

## LAKE ORION MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

### Annual Meeting Minutes 3-6-16

Officers Present: Darrin Lamphier(President), Dean Klovski(Vice President), Todd Hartzell (Secretary), Brandon Lietke(Treasurer) and Erik Davenport(Player Representative). Rob Griffin Umpire in Chief

Introduction to the members and then Kelly McDonald, from Blessings in a Backpack, presented her charity and how they are funded, as 100% of all monies goes to the kids. Blessings helps over 300 disadvantaged kids in the Lake Orion school district to have a backpack full of food to eat over the weekend, because most of them would not eat on the weekend without their help. They are in need of volunteers and drivers so if you are interested in helping out please go to their website, [www.blessingsinabackpacklakeorion.org](http://www.blessingsinabackpacklakeorion.org). At the end of her presentation Darrin handed her a check from the league, for the 2nd straight year, from the League Golf Outing proceeds, in the amount of \$500, which she was very grateful.

Dean went over the Annual Golf Outing for this year which is being held at the Myth on Saturday August 13th and space is limited, so if you want to have a great time don't forget to sign up as the proceeds will help Blessings in a Backpack.

Rob Griffin spoke to us about his umpires and how most of them are umpping to get into the league. He has 7 umpires and 1 back up umpire. He also mentioned that his umpires will be professional and because there is only one, mistakes will be made so please act civilized. He also asked how we were handling rainouts as far as pay, which that will be discussed by the board.

Dean addressed the Wall of Fame situation as one where we need to get all of the pictures from the WOF players to bring it up to date. He also noted that if Christi's is sold we might have to move our WOF somewhere else or we might have to store the items. We do not know what is going on with all the memorabilia that Brad Cline has, but we are still working on it.

Brandon went over the league finances, which we are in good shape for now. He also touched on how important fundraisers are to keeping the player league fees down.

## Fundraiser Ideas:

50/50

Softball Squares-NEED VOLUNTEER

Ruby Tuesday Night-Tony Lankford

Texas Hold Em-Scott Kurk

Bat Raffle- Manual Plata(Miggy Smalls)

Erik spoke to the group about how the hat is very healthy, however we could always use more "great" guys in the league. He also spoke about what the township is doing out at the fields of Friendship, by taking their 2 north fields and bringing them in from 335ft. to 300ft. along with replacing the infields with clay instead of the gravel that they have. The infields will also be brought in 20-30ft. The lights will be put in during our season and Dean reminded everyone that we might have to move to another field while they are doing this. The township is searching for grants to do the same thing to the other two fields. Also in the master plan is putting a concession stand and bathroom in the middle of all four fields. When it is time to replace the infields we will need to get volunteers to help out as the township only has 3 people that can help us.

Dean let everyone know that if they want to practice on the township fields they can do that on Sunday, but if someone has a field permit we must leave the field and have no incident. The practice game will not have umpires and if the coach's want to play it, it is up to them.

He also spoke about the Pig Roast, which is July 30th and us cutting down and only cooking one pig, however we will have other things to fill in for the loss of one Pig. We would also like to get volunteers for the Pig Roast Committee so that we can have a good plan for that date. He also told the members that everyone needs to help out with changing food, putting water in the cooler, picking up garbage so as not to have just a couple of people doing it.

The banquet this year will be held at the Knights of Columbus again and we are asking to get a better estimate this year as we had 140 people commit with only 103 people actually showing up. We were almost saved by all the guests that made up the fees that were going to be wasted by members not showing up to their commitment.

Dean also touched on an idea to put say \$5 into a fund and if a member needs help that we would give it to them.

Aaron Giroux was appointed Web Master by the Board and recognized for his great

efforts at making the website a great place to assemble our history. The Board also now has complete control over the internet website.

Erik let the members know that there is a new Waiver Form that needs to be signed that will last for the life the player is in the league unless it is modified from it's original form. There are a lot of players that have not signed it and the coach's will be asked to get these forms from their players.

At this time the by-laws were voted on:

Article 3-Registration

Addition to the by-law:

- All coach's must have their dues paid before they meet to draw the draft order and coach slotting order.

Passed 31-0

- On the last day of registration there will be no on-line registration so there are no technical difficulties that would prevent us from the drawing of hat picks, if they are needed.

Passed 31-0

Article 3-Registration-F

Current by-law:

F. Late Fee-If a member of the Executive Board has not received a player's applicable fees before the completion of the second-to-last Pre-Registration session, the player shall be required to pay an additional \$20 late fee in addition to any other applicable fees.

New By-law:

Late Fee-If a member of the Executive Board has not received a player's applicable fees before the last registration date, on the date of the last registration a \$20 late fee will be charged in addition to any other applicable fees.

Passed 16-10