

RP Cal Ripken Board Minutes

October 20th, 2024 | 3:30 pm | Rohnert Park Education Center

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| Meeting called by | David Langdale- President |
| Board Members in Attendance | David Langdale, Megan Langdale, Emily Howard, Trish Collins, Emma Schmid, Chris Schmid, Sammie Lawrence, Gina Hurley, Branden Scotto, Katrina Hogerton, <u>Karlene Bialoblocki</u>, Christine Tournahu |
| Board Members not in Attendance | Kay O'Brien, <u>Rachel Simpson</u>, Mike LeBoy, Trey Wright, Tim Farris Sr. |
| Members of the public | Christine Tournahu |
| Time Called to Order | 3:40pm |

AGENDA TOPICS

First line of business- Christine Tournahu is interested in the 2nd concessions position so the board will have to vote. Nomination made by Kay. Unanimous, vote passes, Welcome to the Board Christine.

President's Report:

Update on B park: log of attempts to reach the city, but their solution is to use B pool snack shack. Insurance adjuster is in Indian- \$15,000 to cover a new scoreboard, which David designed. \$35,000 for snack shack.

Presidents meeting was on 9/22/24- State dues per team is increasing from \$10 to \$15

It was discussed that All- Star tournament brackets were not fair.

11U All stars didn't need to be beaten twice, they were done wrong and they should have won.

Application for regional tournament and state tournaments due early 2025- no tournaments for us due to B park snack shack.

Dates for all- stars- Pre State: June 14th-20th, State: June 21st- 27th

Regionals- July 13th- 19th

2025- District tournaments not approved but is an idea that NorCal is considering.

Tournaments- We have the free right to move the schedule up to allow more time between pre-state and state as a league.

Summar All- Star Tournament Financial Summary- See attached for detailed info.

Binders will still be required for the tournament.

Nick Nesius is the new Nor Cal State commissioner

Player agent & Treasurer still needed for NorCal.

Forgoing any meetings until February 2nd & May 4th (all star teams decided), All Star Meeting Coach June 1st.

-Fingerprinting and background checks for new board members need to happen

-Background check every 2 years

-Ameriprints is set up every year to sponsor and get a plaque.

-Potential overcharge

-Reimbursement for gift bags has not been a thing in the past, but moving forward we want to incorporate this moving forward.

-Getting donations in advance for tournaments. As a board we should be more supportive for all star teams.

-Get a budget in place for the bags for tournaments. Buy this stuff ahead of time and the expectations should be set ahead of time.

-We need to start up fall ball so we can keep the momentum going and we won't lose kids.

-Elite travel will follow all- stars and fall ball should as well.

-Team sideline- David would like an option added during the registration process about whether there was interest in coaching in fall.

- Divisions and Fields- Using Cator field for Minors & majors.

-AA kid pitch- changing this to the pitching machine option after the player tries to pitch. Keep the pitching machine within reach.

-Committees- volunteers from the league who are parents encouraged and welcome to help.

-Rule committee: Emma, Trish

Vice President of League Admin Report: Yearly Calendar

David entering into google calendar

Registration opens Nov. 1- Nov 30th early

Dec 1- January 1st: regular registration

Late fee starting on January 2nd then through 12th.

January 25th- assessments, Make up January 27th

Interviews January 7, 8 & 9th.

Rest of the events will be on google for review.

Restaurants for future meetings

Vice President of Baseball Operations Report:

Treasurer's Report: November 1st- October 31st will be year to date on quick books.

Today's print out will be our final closing for this year, but just received city fees from Chris which is the only thing that will be different.

- Umpire Fees- 1 deposit because it was an estimate of what was needed. Over \$14,000 spent last spring for umpires. Will talk to Mike about an umpire pay list.
- Field & Facilities- \$43,086.43 (find # in the financial report). New sound system, 2 fridges for upgrades. We are changing janitorial services this year. Things will be improved at A park.
- Fundraising: hit-a-thon, \$ donations for regionals, go fund me page.
- Administration expenses: Misc account is not preferred so it is now an admin account and events. AED maintenance, draft dinner, quickbooks, etc. and is more streamlined. Non profit credit from Nor Cal Ripken was a deposit.
- Utilities: Various utility expenses.
- Concessions- Clover fees are outrageous and we should switch to square. This has to happen this year.
- Advertising & Marketing- no income
- Equipment- First aid kits, all other equipment.
- League swag is its own account- Solution of what was made is in the works.
- Uniforms is ongoing
- Events: Opening day expenses, trophies and all american awards, all division shirts, jump houses, port a potties.

There are different kinds of quickbooks so if we wanted a more specific breakdown, we would need to pay a higher monthly quickbook fee. David can do this manually and a report will be available every month.

Per David-As spending goes, he is matching the chart of accounts that are in quickbooks because it's ongoing.

Review of yearly budget: See attached.

Budget to be flexible around scholarships since we don't want to turn away any kids because they can't afford it.

Clinics may or may not happen this year- Emma has a contact of someone who has connections with some player.

Uniforms: Budget for uniforms established within registration fees. To use ISP or potential other vendor options.

Communications/Social Media: Banners to be placed around town, plus alternate locations.

Scheduling: permits through spring break so we can have games.

Concessions: Setting up tables to sell limited options of items.

Equipment: N/A

Discuss Ideas for 2025-

- Meetings at locations with food: Olive Garden, Emma to look into other options so we could order food/drinks.
- Friday night lights- simplify the night. Showcase major teams only and keep it at B park.
- Balls, line up cards, and score books for coaches- Hand out on coaches meeting- **Vote**
- More meetings to review previous topics. Maybe adding a 2nd meeting to be held via zoom during the peak of season. This way we could follow up on previous topics to close the loop. **Vote**
- Committees for all- star fundraising. **Vote**
- Kids playing up- 10 year old in majors, but no 8 year olds. **Vote**
- Icee machine/Soda machine- **Vote**

- Snack shack openers & closers- eliminate the chaos of last year

Cator field will be available but we will not be funding the snack shack.

Trish suggests sending out videos for young umpires to help prepare them.

Player Agent: Do we want to have a discount for coaches to register? Refund \$ once coaches are all set up for coaching. Individual banners for players (12 year olds).

Old Business: Some things will need to be voted on at our November meeting.

All-stars funding from the league- **vote**

Coaches discount for signing up to coach. Vote in November.

Hit a thon & Pictures- **vote**

Playoffs/Championship timeline confirmation with adding regular season games during spring break. **vote**

AA pitching machine on stand by & helping kids develop. **vote**

Drop 3rd rule- which division should follow this? Per rule book starts at minors (10 yr olds), not triple A. **Vote**

Concessions plan to be discussed when both Kay & Christine present.

Committees need to be created

Providing supplies for coaches (baseballs, scorebooks, line up cards) - **vote**

New Business:

Late registration fees

Venmo.

Adjourn: 8:11 pm

Next Meeting: November 11th, location TBD.