

## Letter from the President

### We need your help for 2010

First of all, I would like to thank those who made 2009 a special year for our league. Thanks for the countless hours donated by our board, our umpires and coaches, and most importantly, to all the parents who made sure our players had a good experience. It's amazing that somehow, every year, we find a way to organize 500 players on 40 different teams, playing 20 games. Again, many thanks for your efforts, patience and good nature.

Now I must sincerely thank you for allowing me the honor of running SVLL league as the President. I have decided to step down from my position, but I will find another way to invest the 500 hours that it takes to do the job of being involved in the SVLL organization, along with the great pleasure of coaching. I cannot tell you how great it's been to get to know so many wonderful folks over the last 9 years. I promise to keep my feet into the local baseball scene in some capacity, and I look forward to watching these wonderful kids grow up to be productive citizens in our community.

One major concern I currently have, in order for SVLL to continue at its high level, is for some new folks to step up into the many vacant board positions. This is a great time for some new leadership and ideas. Baseball is a great game and a wonderful tool to bring players and families together, and to develop relationships that can last a life time. Please take 10 minutes to review the attachment ([Open 2009 SVLL Board Positions.pdf](#)) to this letter; there are many positions which need to be filled. Most importantly, you are providing a safe and positive environment for our players to develop. By getting involved, you can help pave the way for the next group of players coming through our program. Yes, it is hard work, but the satisfaction of supporting our players and your community is far more rewarding.

If you're interested in getting more information regarding the available positions or discussing any other baseball issues, please feel free to contact me at 206.999.7330. SVLL is meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Park Place Middle School (please check the website for possible changes); I ask for you to come out and see if there is a position or committee that would be of interest you. I encourage you to call your friends and neighbors to invite them out as well.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter and I truly hope to see you at the next meeting.

Warm Regards,

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