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Bergenfield Little League

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: 2/3/2025

1. Treasury: (Membership Vote)

- a. Tax return complete.
- b. NJ Annual Report for businesses complete.
- c. NJ Dept of Consumer Affairs Annual Charity Registration Renewal due next month.
- d. Review treasury report:
 - i. Motion to approve by: Rob C.
 - ii. 2nd: Ari H.

2. General:

- a. Suggestion from last meeting: Can there be a program to donate or make used equipment (no longer in need by the owner) available to anyone in need?
 - i. Will look to set up dates and announce this week.
- b. Opening Day: Saturday April 5th.
 - i. The next weekend starts spring break, so not good. No games will be scheduled the week of spring break.
 - ii. Picture day will be scheduled this day as well.
- c. Try-Outs: Sunday February 23rd.
 - i. All softball divisions
 - 1. Any potential need for players to move up divisions will be coordinated with the team managers. Come to your registered division time.
 - ii. Players new to minors baseball
 - 1. All Farm of league age 8 will be invited to account for any roster openings in the minors.
 - a. Only those that accept the invitation will be considered to be drafted in the minors.
 - iii. Players new to majors baseball
 - 1. All minors of league age 10 will be invited to account for any roster openings in the majors.
 - a. Only those that accept the invitation will be considered to be drafted in the majors.
 - iv. Division schedule for try-outs on the 23rd and email invites to be sent by the end of the week.
- d. Softball & Minors/Majors Baseball Drafts: To be scheduled the week of the 23rd following try-outs.

3. Registration:

- a. \$50 late fee in effect as of Feb-1.
 - i. Registration to close on February 17th (12:00 AM) for drafted divisions.
 - ii. Registration to close on March 1st (12:00 AM) for undrafted divisions.
- b. 271 registered players and 61 volunteer roles.



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- i. 274 at this point last season.
- ii. 325 total registrations last season. (~50 shy)
 - 1. ~30 registrations waiting in SportsConnect carts currently
- iii. Challenger:
 - 1. 7 - Player
 - 2. 0 - Volunteer (Julio to manage)
- iv. Kickball: ~(1 teams) 2024 = 2 teams
 - 1. 7 - Player
 - 2. 1 - Volunteer (0 - Head Coach/Manager)
- v. Tee-Ball: ~(6 teams) 2024 = 6 teams
 - 1. 51 - Player
 - 2. 10 - Volunteer (5 - Head Coach/Manager)
- vi. Farm Baseball: ~(4 teams, hope 5) 2024 = 4 teams
 - 1. 46 - Player
 - 2. 11 - Volunteer (3 - Head Coach/Manager)
- vii. Minors Baseball: ~(4 teams) 2024 = 4 teams
 - 1. 35 - Player
 - 2. 8 - Volunteer (3 - Head Coach/Manager)
- viii. Majors Baseball: ~(4 teams) 2024 = 4 teams
 - 1. 41 - Player
 - 2. 8 - Volunteer (2 - Head Coach/Manager)
- ix. 8U Softball: ~(2 teams) 2024 = 2 teams
 - 1. 20 - Player
 - 2. 0 - Waitlist
 - 3. 5 - Volunteer (2 - Head Coach/Manager)
- x. 10U Softball: ~(2 teams, hope 3) 2024 = 3 teams
 - 1. 26 - Player
 - 2. 2 - Waitlist
 - 3. 9 - Volunteer (3 - Head Coach/Manager)
- xi. 12U Softball: ~(2 teams) 2024 = 2 teams
 - 1. 25 - Player
 - 2. 0 - Waitlist
 - 3. 8 - Volunteer (3 - Head Coach/Manager)
- xii. 14U Softball: ~(1 teams) 2024 = 0 teams
 - 1. 13 - Player
 - 2. 0 - Waitlist
 - 3. 1 - Volunteer (1 - Head Coach/Manager)

4. Fundraising:

- a. Paperwork for coin tosses approved by town, submitted to county for approval.



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- b. League Swag fundraiser is active.
- c. Last season's sponsors will be reached out to for renewal.
 - i. If response is not timely or does not return, new sponsors will be brought in based on order of inquiry.
 - ii. Possibly 1 more team than last season.
- d. Will look to arrange Dine-to-Donates this season.
- e. Will continue to partner with Rockland Boulders for fundraising game ticket sales.
 - i. Saturday June 14th will be Little League night for Boulders.
- f. 50/50 at picnic will occur again, with tickets to be handed out sooner than last season.
- g. Tricky Tray will be later in the season again, like last season. Date TBD.

5. Field / Grounds:

- a. Contacted Sports Field Solutions for field maintenance and quotes. (Budgeted ~10k for field work)
 - i. Hickey Tune-up.
 - ii. Warning Track reconditioning, both fields.
 - iii. Staunton bases/home plate.
 - iv. Staunton Pitching area and Batters Boxes.
 - v. Staunton full Infield replacement.
- b. Hickey wireless scoreboard connection stopped working last season. In contact with the company to inquire about repair.

6. Safety:

- a. Background checks to be issued to those that completed volunteer role in SportsConnect. Will be sent to email associated with your SportsConnect account. Please complete ASAP when it comes to you.
- b. Abuse training is required for all volunteer roles. Training through Little League University, a link and instructions are provided with the role confirmation email.
 - i. Provide training certificate to the Safety Officer.
 - 1. safety@bergenfieldlittleleague.org
 - ii. Training through USA Baseball, as done last season, is NOT acceptable.
- c. Complete the Coach's Contract.
- d. Rutgers Coach Certification is required for all volunteers. Class for new volunteers is TBD. Typically in March. Will communicate details when provided by the town. Those that have, must renew at a 3-year frequency.
- e. Few outstanding Coach Keys and Team Bags to be collected.
 - i. Will be inspecting equipment and preparing bags for the season.
- f. Safety manual to be submitted this week to district.

7. Coaching Coordinator:



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- a. Working on finalizing the creating a coach's manual for the league.
 - i. Will have links to videos of drills and materials to reference. More geared towards younger divisions and new coaches, as veteran coaches may already have this experience, however will be a reference aid that will be expandable.

8. Concession Stand:

- a. Reached out to AutoFry to inquire about basket repair.
 - i. Provided video link for self-repair.
- b. Initiating communication with Somerset Concessions for season preparation.
 - i. Gather information about purchased slush machine last season.

9. Challenger:

- a. Please do not register any player up for Challenger unless that is the true division for your player.
- b. No volunteers yet. Reminder on buddy role.

10. Softball:

- a. District 6 initial meeting on February 16th.
- b. No other update aside from registration numbers. Need a few more 10U and 8U.

11. Q/A:

- a. None

12. Adjourn:

- a. Motion to Adjourn by: Rob C.
- b. 2nd: Chris B.