

**LEBANON LITTLE LEAGUE  
BOARD MEETING**

**January 15, 2008**

Board Members Present: Jay Simms, Bruce Adams, Keith Estes, Mary Mayes, Caren Whaley, Eric Bates, Steve Girdwood and Calvin Ells.

I. The meeting was called to order by Jay Simms at 7:10 p.m at the offices of Tyler Simms & St. Sauveur.

II. Minutes. The minutes of the September 2007 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

III. President's Report. Jay Simms presented and commented on the following issues:

- A. The Board will meet again in two (2) weeks to stay on top of pre-season management issues.
- B. Annual meeting of the Board will be called for February 12, 2008 at which new Board members and officers will be elected for the year.
- C. Board members are encouraged to seek out involvement of new volunteers for the Board, especially among Rookie/T-Ball volunteers.
- D. David Huckins and Eric Bates wish to stay involved with the league but are stepping down from Board positions.
- E. Jay indicated negotiations are ongoing for better cooperation between the City and LLL for operation of Elks Field this coming season. Members of the City Recreation Department have volunteered to help coordinate sponsors and donations for renovation and upkeep at Elks Field.
- F. The league's tax return deadline has been extended.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Bruce Adams submitted P&L statements to the Board for the 2007 year, along with initial proposed budget figures for the upcoming season. The budget was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting. Bruce reports the league has approximately \$12,000 – 13,000 in operating cash on hand, as well as \$15,000 in a CD expected to mature at the end of March 2008. Compliments were given to the individuals working on concessions last year as they did a superb job and raised significant funds. Yvette has stepped down, but it is expected that Karen Ogrinc, Chris Rogers and Gretchen Adams will spearhead the concession operating this coming season.

V. Sponsorships. It is expected that better Sponsorship revenues can be achieved for the 2008 year. The Board is focusing earlier on sponsors this year. Steve Girdwood will coordinate the sponsorship program, but indicated he wants another volunteer to focus on team sponsors. Steve will focus on overall oversight and sign sponsors, and will coordinate with the Rec Department on sponsors for Elks Field.

VI. Registration and Tryouts. The Board set March 15, 2008 as the date for tryouts. Further investigation is needed to determine if clinics can be scheduled prior to the tryout dates. Caren Whaley will follow up on clinic locations and on reservation of the LHS gym for tryouts on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board unanimously approved a registration deadline of March 1, 2008, with an increased fee of \$5.00 for all registrations received after that date. The Board unanimously approved registration fees received by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be as follows:

A-Ball and B-Ball:	\$70/child
T-Ball:	\$35/child
Rookie Ball:	\$20/child

Multi-child discount: For families with multiple registrations, the first child will be full price and each additional child registered will get a \$10/child discount.

It was determined by the Board that the planned fundraiser events must be identified in the registration materials to give parents the information needed to decide on the opt-out option for fundraising. The opt-out option shall be payment of an additional \$50/child with a \$100/family maximum.

Calvin Ells was asked about online registration and will report back on feasibility by the next meeting.

VII. Flyers and Advertising. Mary Mayes will coordinate the flyers and advertising through the schools for registration and tryouts. It was suggested that the Valley News and Spectator should be approached to do articles about the league. Eric Bates suggested and will look into a radio interview. Steve Girdwood will coordinate with Paul Coates at the Rec. Dept. to get the registration/tryout information into the Spring Rec Flyer.

VIII. Fundraising. The Board agreed that the fundraising events for 2008 should be Tag Day (to be held June 13 & 14) and a Raffle to be coordinated by Keith Estes with the help of a raffle committee.

IX. Fields. It was determined that one maintenance type person should be appointed to manage property issues at the fields.

X. Coaching. The Board voted to have Jay Simms try to engage an individual to do a coaching clinic for Lebanon coaches here in Lebanon around the end of March. The Board commits to continuous work at improving the quality of coaching staff and volunteers.

XI. Other Ongoing and New Board Assignments.

Calvin Ells will continue to work on communications/website.  
Caren Whaley will take over for Eric Bates as Safety Officer.  
Mary Mayes will coordinate flyers and advertising.

XII. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the same location at 7:00 p.m. on January 29, 2008. Further discussion and work will be needed on the topics of the budget, fundraising, sponsors, umpires, communication and other agenda items as determined by Jay Simms.

Motion to adjourn was made by Caren Whaley and seconded by Eric Bates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen P. Girdwood, Secretary