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Attendees: Adam Bendas, Jonathan Spurlock, Brian O'Mara, Brian Diefenbach, Julie Diefenbach, John Shutack, Mike Bongrazio, Kelly Talar, Sonya Bright, Kelly Reymann, Janie Leder, Kristen O'Connor, Chris Tash

<u>Adam Bendas – President</u> Officer reports

- Motion to approve September meeting minutes. Not passed because new secretary did not receive minutes from previous secretary
- We need volunteers for some open committee chairs
 - o This is a good way to help so can we reach out to people
 - We need to find a mentor to help for uniforms
 - We need to determine the need for an equipment manager (Anthony Carabelli)
 - We need to replace Mike B picture and trophy coordinator (?)
 - We need someone to take over OD/Field duty coordinator chair
- Jonathan is the new secretary and additionally will work with M. Ticehurst to take over sponsorships
- Julie (Auxiliary president) said we need to reach out to get volunteers for opening day
- John Shutcak (Chief umpire) suggested we should add history of the league and show some of the plaques/trophies on the website
- Adam (President) mentioned the winter projects
 - Update/repair front monument
 - o Fix and update the reed clubhouse office space
 - Waiting on townships regarding the trees for the fields
- We discussed the December meeting
 - o Will try to arrange having the meeting in the firehouse
 - o Need to move it earlier in the month (Dec 13th -to start at 7:00 or so)
- Announced the VP's for 2023 season
 - o Major's-Chris Tash
 - o Minor's- Angel Bodon

- o International- Mike Bongrazio
- o Tee Ball- Kristen O'Connor

Treasurer- Kelly Reymann

- Operating account \$9,896.28
 - o A little low but we are investing in the facility with some major projects
 - o Big cage, small cage, reed among some of the projects
 - o Need to wait on some larger bills until some of the early registration comes in
- Capital account \$7,331.73
- A suggestion was made on whether we should add the balance sheet to our NLL website
 - We can look at HRTBA website as an example and discuss

Player Agent- Jamie Leder

- We need to get registration started
 - o Jamie asked about having a division for 50/70 which had some interest in the past
 - o He said 11-to-13-year olds can play little league on a 50/70 field
 - We would just need someone to get it going and determine if we would have enough interest to field a team
 - o Board voted on whether to add this onto the registration
 - Board voted No
- We should keep the registration fees the same (\$175 non tee ball, \$145 for second child)
 - O Board agreed Yes to keep the fees the same
 - o Board agreed Yes to keep fundraiser of Super 50/50
- Dates for the new season
 - o Tryouts- Feb 10-11
 - o Parent's only meeting- March 5
 - o Opening day- April 1st (April Fool's Day)
 - o Championship- June 10
- Need instructors for player's clinic (any suggestions or ideas)
 - o Need to add before registration is updated in a week or so
- Vote to keep cleaning crew for the inside facilities
 - o **Board voted Yes** to continue the cleaning crew
 - Also, only players coaches and cleaning personnel in the facilities
- Brought up a request from James Pugliese
 - Would like to allow his Hightstown players into the cage for use
 - o Discussion included liability issues
 - o Board voted No
- Need to choose a date for the Trenton Thunder Night
 - o Thursday June 15 or Friday June 23
 - o Board voted June 15th
- Adam wanted the attendees to know that we have a way for underprivileged kids to be able play ball so if anybody knows or hears of anything

Julie Diefenbach (Auxiliary President)

• Welcome Kelly Talar as the Auxiliary treasurer

- Need to change the floors or fix the heating element for the fryers
- Suggested getting Bill James a gift for his retirement
 - o Adam agreed and suggested doing it during the December meeting
- Also suggested getting something for some of the people who helped a lot last year in the kitchen

Other Matters

- John Stutack suggested he would like to have coaches umpire international games and to longer provide umpires for those games
 - o He would prefer to possibly add second umpire to Majors and Minors
 - This is not a good idea no vote but Adam said we are not taking umpires from the international division
- Jonathan said all the materials to fix the sliding nets in the big cage have come in
 - O Jamie requested they be finished before the cages are used by instructors and travel teams who pay to use the facility
 - The new sliding nets will be fixed in the next few weeks (Jonathan)
- Fall cleanup should start soon (no date yet)
- Next meeting scheduled for November 15 at 8:30
- Look into PPH as a sponsor (Has hit trax system)

Meeting adjourned