



LSO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2021 - 7:30 pm

Virtual and In Person at

Walter J. Long Multi Sports Complex Pavilion

Introductions:

Attendance:

Courtney Baker
Steve Crawford
Daniel Colpi (Y)
Tom Dozier (Y)
Branson Dunlop

Rob Frayer (Y)
Jeremy Fuller (N)
Daren Keenan
Mark Lewandowski (Y)
Brian McCarthy

Ryan Mulligan (N)
David Oglesby (Y)
Scott Oestreicher (Y)
Jason Slayton
Jim Webster (Y)

Sarah Fuller, RDC (Y)

Angie Schmidt, Volleyball DOC

Bruce Rhodes, EA (Y)

Guest:

Open Forum Public Comments

Approval of July Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Scott, Second by Tom

Individual Reports / Old Business (Updates)

Executive Committee Reports

President – Mark Lewandowski

- Report
- 2nd PPP loan paperwork for forgiveness completed and sent in
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Vice-President – Jeremy Fuller

- No Report

Treasurer – Tom Dozier

- Financial Report
Bank Balances:
Checking - \$355,905.66
Savings - \$170,275.77
Savings 2 - \$110.85
LFC - \$233,206.66
Diamond Elite - \$5,085.81

QuickBooks Balances:
Checking - \$327,462.84
Savings - \$170,258.48
Savings 2 - \$107.02
LFC - \$208,733.00
Diamond Elite - \$5,085.81

All bills are paid that I'm aware of and the FM contract is 80% paid. I am also transferring the money coming in for LFC payments to the LFC checking account as it comes in each week instead of waiting to do that all at once. That money would not normally have been moved yet. LFC's per player \$\$ will be transferred back to the LSO checking account by early next month when their teams are finalized.

- Mary Lou is almost done with the Audit

Secretary – Robert Frayer

- No Report

Sport Commissioners and Member at Large Reports

Member at Large- Scott Oestreicher

- No Report
 - See Below Resource Development

Baseball – Daniel Colpi

- On the baseball side, we finished the spring season very well. Positive feedback across all divisions. First Pitch, Majors, and Minor end of season tournaments went well. One item of note was that our 12U Little League All Star Team went to the championship game in the District 9 tournament. They won 3 games to make it to the final championship game, losing only to Hamilton. Hamilton has gone on to win State. Last night they lost to Kentucky in the 1st game of the Regionals (1-2). They play again tomorrow. This is even more remarkable when you consider that LSO has never in its history won a single 12U LL All Star game.

Learnings from spring:

- Firehawk program had solid success. Both in terms of player/family feedback and success of teams from a win/loss and tournament schedule.
- Adjusting Major program back down to LL standards was successful as well.
- Inter-league at younger ages (Majors) went well. So I am reaching out to nearby LLs (Hamilton-Fairfield, Edgewood, Monroe, and Mason) to see if we can do more of this at Majors and Minors level (even if most games are internal to LSO).
- The “age appropriate focus areas per division” that have been introduced over the years seem to be paying off in the longer term (in terms of skill growth and to a lesser extent, retention). I would like to both strengthen and market this as a strategic advantage for LSO.
- **Our fields are lagging behind the competition.** (Especially Mason, Hamilton-Fairfield, Hamilton, Lebanon, PYO... not as much Edgewood and Monroe, but we don't want to be the caboose). An intervention is needed here.

On the fall side we have 355 players (32 teams)

- Tball – 58 (7 teams)
- Rookie – 111 (10 teams)
- First Pitch – 37 (3 teams), playing with a DE 8U team
- Minors – 79 (6 teams)
- Majors – 47 (4 teams)

- • Intermediate – 23 (2 teams including one playing up from Majors, not counted there)
- *Does not include our DE teams playing or using fields (there are at least 7 of those)
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- We are picking up 2 VanGorden fields, Tri-County Baptist, and Mother Theresa to handle the increased load.
- • Coaches’ meetings happening this week.
- • Equipment pickup scheduled Saturday
- • First practice Sunday
- • First game a week from Sunday.
- • 8 games to be played by each team.

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Volleyball – Angie Schmidt

- Report
- Still searching for Volleyball Co
- 300 players, 35 on waitlist
- Need Coaches and Space and Referees

Softball – Steve Crawford

- No Report

Diamond Elite Fast Pitch – Steve Crawford

- 2022 DEFP Tryouts

Soccer – Courtney Baker

- No Report

Flag Football – David Oglesby

- See Report Below

Member at Large- Ryan Mulligan

- No Report

Member at Large- Diamond Elite Select Baseball- Jim Webster

- See Report Below

Member at Large – Brian McCarthy

- No Report

Member at Large- Lakota FC- Jason Slayton

- Fall Field Rental – working with Metro Parks to rent field space for Fall (\$22,000)
- Proposal to take \$12,000 from fees plus \$10,000 from LFC (Tom doesn’t see an issue from a finance standpoint)
- **Daniel made a motion to approve the expense, Tom seconded the motion**
- **All present voted to Approve**
- Spring Field Rental

Member at Large- Branson Dunlop

- No Report

Member at Large- Daren Keenan

- No Report

Committee Reports:

