



# Bergenfield Little League Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Meeting Date: 8/4/2015

Name:	Signature:	Membership?
1. <u>SEAN WEMBUKEN</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
2. <u>Julio Cardenas</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
3. <u>Daniella Rodriguez</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
4. <u>Israel Crespo</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
5. <u>MARK BORDOZ</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
6. <u>Yodie Roman</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
7. <u>Kevin Mulhern</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
8. <u>Rob Cardalde</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
9. <u>Arman Colon</u>		Yes / <u>No</u>
10. <u>Donny Pejovic</u>		<u>Yes</u> / No
11. _____	_____	Yes / No
12. _____	_____	Yes / No
13. _____	_____	Yes / No
14. _____	_____	Yes / No
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25. _____	_____	Yes / No



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### 1. Treasury: (Membership Vote)

- a. Reviewed treasury report.
- b. Any questions/comments/feedback for Treasury:
  - i. None.
  - ii. Motion to approve by: Rob C.
  - iii. 2nd: Daniella R.

### 2. Fundraising:

- a. League did well with new banner and division sponsors this season, thanks to VP for efforts with connecting with sponsors.
- b. League Swag fundraiser did not result in many sales. Will continue nonetheless next season. Suggestions for additions can be made to the league.
- c. Rockland Boulders fundraisers had some good numbers.
  - i. Need to follow-up with Boulders regarding our kickback.
- d. Coin tosses were very successful. Attendance varied.
  - i. \$12576 from 3x league coin tosses
  - ii. \$822.17 from district team coin toss
- e. Season long 50/50 was still successful. (\$4280)
- f. Picnic had a very low turnout with the rain delays, however was a successful event for those that attended.
  - i. Typically lose ~\$1500 on giveback event, this season lost ~\$2250.
- g. Tricky Tray was a huge success. Big thanks to our Tricky Tray committee: Daniella, Marissa, Stephanie, and Amanda.
  - i. Event: \$10,856
  - ii. 50/50 @ event: \$728
  - iii. Reservations / Drink pre-orders: \$280.50
- h. Volunteers, please consider utilizing your league volunteer hours for any corporate donation program.
  - i. If not for BLL, definitely take advantage of such a corporate program for other causes if one exists from your place of business.
- i. Any questions/comments/feedback for Fundraising:
  - i. None

### 3. Field / Grounds:

- a. Sports Field Solutions serviced the fields this season in efforts to protect our prior investments. This will continue, in part, each season. They performed the following:
  - i. Field tune-up: Reconstruct mound/box, level, groom.
  - ii. Warning Track reconditioning, both fields.
- b. Thank you to the DPW, who assisted with the repair of our tractor / mower / tree trimming and scoreboard assistance pulling the modem for repair.



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- c. Gutters cleaned out last month on both fields. This will greatly enhance functionality as they were in very bad shape.
- d. Floor within Hickey's field house was replaced, thanks to Manny for donating his labor. League paid for materials only.
  - i. To inquire about Staunton field house moving forward to enhance the ability to better utilize that space.
- e. Hickey equipment rooms were cleaned out any organized.
- f. Hickey garage door broken due to mishandling throughout the season. Will need to invest in a new one.
  - i. Will look to procure one with door opening system to avoid such mishandling in the future.
- g. Staunton window was broken, fortunately without any injury. Seeking to repair.
- h. Fall cleanup to be announced later: cages/banners/weeds/grounds TLC.
  - i. Netting removal for cages.
  - ii. Garage doors
  - iii. Weeding
- i. Any questions/comments/feedback for Field/Grounds:
  - i. Are we able to enhance the Batting cage?
    - 1. We can look into ensuring areas are secured like where the fencing is bent in the back.
      - a. Future outlook may be to replace fencing with netting, however that would involve much more upkeep effort with removal each season for the winters.

#### 4. Safety:

- a. 4x safety incidents officially submitted this season.
  - i. Broken arm, Broken wrist, Broken finger, and hand contusion.
- b. It was difficult getting abuse training and background checks completed by volunteers. Please be mindful of these requirements looking ahead.
- c. Volunteers – Rutgers Certification – Aug 6<sup>th</sup> @ BHS room 122, 7:00 - 10:00PM (Wednesday)
  - i. Register: [msump101@aol.com](mailto:msump101@aol.com); Renewals: 6:30 - 7:00.
- d. Any questions/comments/feedback for Safety:
  - i. Staunton AED location, not every coach knows that the garage door needs to be unlocked during events.
    - 1. Correct, with the AED in the garage, the door must be unlocked to ensure accessibility.
    - 2. Next season may look to move AED into home dugout.
    - 3. AEDs are not left out to avoid theft and/or ability for kids to accidentally play with them. (Hickey, AED in snack stand hallway area)



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### 5. Coaching Coordinator:

- a. Training/Information sheet emailed to managers at the beginning of the season.
- b. No further updates from this newer position. Will keep taking opportunities to enhance position next season.
- c. Any questions/comments/feedback for Coaching Coordinator:
  - i. None.

