

RP Cal Ripken Board Minutes

February 10, 2025 | 6:00 pm | B-Side Lounge

Meeting called by David Langdale- President

Board Members in Attendance David Langdale, Megan Langdale, Emily Howard,

Trish Collins, Emma Schmid, Sammie Lawrence, Trey Wright, Karlene Bialoblocki

Vanessa Sandoval, Branden Scotto, Katrina Hogerton, Kay O'Brien, Rachel Simpson,

Christine Tournahu, Gina Hurley, Nick Nesius, Cody Gatton, Lizzie Novak, Dave Collins,

Tim Farris Sr.

Board Members not in Attendance Kay O' Brien

Members of the public Cody Gatton, Dave Collins, Ryan Bullard, Ian Thomson, Larry Hoburg, Tim Farris Sr., Janette Hoburg, Lizzie Novak, Kacie Sanchez

Time Called to Order 6:00 pm

Discuss Tim returning to the Board-

- Tim would like to rejoin the Board and made an apology to the board about abrupt resignation at the last meeting. Megan motions to have Tim back on board as Director of Equipment, Sammie 2nds, vote is unanimous. Tim- Welcome back to the board!!

AGENDA TOPICS

Prior Meeting Minutes: January meeting minutes: Mike motions to approve as is, Christine 2nds. Approved by board!

Public Open Time:

Voting of Division Managers: *Liaison between the board and divisions. We will provide list of managers for divisions*

- **Majors-** Justin Templin, but as a non board member.
- **Minors-** Erick Arenal?
- **AAA-** Open
- **AA-** Dave Collins would like to volunteer. Motion and a 2nd made. Welcome to the board!
- **Single A Rookies-** Cody Gatton would like to volunteer. Motion and 2nd made.
- **Pee Wee-**Lizzy Novak would like to volunteer. Motion and 2nd made. Welcome to the board!

Executive Board

President's Report:

- Background Checks required by Babe Ruth, every 2 years will be updated "per season"
- AB506 fingerprinting update- Requirement in the state of CA for all youth sports volunteers. Ameriprints is fingerprinting the entire league for free.
- ScoreSports is the only approved Vendor for Cal Ripken Babe Ruth- Sublimation of Cal Ripken Patch
 - ScoreSports will give credit of Charter Fees towards uniforms
- State Tournament Hosting Teams and Dates
 - 8 u @ Laguna: June 14th-20th,

- 9u @ Elk grove June 14th-20th
- 10u @ Galt June 21-27th
- 11u @ Riverpark June 21st-27th
- 12u @ Elk Grove June 14th-20th
- Regional Hosting Teams and Dates
 - 8u @ Galt July 13th-19th
 - 9u @ Kingsburg July 13th-19th
 - 10u @ Laguna hosting, but at Elk Grove location July 13th- July 19th
 - 11u @ Nevada, July 13th-July 19th
 - 12u @ Visalia July 13th- July 19th
- Assessments went well, Thank you Board Members for making it go smoothly.
- The Managers & Coaches meeting was a success. Recap email went out to the league to review what was discussed at the meeting.
- Score board has been approved by insurance so we can get a new one. We have to decide what option we want to go with. Insurance claim for the scoreboard has been submitted and approved. Any user of the field could utilize the score board, so a contract will have to be made since it would belong to City. Another option is to purchase a scoreboard and then once delivered we could donate to the City.
- Encouraging all board members to go to City Council Meeting tomorrow evening 2/11 regarding field usage agreement.
- Meeting with City on Wednesday regarding snack shack w/ Kay, Christine & David.
- Fire extinguishers needed at every field.
- AED machines- 8 registered to our league but we only have found 5 so far.
- Inventory needed of equipment at parks.
- Pitching machine- need to make sure we have one for A2.

Vice President of Baseball Operations Report:

- Regionals meeting last Saturday, met with Bob Mota. No new rules to worry about.
- Getting fields ready for season.

