



October 8th 2024 Board Meeting

Attendees

Andrew Basso, Nathalie Schairer, James Schairer, Steve Budko, Drew Pitynger, Steve Pekar, Keith Adams, Gabe Bryan, Jim Whalen, Nadine Knapp, Joe Wannat, Rich Collado, Alyssa Belmonte

Approve Treasurer's Report - Nadine Knapp, Nathalie Schairer

Approve Minutes Report - Keith Adam, Brian Costa

Old Business

1. Board Positions voted on. All approved unanimously, no oppositions
 - President – Gabe Bryan
 - Player agent – Drew Pitynger
 - Treasurer – Keith Adams
 - Secretary/Website/Comms – Alyssa Belmonte
 - Schedule – Nathalie Schairer
 - Concessions – Herman Gonzales
 - Umpire in Chief (paid position) – Joe Wannat
 - Safety Officer – Andrew Basso
 - Fields – Nadine Knapp
 - Equipment -Jim Whalen
 - 13U VP Marcus Wolf
 - 11/12 VP Andrew Basso
 - 9/10 VP Brian Costa
 - 8 VP Tim Welsh
 - 7 VP Dan Cinotti
 - 6 VP James Schairer
 - 5 VP Erick Van Tuyl
2. Still trying to get rid of the remainder of the soda.
 - Still have Sprite and Coke Zero and Lipton Iced Tea
 - Football does not want to take any more unless it's free.
 - Donate the soda to Bengal-thon or elementary schools since we can't sell it.
3. Scurman was not thrilled with the Facebook post we put out because he wants the town to pay for all improvements, but it is not in the budget for this year. Budget gets approved in May but start planning in October.

- a. The fence at Wrights has a hole in the backstop. He had a bid but that contractor messed up another job so he will have to go through the bidding process.
 - b. Bathrooms at Wrights need attention
 - c. Dirt on all fields needs to be leveled.
 - d. Text Nadine with any issues that arise for fields. Send her photos.
4. We purchased a new portable mound for Clarks Field like the one Glen Ridge has.
5. Nadine asked about running a 50/50 raffle next year. We have done it during the picnic but maybe we could do it for a longer amount of time like during the season and pull the winner at the picnic. Maybe during playoffs or opening day.
6. Could we schedule more major games on Saturdays, so people are there all day and pull at the end of the day. Our schedules are set for weeknights because they get better attendance than Saturdays. There was a time where we tried to have one or two games a week on Saturdays and coaches complained because it gave some pitchers an advantage because they had more rest days.
7. We are moving to Sports Connect next season. Drew will look at different charter insurance options. Needs to be paid in full by Dec 31st.
8. Wannat needs to be added to the umpire account to take it over from Rosetti.
9. Gabe needs to be added to the main account to take it over from Steve.
10. Wannat suggested giving umpires a chance to give us feedback on rules that come up in many games so we can write up a cheat sheet for rules at each age. Can post to the website. Might be best to have the VPs for each age review the most commonly contested rules before the season.

New business

1. A dad has a donation for us from his job. Basso will check that they are USA stamped bats. If the equipment is good, we will take it. If not, it can be donated to the civic center equipment closet.
2. Nadine asked about helping out families that are not able to pay for registration. We do not publicize it because we can't handle a huge number of discounts but every year, we have a few families that reach out to, and we evaluate the need. Usually, we ask for proof that they get free lunch through the schools, and we comp the registration.
3. When can we schedule the holiday party? Pencil it in for December 3rd. Normally we get a pre-arranged prix fix at a BYO.
4. Dates for 2025 Season
 - a. Enrollment starts Dec 15th.
 - b. Try out assessments March 1
 - c. No games Memorial Day weekend
 - d. No games week of Spring Break as Bloomfield and Glen Ridge have same week off.
 - e. Picnic = June 14th
 - f. Will also schedule a parent happy hour in Jan.
 - g. Opening Day April 5th
5. Next meeting we will discuss and vote on All-Stars players and managers voting procedure changes.
 - a. Alyssa will then add the rules and procedure for the All -Starts to the website.
 - b. Alyssa will write up the rules we need to review next time that were emailed to the little league volunteer inbox.
6. Winter clinics
 - a. Nathalie has some set up for 3 travel teams
 - b. We will post Lefty's Clinics as well as any others that coaches arrange.