### 6. Concession Stand:

- a. Difficulty getting volunteers from playing teams. Each team is supposed to provide a parent volunteer for the game. (as well as home team for scoreboard)
  - i. Manager communication is key.
  - ii. League is not looking to enforce any type of game delay to facilitate aid by each team playing on a given night. It essentially should be 1 game per season, per family, so it's not thought to be asking too much.
  - iii. League collaborates with the high school counselor to offer this volunteer service for those seeking volunteer hours.
    1. Many contacts were provided with interest by the counselor that the league reached out to, but we only got one student volunteer that responded back and came to volunteer hours.
- b. Not great numbers overall for sales. Open all season except for 2 days.
  - i. Significantly less sales than last season.
  - ii. It didn't result in waste. Not much left over, just didn't have as much to order.
  - iii. Long lines was perhaps a deterrent, in which the lack of support promoted.
- c. Fall cleanup to be coordinated with field cleanup later.
- d. Any questions/comments/feedback for Concession Stand:
  - i. Opportunities at Staunton?
    1. Food truck suggestion, but limited return. Not looking to minimize direct sales. Girls coming down after softball games has been significant.
    2. Snack cart suggestion, but that requires assistance, where we can't get assistance in the snack stand as is.
    3. Vending machine suggestion. This was looked into pre-season, will follow-up again for next season as a good option for something.

### 7. Challenger:

- a. Thanks to coach Julio for another great season, with assistance from coach Matt.
- b. Essentially no "Buddys" again all season to facilitate the program.
  - i. League collaborates with the high school counselor to offer this volunteer service for those seeking volunteer hours.
    1. No contacts were provided for this volunteer role, as there apparently was no interest submitted to the counselors.



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- c. Unfortunately there was no regional event offered this season.
- d. New helmets provided this season, players were happy with them.
- e. Coach Julio is still working to organize a post season party for the division.
- f. Any questions/comments/feedback for Challenger:
  - i. Other towns mandate supporting their Challenger program, such as with school team support, is there anything we can do similarly?
    - 1. It's difficult to force volunteering, the league will look into working with the high school to see if there is any opportunity to partner with the team/players there for support.

### 8. Softball:

- a. PAL Fall league - Registration Aug 5th and 7th; 6:00-7:30 @ PAL; 10U, 12U, 14U
  - i. \$100 for returning players; \$125 for new players
- b. PAL Fall 8U Clinic - Registration Aug 5th and 7th; 6:00-7:30 @ PAL; \$50
- c. More support is needed by Softball for Staunton upkeep.
  - i. The board and baseball support Hickey with the snack stand and grounds.
  - ii. The DPW removes garbage from external cans.
  - iii. Looking for additional support to ensure cans in dugouts get appropriately emptied, move city can to "curb" and inform board when bathroom supplies are needed.
    - 1. Bathroom supplies are regularly checked, however have been used up very quickly between checks where it has run out. Supplies has "disappeared" very quickly when placed in open areas, will seek out alternative storage areas that coaches can access for replenishment.
- d. Any questions/comments/feedback for Softball:
  - i. None

### 9. General:

- a. Season Results:
  - i. Majors Champions: St. John's Council #1345
  - ii. Minors Champions: DPW
  - iii. 8U District Champions
- b. Danny Glover Scholarship: Jennie Carmona.
- c. 16x baseball graduates; 2x softball graduates.
- d. 2026 season board vote in October.
  - i. Send nominations to [info@bergenfieldlittleleague.org](mailto:info@bergenfieldlittleleague.org)
    - 1. The current league board can make nominations, however we are really looking for nominations to be made by the membership/community to express/ensure that those you are interested in could potentially be taking a position within the league, should they accept and be voted for.



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2. There will be at least one current board member not returning, and one vacancy throughout the season, so we need nominations!
- e. By-Laws update to be drafted and reviewed next meeting: potentially ready to be voted on.
  - i. Clerically adding more connectivity with playing rules with Softball.
  - ii. Possibly updating sponsor costs. (in particular League sponsorship)
  - iii. Jerseys.
  - iv. Minors baseball rule clarifications.
  - v. Suggestions?
    1. None.
- f. Fall training sessions with BLL
  - i. Will reach out to coaches to gauge interest in conducting training sessions over the fall at the fields.
  - ii. Weekends, at the availability of the coaches. Most likely Sundays based on initial feedback. Would look to begin in September.
    1. Anything solidified will be broadcast by the league.
    2. This would be completely voluntary, no official sign-ups needed, just come if available.
      - a. This will ONLY be available to those whom have participated in this past season due to insurance purposes.
        - i. Just as in-season, only those whom were registered coaches and players are allowed on the fields during any event.
        - ii. Those not previously registered are not captured within the league insurance... goes for coaches as well

### 10. Q/A:

- a. Winter workouts?
  - i. Will request space from the town as usual, don't expect to be provided based on the amount of programs needing space.
  - ii. We previously worked with Sunday nights, where custodial support is not sought on Sundays, so that adds time/space limitation.

### 11. Adjourn:

- a. Motion to Adjourn by: Daniella R.
- b. 2nd: Eddie R.