



## 2019/2020 Elections

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On August 7th, South Oldham Little League held its Executive Board of Directors vote. Please give a warm welcome to the following individuals.

### Adam Blackaby- *President*

Adam lives in Crestwood, KY, with his wife Katie Blackaby. Katie and Adam have four daughters



Maddy (9), Emalee (7), Caroline (4), and Ansley (18 months). Adam has been an active member on the board for the past six years where he was most recently the league scheduler, VP of Softball, and coached both softball and T-Ball. The reason he decided to run for President was because he loves being a part of the community, and impacting the lives of young kids. Adam's strong Christian faith is very important to him and he hopes to help teach all kids about respect, kindness, and compassion for others. Adam believes that every kid deserves the opportunity to do anything they set their mind to, and that's why he is passionate about being here to help.

### Scott Dillon- *Vice President*

The Dillon family has been around SOLL for several years. Several of their children have participated or are participating in our league. Scott is a long time coach at several levels of SOLL and is excited to be part of the board and to help strengthen our league.



### Kevin Barnes- *Secretary*

Kevin and his family have been part of the SOLL community for 4 years now. Kevin and his wife have two boys that play in the league; Parker (7) and Easton (5). Kevin has been a coach in the league for all 4 years and has rejuvenated the league's Winter Training program. This will be Kevin's second term acting as the leagues Secretary. He has a strong focus on strengthening the leagues communication and volunteer numbers.



### Eric Flathers- *Safety Officer*

Eric has been part of the SOLL community for the last 4 years mainly serving as a coach. Eric and his wife Heather have coached together and are working hard to strengthen our Softball program. Their daughter Kendell (6) is part of the SOLL Softball program and Eric wants to ensure that not only does she have a safe and friendly environment to play, but also all the other children throughout our community do as well.



Our team is eager to get going and continue the tradition of excellence SOLL has provided to our community through out the years. The board has already met as a group to discuss the successes of the league as well as items we would like to see improve. We however can not do this alone and need the help of volunteers like you to keep SOLL a safe, fun and friendly place for your children to continue to learn and play baseball and softball. Some of the volunteer positions we would like to ask individuals to assist with are:

- Treasurer: this is an integral part of making out league run. This is an elected position that remains empty. If you are interested please let the board of directors know and we will discuss the fit with you. **We need this position filled ASAP!**

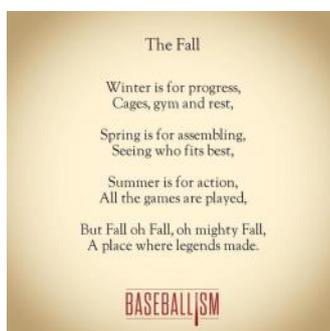
- Equipment Manager: This position requires a person that is willing to inventory our current equipment, identify league needs, work with Dick Sporting Good on procurement of new equipment and additional tasks. This is not a time consuming position and most of the responsibilities are complete by seasons start.
- Fundraiser Coordinator: This position will work with the board to determine league specific fundraiser ideas and to help coordinate them.
- Banner Coordinator: This position will help with the marketing of our on-field advertising opportunities. These include banners, dug out signs, field sponsorships. This position requires little time and is mostly during the off season.

If you or someone you know is interested in any of the above positions please let us know.

## 2019 Fall Ball

Fall ball teams have been formed and practices are underway. At the time of publication we have 294 athletes enrolled in our fall baseball and softball programs.

Fall ball is the ideal time for kids transitioning into a new division to get acquainted to the new rules and pace of play in that particular division. It is also a great time for all players to continue to work on fundamentals of the game and to improve on skills. Fall ball, although competitive is a time of development as opposed to focusing on wins/losses.



## 2020 Spring Season

Enrollment for the 2020 season will start on January 1st for early registration. On February 15th the registration fee will raise by \$20 and then late registration will begin on March 1st.

We plan on doing a soft open to start the season off the week of April 5th with Opening Day scheduled for April 11th. Planning will start in the next few months on our opening day festivities. For those that joined us this past spring for opening day, it was a great success and we hope to continue to improve each year.

We will also start planning for our baseball and softball winter training programs here in the next month or two and will keep everyone updated on dates, times and locations for the camps.

Another idea the new board is already discussing is formalizing South Oldham Little League semi-travel teams. We are discussing developing a team in each division where a select group of players play year round with one another. We would take these teams to travel ball tournaments on weekends that are open during the SOLL regular season and continue to play as a group during the remainder of the summer and fall.

## Peggy Baker Park

Peggy Baker Park is undergoing a make over. As you pull into the park the Oldham County Parks and Recreation Department is working hard to upgrade the playground area, and add a walking trail as well as a dog park. Please use caution in those areas while construction is underway.

SOLL is also examining our budget and are looking at what improvements we can make to the baseball/softball facilities. Please come to our next meeting which will be announced soon, and vote on what improvements you feel passionate the board should look at making. Giving the bathrooms a makeover is at the top of our priority list and something we know you all have been asking us to do for a few years now.

Again we encourage each of you to come get involved in your league and find a way that you can help make us even stronger. This league is run on volunteers and we need YOUR help. As the old saying goes:

