

Merrick Bellmore Little League

Board Meeting minutes – October 24, 2016 @ Lakeside

**Members Present:** Adam Cohen, Newton Fong, Joe Sarosy, Gary Thayer, Chad Meyers, Kirk Haniff, Dave Meihoefer, Nick Ippoliti, Charles Guiliano, Jenn McTigue, Dave Goldberg, Barry Landsman, Brian Mann, Peter Roberto, Craig Levine, Frank Firriolo, Jerry Kenny, Wayne Raso, George Kakalos, Richard Rodriguez, Dom Tolipano, Kevin Ostroff, Jordan Linn, Mike Indich, Joe Rocco.

Adam Cohen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Welcome / Highlights / Agenda Review

- Contingency plan in place in case of weather problems for the upcoming weekend. We hope to complete all playoff games and non-competitive divisions by Sunday. However, if Saturday is a complete wash-out, games will be played on Sunday and then the following Saturday for competitive. Directors, please inform the managers of our contingency plan and as well to be advised of a field change if field is unplayable. For non-competitive, their seasons final game is on Sunday. Kevin/Nick you have bee forward an email regarding 2 field changes based on competitive games moving to this weekend. Please forward to managers affected with those field changes. We have reached out to Coleman and are moving the T-ball games on Sunday to Coleman for 11AM & 1PM to free up fields in case of a change. Chad/Wayne, please inform the managers of T-ball of their change as I feel the kids will have a great experience at Coleman and if sunny on Sunday, the game will be played since it is turf. The managers can determine what time works better with them. For T-Ball, please make sure that all players are supervised at all times and especially the kids in the stands with their family. We do not want a repeat of what happened during the All-Star games @ Coleman. Chad and Wayne, please inform Todd (cc on this email to update website based on who will be playing who and at what time on Sunday @ Coleman
- Active has been our website we have been using for registering players for Little League. For the past year, we have been doing our due diligence and looking at different alternatives. For those unfamiliar with Blue sombrero, they will be able to process the payment transactions, have a schedule tool which will include pitch count, and schedule to be able to be downloaded to a smart phone (Based on Jordan email with this group, welcome to the 21st Century for MBLL). The processing fee per players will be a savings for the league which can be used in other areas of need.
- Uniforms will be sent out for price comparison/ bidding war amongst Lifestyles, Baxter's, Metro and all other suggestions. The idea was that Blue sombrero with their affiliation to Dick's Sporting Goods would do the uniforms but the additional costs of the uniforms (more of the shipping charge) is not beneficial to the league and not going to pass the costs onto the parents.
- Flyers to be sent to parents via Merrick & Bellmore schools should be sent home for week of 11/14/16. Those flyers will also be put out for price comparison / bidding war amongst Printing Emporium and Merlin.

- Registration of players will begin on 11/15/16. We will post on Facebook, our website and other websites (i.e. Merrick Moms as well)
- There will be no price increase as prices will remain the same as Spring 2016 and same discount will apply if multiple kids you have (i.e. me)
- Early bird registration will end January 15 After January 15, price will increase by \$25.
- Evaluations for spring will be on last weekend in January (snow date first weekend in February)
- Drafts to follow the days following the evaluations.
- Uniforms orders to be sent just prior to Presidents week
- For most competitive teams (girls minor, girls major, 10U, 11U & 12U) first regular season games will be weekend of April 1 (a 14 game schedule)
- For other competitive teams 7U, 8U & 9U, girls instructional, boys instructional and T-Ball, regular season will begin April 17 or 18 (a 12 game schedule for competitive and 8-10 for non-competitive)
- Leaving last week of school (also prior to kids leaving for camp) open as rain dates in case we need to move.
- The Bellmore superintendent is reviewing an incident from Friday regarding kids doing damage to sprinklers at Bruce Gary (reason for excessive water) - still awaiting further information
- I am awaiting bill from PSEG for Bruce Gary so we can get electric back up and running ASAP
- The Merrick superintendent has informed us that the lawyers will not allow for the school to pay for work on Forever 9 field that MBLL will have to pay for netting. However, we can now bid for the work to be done as long as the company is properly licensed and insured. So in turn we could offer a free sponsorship (Thanks Gary). Dave Goldberg has a friend/relative at Liberty and Dave is in receipt of the invoice which was provided to us from Merrick School District. We also have various lawyers on our board and we will draft something regarding an assurance from neighboring families as once we come to a solution, the Forever 9 field will be converted to a 46/60 & 51/75 for Spring 2017
- The Williamsport committee will be discussing when to honor. All Williamsport players are invited, however only winning teams to be honored. (hope to have more info soon regarding costs, etc.)
- Williamsport winning teams will also have sign put up @ Town Park and we will hold a ceremony prior to start of regular season.
- Nick brought up a contribution to the PTA for Old Mill and we will donate 2 Spring 2017 registrations. In turn, we will get some free advertising.
- DIRECTORS – whether current division director or not, I ask you to attend a competitive playoff game this weekend. For Williamsport, we are required to have a director at a game and I would like for playoffs that we have a presence at these games. I would ask that you wear either sweatshirt, hat, or both. If you have neither, let me know. I would rather not assign directors to games, nor do I want all directors at one game either. Let me know which days and time this weekend may work and I will tell you which game to go to
- If I missed anything, please let me know but I felt it was a very productive meeting and look forward to next meeting which is the first Monday in December