

A.I.L.L Minutes – Meeting 12/4/08

Board members present: Tim Mattox, Ed Siemion, Buz Amason, Tom Philipppo, Kelsey Davis, Tommy Epps, Vince Edmonds, Mark Hallenbeck, Annette Wiggs, Jeremiah Wiggs, Brian Finnan (briefly), Joe Polaneczky

Others present: Ben Lord, Kerry Herndon, Oscar Cardenas, Gordon Walls, Timothy Colbert, Shelia Colbert, Jeff Summers, Terry Dean (ACC Leisure Services), Mr. White (Quality Trophies)

- I. Brian Finnan updated us on the website. He made a request for people to give him feedback for other things to put on the site – brian@sesol.com. Web address - (www.leaguelineup.com/athensinternational).
- II. Mark Hallenbeck presented a financial report for both the '07 and '08 fiscal years.
 - A. He made a recommendation to do a better job of keeping track of the expenses and income from the concession stand.
 - B. Each of the past couple of years A.I.L.L. has had to pay bills from the previous year. We have paid down those outstanding balances each of the past two year, but we ended the year with approximately \$6,600 in bills to two vendors – Bulldog Sporting Goods and ABC printing. Most of this is due to uncollected sponsorship fees from several years ago (i.e. sponsors didn't pay after commitments made).
 - C. The necessity or lack of a need for filing an IRS form was discussed. Clarity on this issue was to be sought by Mark with assistance from Tom Philipppo.
- III. Mr. White with Quality Trophies showed us several different trophies if we choose his company to make our trophies. He stated his desire to give us the best deal possible and had prices listed for each trophy. A decision on trophies will be made later.
- IV. Terry Dean with ACC leisure services gave us information about making CPR training available for our coaches. Cost is \$25/person, but he is checking to see if leisure services would cover the costs. We possibly might have a rep at our next meeting to discuss this further. He also gave us a “heads up” on potential budget cuts that might affect use of lights, staffing, etc. This could require league volunteers to do more of the maintenance around the park if his staff is cut.
- V. Ed Siemion gave us an update on Fantastic Savings doing coupon books for us as a fundraiser. The group as a whole affirmed moving forward with this project. Several other simple fundraiser options were also discussed (raffle a baseball glove signed by the UGA baseball team, have local restaurant cater food for opening day and give AILL a percentage of sales, etc.). Coupon books will be passed out in January and dates of the sale will be determined at the January board meeting.
- VI. Tommy Epps and others spoke about the way we will get information out about sign ups. A mailer will be sent to homes in the 30605 and 30683 zip

codes and possible other zip codes as well. Also schools will be contacted through their PTO groups.

- VII. We discussed the team sponsors we had commitment from and how many more we need. Everyone was encouraged to seek out team sponsors. Sponsorship forms are available on the website, Tommy Epps or Joe Polaneczky (sponsorship coordinators) can be contacted for assistance. We also affirmed that the Challenger League sponsorships will be handled a little differently than other teams. They secure their own sponsors and the kids don't pay a registration fee since their uniforms are different than kids in the other leagues.
- VIII. We discussed recruitment of coaches and the approval process. Tim Mattox will follow up with how coaches are cleared with Little League.
- IX. The need to fill a few more board positions was mentioned. Particularly singled out was the need for several more coordinators to help out with concessions instead of having the responsibility fall on one individual. Below are board members and positions that still need to be filled. If interested contact Tim Mattox or any of the board members that you know.

- President **Tim Mattox** - mattox25@msn.com
- V President **Ed Siemion** – siemione@clarke.k12.ga.us
- Secretary **Laura Sullivan** – laurabbmom@yahoo.com
- Treasurer **Buz Amason** – buz.amason@uscm.org
- Players Agent Tom Phillippo – et_phillippo@hotmail.com
- Safety Officer **Daryl Rowe, Sr.**
- Sponsor Coordinator Tommy Epps (note: Joe Polaneczky to assist)
- Web Site Coordinator **Brian Finnan** – brian@sesol.com
- Equipment Manager Kelsey Davis
- Concessions Team Coordinator
 - 1. **Annette Wiggs** 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
- Team Mom Coordinator Kesha Edmonds
- VP Softball Mark Hallenbeck
- VP TBall Vince Edmonds
- VP Coach Pitch **Jeremiah Wiggs**
- VP Baseball minors _____
- VP Baseball majors _____
- VP Baseball Junior _____
- VP Baseball Senior _____
- VP Challenger **Melanie Edwards**

Note the **highlighted** names are new to their position for the 2009 season.

- X. Next Board meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 6:30 at Whit Davis media center.

Respectfully submitted by Buz Amason – Treasurer in Secretary Laura Sullivan's absence.