

CUMBERLAND VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE (CVLL)
TELECONFERENCE NOTES
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tony Dinsmore, President
Ryan Clay, Treasurer
Bill Euker, Player Agent
Matt Jones, Development Manager
Chad Ireland, Stony Field Manager
David Dagle
Roy Hofecker, Equipment Manager
Robert Baltzley, Teeners
Tracey Danley, Secretary

AGENDA:

Current Registration/Refund Status
Field/Township Status
Insurance/Waiver Discussion
Review Guidance from Reopening Pennsylvania
Safety Protocols
Other League Status
Decision on summer season and what it would look like including the following

- 1) Realigning Teams
- 2) Practice/Games Schedule

REGISTRATION/REFUND STATUS

Tony noted that 74 players have unregistered so far for the 2020 spring season. Currently, majors is down to 32 players. Minors is down to 42 players. Pony is down to 54 players. Tee ball is down to 56 players (from 83).

During the discussion meeting, CVLL decided to cancel the Spring 2020 season. Depending on coaches, players, and field availability, possibly offering an option for Sand Lot day as noted below. It was noted that other district little leagues (Hampden, East Penn, & Camp Hill) have also canceled the spring season.

Unfortunately, the SI app will not allow credit card refunds that are past 90 days of the transaction. SI was contacted and will not provide an extension to the 90 day period. Ryan indicated that a total of 20 refund checks have been sent out so far. Additional checks are on order and are expected the end of June.

Tony will be sending a survey email to the parents with three options to receive the refund/credit:

- Have the amount credited to their account for next season. Individuals who choose this option will receive the entire amount paid credited to their account.
- CVLL issue a check for the refund amount. Individuals who choose this option will receive the amount paid less website fees if originally paid by credit card, or will receive entire amount paid if originally paid by check.
- Donate it to CVLL

For those individuals who would like a check refund, there will be an organized place and time to pick up the checks which will be determined at a later time.

SAND LOT DAYS

As noted above, Tony suggested “Sand Lot Days” where all kids would be grouped by age and get together to play ball – scrimmages, games, and practices. Anything to help keep the kids engaged and playing baseball. It would be an opportunity for the kids to have fun and play together. This will depend on the number of volunteers available for each group, as well as, field availability. At this time, it’s uncertain if the Sand Lot Days will be an option for tee-ball. Tee-ball has the most players and, given the age of the players, the groups should be smaller requiring more volunteers.

A survey email will be sent out to the coaches to see who would be interested in participating/coaching the Sand Lot Groups. It will be for approximately four weeks. A few potential issues/concerns noted – scheduled vacations, summer heat, and number of fields available to play. The coach’s response will determine how CVLL will proceed. CDC guidelines/recommendations will be followed and safety precautions will be in place to ensure the health and safety of all the players, coaches, and spectators.

Tony stated CVLL has been communicating with attorneys to assist in drafting a waiver and release of liability, to be signed by the parents, that all registrants understand the risk and accept/waive potential liability if a player contracts the corona virus. The waiver must be provided to the coach/lead of the team/group prior to playing.

FALL BALL

Fall ball registration will open beginning of July and start early August. For this season, games will be held during the week and on Saturdays. Due to COVID-19, it was noted the possibility of not going outside of the county for fall ball games. More information about the upcoming fall ball season will be forthcoming.

SPONSORSHIPS

Tony will be sending out notices for sponsors who have already paid. Sign sponsorships will be extended for an additional year if it is already up. Tony will be reaching out to the sponsors who have paid but a sign has not been placed yet to ask if they would like a refund or wait until next year.

TEENERS

Rob noted the Teeners League is continuing with the hopes of starting games on the 22nd. Cedar Cliff's fields are currently open. Other fields are expected to open July 1. He also noted, that given the current team status (number of pitchers, catchers and players), he does not expect to be able to play through the season.