the week of October 24, 2011.

14) Do As You Say Your Going To Do: Mark Coplen

Mark is asking people to complete what they say they are going to do and please complete them in a timely matter. We are all adults and even though we are volunteers we still have a job to do. Mark should not have to follow up with everyone to see if they completed what they said they would. So please do what you say you are going to do. Mark used the example of Jennifer Kline not posting the meeting minutes every month. This is an important matter, so parent could see that we are having open board meetings every month. Mark used this example just so everyone could see what he meant by his comments. There is a lot of board members not completing their tasks, even though he really appreciates the help from all the board members he feels there is too much follow up and too much not getting done even though someone said it would get done. Everyone agreed that everyone could step up a little and treat this as a job and not a past time.

Meeting Called To An End At 9:40pm

