

Biddeford Little League Softball Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2nd, 2025

Start Time: 8PM

Location: Via Teams

Attending: Randy F., Christine M, Ashley I, Kristen P, Kim C, Mike L, Mike R, Matt R, Sean O, Tim G, Paul P

Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Matt motions to approve, Mike L 2nds. All in favor.

Voting on By Laws

Kristen's Proposed Changes (Red what it was/taking out, Black bold change to/add)

Strikes: *Managers should begin to call strikes on players whether it is a player or coach pitcher, until there are 2 strikes on the batter. There will be no called strikes to end an at bat. This should be discussed by both managers prior to the start of the game. Unless there is a plate umpire, the offensive coach pitcher will call the strikes. Managers must encourage players to swing at good pitches thrown by opposing players.*

Managers discretion should be used on all strikes to players whether it is a player or coach pitcher. There will be no "looking" 3rd strikes unless there is 3 solid strikes in a row by a coach pitcher only. Players will strike out on a 3rd strike to teach children the correct way to play the game. Plate umpires are encouraged to call strikes accordingly. Managers must encourage players to swing at good pitches thrown by opposing players.

1/2 inning: 3 outs, or once through the batting order will constitute a half inning, whichever comes first. *The offensive coach will declare when the last batter is coming to the plate. All runners will run completely around the bases when the batter strikes the ball.*

Batting Tee's: Batting Tee's will not be used during the duration of the season. *If there is any player on a team, at the coaches' discretion, that will need a tee then both coaches should agree upon this prior to the start of the game. Batter should face a maximum of 8 pitches before the tee is used.*

Only players that have demonstrated consistency in arm strength and accuracy should be allowed to pitch. At coaches discretion, they will stand with their glove side in front of the pitcher

to protect them from hard come backers. Player at the pitcher's position will stand to the coach's left side on a left-handed batter, and on the right side for a right-handed batter while the coach is pitching. The player should be slightly further back than the coach for safety. The pitching mound will be 30 feet away from home plate. Pitchers more than 8 years old will pitch from the regular mound **if they have demonstrated arm strength during the season.** Pitchers younger than 8 years of age should be encouraged if possible, to pitch from the full distance unless accuracy is an issue. Managers should use good judgement of ability prior to recommending the increased distance for any pitcher. Coach pitches will be thrown underhand by a coach from in front of the minor league pitching rubber. Pitches should be attempted to be thrown on a straight line, to avoid batters swinging underneath "lobbed" pitches.

Kristen makes a motion to change strikes in the bylaws, Matt R 2nds.

Open to discussion. A Lot of discussion regarding Inter-League play.

Kristen Withdraws her motion. We will discuss more and set up a meeting to approve By-laws before March.

Approving Constitution

- Matt R 1st, Mike L. 2nds All in favor.

Background Checks for Board Members

- Everyone is complete.

Registration Numbers:

- Majors at 6
- Player Pitch at 14
- Coach Pitch at 8.

Open Day/Opening Ceremony

- 4/27/25
- Softballs to each girl.
- Hiring DJ same on as years past
- Randy to ask the girls who aged out this past season to throw out 1st pitch. Have won 4 district tournaments.

Gather Names for Potential Umpires-

- If we know anyone please reach out to Randy so we can make a list since we don't have a Umpire in Chief.
- There are certifications at high school and college level, reaching out for their practice. Kim is going to look into it.

Crash the Gym Schedule.

- BPS is full. Have to cancel Wednesdays this week since there is a scheduling conflict at BPS. Paul is going to look into rescheduling the Wednesday one to the following week.
- BIS is secured for the week of the 24th. Paul updated the sheet. Will need volunteers for this week.

Treasurer's Report Christine

- \$21,163 in the account.
- Ashley purchased Catchers Gear. Tim purchased Pitching Machine.

Review/Approve Budgets

Equipment - Ashley

- \$6,920.00 Jerseys will be from Collins. All will have to be returned at the end of the season.
- \$6,020.00 Jerseys will be from Bradys but Coach Pitch will be changed to dri-fit shirts.

Randy motions to approve **\$6,920.00** to get the Jerseys from Collins. Kristen 2nds. All in favor

Field - Matt

- **\$3,423.00**

Randy motions to approve the field budget. Kim 2nds. All in favor.

Canteen - Kim

- Worst case scenario \$12,370.00 Food \$1,620.00, Build out \$6,650.00, Utilities \$3,100.00

Randy makes a motion to approve budget for **\$12,370.00** Tim 2nd the motion. All in favor

- Super bowl square Fundraiser thru Kim \$700
- Am Vets Fundraiser will be donated to the new Canteen \$5000

Field Day - Mike L

- **\$500.00**

Randy makes a motion to approve. Kim 2nds. All in favor.

Will set a date in the future.

Free Clinics

- Pitching Clinics Tuesdays / Thursdays February 11 to March 27 5:30-7pm. BMS Gym.

Specify:

Minors Player Pitch (birth year 2014 and 2015)

Majors (birth year 2012 and 2013)

- Randy, Mike, Sean, Kim, Mike R happy to help out. Coach Stanhope happy to help. Randy happy to reach out.
- Randy to send Email and Tim making facebook post for pitching clinic.
- Spring Clinics Sundays March 2, 9, 16, 23. 2-5pm Tiger Gym with the exception on the 16th will be at BMS.

Specify:

-Coach pitch (birth year 2016, 2017, 2018): 2:00-3:15pm

-Minors Player Pitch (birth year 2014 and 2015): 3:30-5:00pm

- Randy and Tim making clinic flyer. Will get it in the Thursday Folder, will email and post on Facebook.

Adding Tables to Clinics & Evals for Info & Background Checks

- Kristen will set this up.

New Canteen Update - Kim

- Nothing different to update on.

Sponsorships

- Sean made new letter. Sending out the next few weeks.
- Dustin from blu ladder willing to do whatever for the canteen. Doing the benches. Taking the measurements and making them in his shop. Will install them before opening day.
- Sean and Liz (baseball fundraiser) connecting about the calendars. Liz would like help with prizes.
- Checks to go to the PO Box.

Next Meeting

- **March 9th 2025 at 6pm at Brown Dog Carriers**

Adjourned 9:22pm

