



Bergenfield Little League

Meeting Minutes

(Circle Type: League / Board Meeting)



Meeting Date: February 5, 2024

Start ~8:15PM (Meets 20% membership attendance requirement to conduct business)

Treasury:

- Taxes done.
- \$25K grant application being finalized. Challenger grant being inquired about with town.
- Treasury Report: Approve: Rob C. 2nd: Jason A.

F&G:

- Will communicate spring clean-ups. Any/all participation appreciated. To be communicated by our normal methods: Facebook, email, and website.
- Hickey field maintenance training with renovation company to be conducted prior to the season start. To be socialized, coaches will be expected to attend, all others welcome to attend as well.

Snack Stand:

- Entertaining concept of select few to join snack stand committee. This would entail a broader commitment with potential registration incentive.
 - For games at Hickey, it is still mandatory to have each team assign a parent volunteer to assist in the snack stand. Ideally a parent to assist with the scoreboard/announcing as well. This should be coordinated through the team manager and/or assigned team parent.
- Looking into implementing a Credit Card payment system.

Safety:

- Bag/Key return.
- Volunteer for coaching through SportsConnect account:
 - Background check is mandatory, please complete when prompted by our safety officer.
 - New Abuse training requirement through USA Baseball. Instructions provided in volunteer confirmation email from SportsConnect. Please ensure Bergenfield Little League is associated with your USA Baseball account created so we can track Abuse training completion electronically, as well as provide the training certificate.



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- As always, Rutgers coaching clinic course is required. Free class arranged by the town rec. department. Next course should be in March. To communicate as soon as we know.

Registration:

- Registered Volunteers: (As of today ~4:30):
 - WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.... **Each team should have 3 coaches minimum.**

○ Kickball: 3	○ 8U: 4
○ Tee-ball: 8	○ 10U: 8
○ Farm: 10	○ 12U: 2
○ Minors: 9	○ 14U: 1
○ Majors: 5	○ Challenger: 1

- Registered Participants: (As of today ~4:30)

○ Kickball: 12 (~2 teams)	○ 8U: 18 (~2 teams)
○ Tee-ball: 57 (~6 teams)	○ 10U: 30 (3 teams)
○ Farm: 50 (~4-5 teams)	○ 12U: 24 (2 teams)
○ Minors: 39 (~4-5 teams)	○ 14U: 2 (0 teams)*
○ Majors: 34 (~4-5 teams)	○ Challenger: 12

*14U Registration put to waitlist. Looking to be no team. Two current registrations potentially to be offered to play down in 12U... would require district 6 administrator approval.

- Tryouts: Given High School Gym availability on February 24th/25th by the high school/town. Going to aim for single day on the 24th, but will look into other sports to gauge any conflicts before solidifying.
 - Depending on final numbers, to complete open roster spots expect:
 - Farm 8s to be invited to Minors tryouts.
 - 19x age 8s currently registered in farm.
 - Minors 10s to be invited to Majors tryouts.
 - 24x age 10s currently registered in minors.



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- Farm female 6s to be invited to 8U tryouts.
 - 6x age 6s currently registered in farm. (1x known to stay with farm)
- 8Us to be invited to 10U tryouts, as needed.
- Participants parent/guardian approval will be requested to participate in a higher division's try-outs. Expect such communication in the next week or two.
- Tryout doesn't guarantee placement, as that will be dictated by division team draft.
- Winter workouts: No High School gym availability provided from the high school/town. Still seeking alternatives with the town to attempt to have a few sessions. (i.e. Conlon Hall)

Fundraising:

- 50/50 in the works for opening day. On-site, no pre-sales. Obtaining licenses for two separate drawings on that day. (in-parallel)
- Coin toss: Prefer as is, or door to door solicitation? (town suggestions)
 - Participation/attendance has been getting lower and lower over the last 2 seasons for our biggest season fundraiser. Voicing an alternative option due to lack of participation and/or dislike overall of activity.

Feedback at meeting: Would not prefer door to door.

Q&A:

- **Membership:** Membership is for league voting rights and open to anyone. (i.e. spend votes, meeting approvals, etc) Coaches are required to join membership. Membership dues go towards a separate league bank account and are utilized for league donations back to the community.
- **Volunteers:** The board members and league is 100% volunteer based, nobody is compensated. For the league to succeed and provide the best experience for our kids, we need volunteer support with everything: coaching, clean-up, snack stand, etc...

Adjourn: ~9:30PM

Approve: Denise B.

2nd: Jason A.