

Eau Gallie Little League Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes of Meeting for Mon Aug-16-2010

Call to Order at: 6:10 PM

Attending Board Members:

Lee Arrowood, Greg Clark, Scott Farnham, Bill Blalock, Nancy Clark, Walt Kressler, Cindy Bonavito, Paul Crane, Rick Kuhn, Mark Cherry, Kristie Escalera, Scott Stewart

Absent:

None

Prior to Start of Meeting:

Before the meeting started the Board voted to accept all the additional volunteers who turned in applications the day of the deadline.

Call to Order:

Scott Stewart, President, called the meeting to order shortly after 6:00 PM.

Initial Announcements:

Guests from District 2 were introduced.

It was announced that all volunteer applications submitted Jun-30-2010 were accepted into the league.

A quorum was achieved.

Summary of the Condition of the League:

Total Income for the year was \$132,124.48. Concessions made \$49,462.98!! Thank you Tonya Cherry and all your helpers! Amazing!

Total Expenses for the year were \$126,624.26. Items of note include:

- Merchant and on-line registration fees are pretty high at \$3,747.60 – maybe want to investigate another source for this?
- Repairs and maintenance was \$8,613.4 – lots of repairs and improvements were made to dug-outs, field houses, batting cages, etc.
- Umpire Fees were \$3,805 – this is a lot of money and we found that youth umpires create problems because there are so many complaints from parents/coaches about them. Maybe want to do away with youth umpires next year?

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- Utilities costs were new this year – we paid the city \$6,234.84 for lights.

Net Income for the year was \$5,590.22.

The league has 215 Regular Members.

The league had 571 Player Members in the Spring Season, 368 in Fall 2009.

End of Season Tournament Results:

Sent 12 teams to District 2 All Stars.

- Minors BB – one team advanced out of pool play, lost in semi-finals of District.
- Majors BB – one team advanced through Sectionals and lost in the Semi-finals of State.
- Juniors BB – one team advanced out of pool play, lost in the semi-finals of District.
- Senior BB – made it to finals of District.

Sent all eligible teams to County Tournament

- 3 Majors Baseball teams advanced out of pool play, one Majors team was among the final 3 in the County.

State of the League:

Overall, the number of players has dropped in the last 3 years, from 750 total players in 2008 to 571 in 2010.

The Total League Income dropped more severely in 2009 because of some needed equipment purchases, income for 2010 went back up slightly despite the drop in player numbers.

Concessions revenue remains very strong and profits are up.

End of Season Bank Balance is up in 2010 to around \$24,000.

Property / Equipment for the League:

Total value is around \$15,000.

Equipment includes:

- Iron Mike pitching machine at McGrath

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- 30+ Dick's Sporting Goods equipment bags
- 60+ sets of 2 season old catcher's equipment, 100+ batting helmets
- 20+ catcher's mitts for BB and SB
- 40+ dozen LL game balls
- 10+ dozen LLSB game balls
- 3 spare breakaway bags
- 3 single wheel Jugs pitching machines in various states of repair
- 1 dual wheel Jugs pitching machine
- 1 Bata and 1 Hack Attack pitching machine
- Kitchen equipment includes: Fryer, warmer, grill, nacho machine, etc.
- League laptop with wireless internet service

League Accomplishments, 2010:

- One charter
- Board presence on all fields
- Financials strong again
- All Sponsorships were sold for the 1st time in years
- Concessions did very well
- A large influx of youth umpires
- New adult umpires
- EGLL End of Season Minors Tournament
- Re-drafted in all competitive divisions again
- Regular season and All Star Uniforms looked great
- EGLL back to being a presence in District 2 All Stars and County
- Softball representation
- Continued battles with scoreboards
- Paperless registration/schedules/forms
- Electronic player/volunteer database
- New logo/website
- Jimmy Moore changed to 50'/70'
- Batting cage at McGrath updated/repared
- Lighting of the batting cage at McGrath

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- New flooring/refurbishing of McGrath concessions
- Painting and dugout work at Crane
- New roof on Crane 3 field house
- Warm-up mounds at McGrath
- Paved ingress to Crane
- New lights on Crane field this fall

Challenges of 2010:

- Charter application and fees not done on time
- Florida Today article caused bad press for EGLL
- All Star Managers were poorly chosen
- Youth umpires created difficulties due to parent/coach complaints
- Dissention in the softball ranks
- Election drama
- Sponsors wanted to have the right to vote without being a member
- Cross pollination of the Board
- Maintenance/updating of the website
- Class action lawsuit

Thoughts for Next Year:

- There will be a new board and new leadership
- The common grounds need to be updated at McGrath
- Need to resolve the Divisional play issue
- Dugouts at McGrath 2 are falling apart
- Follow up on sponsors, sell more banners
- Continue to focus on Concessions for revenue
- Go back to adult umpires in the Minors
- Continue to have success in All Stars
- Continue to improve our performance at County
- Re-draft?
- Continue player/parent/coach database and online registration – do a better job of keeping up with volunteer database, background checks, meeting minutes, website, etc.

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New Board members were elected and include:

Lee Arrowood
Scott Hartling
Scott Farnham
Steve Otten
Tommy Cowen
Jody Divinney
Phil Smith
Jamie Smith
Gordy Wiles
Jason Potter
Jeff Jaecklin
Rich Hogarth
Bill Kinsel

These minutes prepared and submitted by:

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Secretary
EGLL BOD