**2019 Annual Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes  
Southwest Portland Little League**

Date: Sunday, November 17, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Wilson High School, Gym

Note Taker: Kate Prentice, Secretary

Attendees: Refer to attached attendance sheet

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6:32 PM – Mel Bessner called the meeting to order

**Agenda**



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**Welcome (Mel Bessner)**

Thanked everyone for attending. The purpose is to meet as a community to recap the year, hear feedback from the community and elect the new board.

**Approve October Minutes (Mel Bessner****)**October Meeting Minutes  


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**MOTION** to approve October minutes as prepared by Kate Prentice, Secretary put forward by Jenn West , motion seconded by Ben Kopetti. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

**Presidents Report (Mel Bessner)**

* Alpenrose update: District 4 met with Alpenrose to learn about the update. For this spring (2020), SWPLL will have use of the fields and highly likely for the following spring (2021). There will be a cost to play on the fields. With these new stipulations, other leagues are expected to drop off their use of Alpenrose. As a result, the board will need to anticipate future needs for fields.
* District 4 report: Brand new administrator started this month for a one-year term (Sarah Hoppe). There is new staff, Mel advises that there could be changes coming. Sarah is asking the existing staff to stay on another year but it’s unknown.

**2018-2019 Recap (Angela Corman)**

Angela provided the stats from last year in the agenda handout. We expect for this year to be fairly stable in terms of numbers. Highlights include 23% are girls and 106 kids played post season. Fall ball had high enrollment and continues to grow year over year.

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**Wilson High School Softball Head Coach (Jackie Arnold)**

Jackie Arnold could not attend the meeting.

**Little League to Wilson Baseball path (Jeremy Shetler – Wilson High School Baseball Head Coach)**

Jeremy discussed how kids proceed from SWPLL (refer to handout titled – “SWPLL to WILSON-Little League to High School). Current path is SWPLL to Wilson JBO to High School Spring / Summer. Question asked about JBO and how to get connect. Jeremy advised that there is a website and Mel Bessner will be the president for JBO. Mel advised that emails will be sent out to the families who are aging out of SWPLL. JBO is to bridge the gap between Little League and High School. Discussion of the team sizes and how teams are formed. Coaches include former HS players, teachers in the Portland area, HS coaches – moving away from parent coaches.

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**Future fields planning committee (Jake Hammer)**

Lots of focus on field improvements in the past year. Currently there is a committee in place to discuss future field needs especially with the anticipated loss of Alpenrose. The purpose is long-range planning (e.g. Smith). For the coming year, we have access to Bridlemile and Robert Gray through JBO. SWPLL will need help with fundraising. If anyone wants to join the committee or have any experience with grant writing, please let Jake know.

**Annual Financial report (Lisa Keeling)**

Refer to handout titled – “SWPLL Annual Report Summary as of October 31, 2019”

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Overall comment, did well as respects the budget. Jake noted that we do have funds to put into the fields. As a league, we have been fiscally conservative in order to have funds in the bank.

**SWPLL Softball (Jenn West)**

Approximately 150 kids and used three fields this past year. There were few complaints this year but waiting survey results. Anticipate that losing Alpenrose will impact softball greatly. Without the Little League World Series, good players will exit the league and play club sport.

**Coaches Coordinator (Huntley Morrison)**

Discussed coach’s website – one of the best resources we have invested in as a league. The anticipated long culture building will be fantastic. Focus in the next year will be on t-ball and Single A coaches.

**VP AA Report (Ben Kopetti)**

Noted that this year will be proposing age enforcement in order to keep safety in mind for kids.

**Questions**

Q: Will we still have Alpenrose Day?

A: Yes. In general, anticipate more use of the fields.

Q: When do we anticipate hearing from Alpenrose on cost to use fields?

A: Mel anticipates February or March – heard $100 for each night of use but no idea for a weekend use. Anticipate it will be higher than last year. Mel recommends that if we have an opportunity to use the fields, to take the Alpenrose fields.

**Vote for 2019-2020 Board (Mel Bessner)**  
  
Proposed slate of officers by position:

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| **Position** | **Name** |
| President | Jake Hammer |
| Secretary | Kate Prentice |
| Treasurer | Amanda Burnham |
| VP Softball-AAA, Majors, Juniors | Jenn West |
| VP Softball Launch League | Aaron Howard |
| VP Majors Baseball | Seth Burrell |
| VP AAA Baseball | Pete Gilchrist |
| VP AA Baseball | Ben Kopetti |
| VP A Baseball | **TBD** |
| VP T-ball | **TBD** |
| Baseball Player Agent | Jamie Mitchell |
| Softball Player Agent | Beth Mitchell |
| Uniform Coordinator | Ava Mitchell |
| Alpenrose Day Coordinator | Shelley Penny + a helper |
| Coach Coordinator | Huntley Morrison |
| Field Maintenance | Carl Burnham |
| Field Scheduling | Amanda Brohman |
| Communications | Angela Corman |
| Registrar/Webmaster | Angela Corman |
| Post Season Coordinator | Elizabeth Johnson |
| Fall Ball Coordinator | Stephen Black |
| Safety Officer | Dan Weberd |
| Sponsorship Coordinator | Graham Sterling |
| Umpire Scheduling Coordinator | Paul Seal, Matt Marr and John Tilles |
| Equipment Manager | Andy Rader |
| Umpire in Chief | Chris Harry |
| Fundraising | **TBD** |

All presented voted by a show of hands for the officers as shown above (29 votes in favor).

**MOTION** It is further moved that Amanda Burnham is approved to be the Southwest Portland Little League’s Acting Secretary for banking purposes. Additionally, Jake Hammer (as President) and Amanda Burnham (as Treasurer) are authorized as signers on the bank account. The motion is put forward by Huntly Morrison, motion seconded by Ben Koppetti. All board members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

**Recognition to Board Members**

Lisa has been with the board for 16 years even though her children have aged out. Mel is also leaving the league and going to be the JBO President.

**Closing (Mel Bessner)**

Reminder to reach out to the lower level families to join the board and help keep our league active. Please continue to reach out – remember to stay positive and keep growing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.