Vice President of League Admin Report:

- Coaches Requirements updates- still sorting through all this. Discount for coaches who have gotten their stuff done. Lots of emails sent out to remind coaches to get all of their requirements finished. Maybe a \$20-\$25 refund if they complete all their tasks. Do we have to use two platforms? Maybe next week
- Field usages & special event permits- Waiting on Opening day permits, picture day is set for Rancho. We are still waiting on confirmation for the K park permit.
- Food permits- in process
- Every Friday night- Permit for this event and sound system.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financials sent out via email.
- No questions

Secretary's Report:

- AED Machine update- In presidents report. We have 5 of 8 accounted for. 1 at A park that needs to be retrieved and given to Emily.
- Will not be at the next meeting so Megan will be keeping minutes in my place. Emily will send out agenda requests and final agenda prior to meeting.

Member Reports

Director of Umpires:

- 2/23 11am umpires clinic, will do a scrimmage to practice a game for umpires to practice.

Player Agent:

- Registration is officially closed, though adding some stragglers to Peewee and Single A Rookies. After a few drop outs and a few late additions, we ended up with 470 players. We have 5 Majors teams, 5 Minors teams, 6 AAA teams, 5 AA teams, 9 Single A Rookies teams, and 11 Peewee teams. 41 Teams.

Director of Scheduling:

- Rain plan/postpone games
- field use updates for practices and games
- Still waiting on permits for fields
- Goal for season- Around 15 games per team
- Younger divisions should start sooner than later since they don't practice at much.
- Opening day- if it gets postponed can be a mid season event.
- Load the schedule for the entire season rather than adding or posting make up games as they happen.
- Cator field- John Titus agreement, snack shack will be run by Oaks.
- 1 majors game on Saturdays and 2 minors games at Cator.

Director of Equipment:

- Confirmed 41 teams total.
- 30 forms filled out from coaches for equipment.
- Would like to make a motion to buy a new pitching machine- but this should fall under field and facilities and should fall within budget. Motion made by Tim and 2nd Mike made to buy a new pitching machine. Motion passes.
- Should replace all locks at B park. Possible locks that allow us to see who accesses and when per Cody.

Directors of Concessions:

Wifi-

- Ordered the other 3 travelfi boxes (wifi routers)
- we have a total of 4 (one active, other 3 non active currently)
- depending on game schedule they will be activated closest to that date
- Each travelfi box was \$160 with tax, total of \$640ish (bought on amazon)
- Usage per month will be unlimited \$130 per box
 - About \$520 per month
 - For the season \$2,600
 - Initial \$640 + \$2,600= \$3240 for (usage and devices). We Saved money!!!! :)

Tablets-

- Are set and ready to be used.
- We need to order cases for the tablets and figure out where they will be stored at night.
 - Ballbox?
 - Another lock box?
 - Wall safe?
 - Suggestions?
- Typed up the processes for opening and closing duties for each park
- As well as a BEFORE YOU GO..... page to hang up in the shacks

Orders-

- We made the first order for the nacho cheese (last year it was on backorder at beginning of season so it will arrive Monday 2/10 hopefully)
- Pepsi order will be happening this week (week of 2/11)
- Candy Second order will be ordered week of 2/11

- **We would like the shacks to be somewhat put together for training so everything can be gone over.**

Training schedule-

- We have field work day on the 15th (this may be one of our training days) 17th and 22nd.
 - Sign up genius going out (today 2/10)
 - 15th- Minors and AA 9:30am- 2:30pm
 - 17th- Majors and AAA 9am -2:30 pm
 - 22nd- Rookies 9:30am- 2:30pm
- We have contacted all age brackets team parents and collected information as to who needs extra parents for shifts. (4 teams still missing team parent)
 - **4 Rookie teams missing team parents (contacted the manager)**
- We have made a sign up genius that will be sent out, relevant to the field and division for training.