Resource Development Committee

- Report
- Shamrock Shuffle on 9/11
- Next meeting set of 9/21
- Scott will be heading up the RDC going forward
- Need and want committee members that will lead projects to completion
- Sponsorship levels have been determined with what donation will get the sponsor
- Pizza event for LSO scheduled 8/24/21 with Marcos where LSO will receive a portion of revenue
- Target events to affect a certain improvement idea (snack shed, field dirt, etc.)
- Move to virtual donations, Rally Up. No up-front cost, 95.7% of donations come back to the organization
- Sponsor a kid, Restaurant Night,
- Any updates from Commissioners, send to Sarah, 2-3 days before the announcement goes out
- Spirit Shop went live
- Discussion about moving morning games in Flag Football, Soccer and Baseball to start at Noon to allow families more time to participate in Shamrock Shuffle

Staff Reports:

Resource Development Coordinator

- Report

Executive Administrator

- Fall Photo Dates -
 - Plains Junior has been requested
- John Deere Gator Update
 - Battery Replaced
- Liberty Township Support – cleaned out the access road
- Demosphere Review Committee
- FM Maintenance Update
- Tiny Tikes Balls needed for every child, estimated \$5k
- Scott made a motion to approve, Jim seconded the motion
- All present approved

New Business

- 2022 Budget
 - Look at 2019 for more realistic view; budget conservatively
- 2022 Field Maintenance Contract RFP
 - RFP Approval
- Elections are coming up in September

Upcoming Meeting / Event Schedule

LSO September Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021– 7:30 pm

[Link to join the LSO August Board of Directors Meeting:](#)

Dial-in number (US): (701) 802-5430

Access code: 7065123#

International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/president228>

Online meeting ID: president228

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/president228>

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Call Me" to the Dial-In number above and you will be called into the conference. Message and data rates may apply.

Reports

Enrollment Summary- August

Program Name	Enrollments
2022 Fall Flag Football	347
2022 Fall Rec Baseball Program	355
2022 Fall Rec. Softball	200
2022 Fall Youth Volleyball Program	294
2022 Soccer Fall Rec	1014
2022 TinyTykes Fall	132
Total	2342

Flag Football Report – August 9th, 2021

Reminder, David Oglesby is now the Flag Football commissioner. Jim Webster is assisting David getting the season started.

A. 2021 Fall Numbers

Rookie League: (K-1st) 76 players, 9 teams Note: 10 additional players coming from St J 23

JV Division: (2nd-3rd) 110 players (2 wait listed), 10 teams

Varsity Lower and Upper Division: (4th-5th,6th-7th), 161 players (4 wait listed), 15 teams

Total Participants: 361 (4 players on Varsity wait list will be activated. Included in the total participant #)

B. 2021 Fall Key Dates

Weekend of August 20th – Equipment Handout

September 11th – First Games

October 30th or November 6th – End of Season

C. 2021 Challenges

Lack of coaches. We will play 6V6 in Varsity and JV so that we can put all players on a team who have registered.

Equipment handout delayed one week because we didn't have enough coaches.

D. Upcoming Estimated Milestones

1. Form teams (This week)
2. Send rosters out and communicate out to families
3. Order uniforms (15th)

4. Equipment handout (Weekend of 20th)
5. Practices start (23rd)
6. Game scheduled completed (Friday 27th)

Diamond Elite Report – August 9th, 2021

A. 2022 Team Enrollment (15 teams)

All teams are returning.

* = New Team

** = New Coach

*8U – Aaron Tiplady

9U – Keith Wright

*9U – Matt McCann

10U – Travis Theiss

11U – Nick Collichio

12U – Greg Carnes

12U – Jon Schaffner

13U – Chris Weiss

*13U – Dan Colpi

13U – Drew Cleland

14U – Cameron Laughlin

**14U – Brady Abner (Matt Willenbrink)

15U – Joe Allan

15U – Jason Riggle

**17U – (Brian Mullins) Craig Sams

B. Uniforms

David Duggan has volunteered some time to come up with a standard home uniform for teams to wear.

C. Fall Ball

8U Tiplady, 9U Wright, 10U Thiess, 11U Colicchio, 12U Carnes, 13U Colpi, 13U Weiss are playing on LSO fields this fall.

Field availability has been a significant hurdle this fall. I believe it has been worked out. Thank you to Bruce for working through it to get fields.

D. Tryouts

A record # of kids have come out to tryouts during this tryout season. Many age divisions saw 30 + kids come out to tryout. We also had requests to startup an 16U team. We have declined to add any more teams than the list referenced in bullet point A due to field availability. If we had the field availability, we could have added an additional 4 to 5 teams.

Executive Administrator Report – August 9, 2021

- A. Fall Photo Dates –
 - a. Plains Junior has been requested
 - b. All dates have been set
- B. John Deere Gator Update
 - a. Battery Replaced
- C. Liberty Township Support – Trimmed WJL Access Road Trimming
- D. Demosphere Review Committee
 - a. Please contact Bruce Rhodes if willing to meet for Demosphere Overview
- E. FM Maintenance Update
 - a. All requests of In contract work in writing
 - b. Working with second contractors on diamond services- In and Out of Contract



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