Questions for the board:

1. Do we want team parents paying out umpires from the register(there is a pay out button and does calculations for the drawer)??
 2. Where do we want to store the Tablets? Ball box? Hidden in the shack somewhere? Or new boxes drilled?
 3. Does anyone have questions that they want to be asked at the meeting with the city regarding the B snack shack on 2/12?
- Cator field will need a box for umpire pay.
 - Report from square may break down easily for Megan. Concessions to check in with the Treasurer to find out preference.

Director of Social Media/Marketing:

- Field day scheduled for the weekend- Is it going to happen or not? Maybe use it as a snack shack clean up. Maybe just board members go to the field to get things done.
- Autograph giants ball to use for hit a thon gift
- Sports basement gift cards for hit a thon.

Director of Fields & Facilities: N/A

Team Parent Coordinator:

- Confusion at managers & team parent meetings- parents thought it was an informational meeting.
- All teams except 1 rookie team have a team parent.
- Informational video sent to all team parents on how to navigate the website.
- Recruitments made.
- Picture schedules in process. Prefer to start at Majors and go down to peewees. Starting later than usual, first picture time may not be until 9 am.
- If anybody reaches out regarding questions just let them know we are trying to accommodate anyone.

Director of Uniforms:

- Uniforms on order
- there can be a backup order that needs to be submitted by Friday 2/14 at latest.
- Some hats are being ordered outside since they were not available.

Event Coordinator:

- Back up date of April 5th for mid season celebration. Last meeting for the opening day committee is happening on 2/12 at Sammie's house.
- Sign up genius will be coming up for both opening day and hit a thon.

- Opening day is 2 weeks away. Everything has been confirmed, just waiting on a couple of things.
- CC authorization/contract was sent to the treasurer to submit.
- Opening day committee meeting this week to finalize some things but everything's coming together well.
- Not a lot of \$ being spent since a lot of bookings have been with vendors.
- Hit a thon recap and break down what \$ has been or is being sent on. Trish will do this.
- Motion for \$2000 for hit a thon prizes- motion made to spend the \$ for prizes. Motion made, 2nd made. Passes.

Director of Sponsorships:

- Banner questions- Changing design for corporate sponsors. Would like to change it up this year to give sponsors more for their \$.
- Sign dynamics for ordering banners
- 41 teams total
- Motion for separate banners for each division sponsor, 2nd made. Passes!

Members at Large:

Trey

- Framing medal covers for the dugouts. Looking for help to get this done.

Katrina

- Banners for majors players this year? Is this still happening?
- We will need pictures from parents- TBD. Need to talk to John Titus about whether we can hang banners or not at Cator.
- May need to be the responsibility of parents to take it up and down at games rather than keeping them up. If a kid can't afford it, we will cover the cost for those kids.
- Emma will send out an email. If you want one, you can order for.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Opening day first pitch- concerns around this as it may look like we favor teams. We can have SSU throw first pitch and still acknowledge the Mets from last year.
- Idea to have SSU coach or someone from SSU to throw first pitch or Nick Nesius as first year Cal Ripken Commissioner, or President of our League. Local kid who played prune packers and in charge at Olivers for booking fundraisers.
- On behalf of Norcal per Nick Nesius- Thank you for everything we do!
- The State is willing to help support us where needed with the City. We have a lot of support from other leagues.
- Apply for a tournament to host in 2026.
- Mike is district level manager.

Miscellaneous discussions:

- John Titus is gonna get keys made for cator- side door access. rake the mound and drag infield. Field is going to be open everyday until 8pm.
- Maybe open up putnam park for cages?
- Jennifer- coach would like support from us to save SSU athletics- social media post for signing petition. Will get sent out to the league ASAP.
- C park needs help- Trish suggests maybe a landscaper just scraping the entire field since it requires so much work?
- Banners at each park outlining what \$ we have spent towards improvements- Trish volunteered to look into this.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:13 pm

NEXT MEETING NEW BUSINESS

- Discuss going back to one platform. Team sideline vs. Sportsengine