

## **Bellefonte Little League Board Meeting**

**July 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**Little League Board Room**

In attendance: S. Fost, T. Brezler, L. Horner, J. VonGunden, S. Flick, M. Benner, J. Cain, D. Grove, C. Summers, D. Lutz.

Absent: T. Gray, J. Wensel

Guests: Joe Fletemake, Jim Kyle on behalf of Nittany Valley Little League (NVLL)

Meeting called to order at 5:54

No meeting minutes approved due to secretary T. Tomco resignation and minutes not provided by T. Tomco.

### **Merger with Nittany Valley Little League**

Guest speaker: Jim Kyle on behalf of Wyatt Harter, NVLL president, that NVLL is reaching out to see if there is interest to combine leagues. NVLL does not want to rush the process and would like to consider inter-leaguering with potential for district teams combined. Their board is changing significantly. Jim does not serve as a member of the board. NVLL does own Gettig Park but does not own the fields at Marion Walker, they are township. He is unsure if they pay a fee for usage.

L. Horner expressed concern that the last time we inter-leagued majors teams with NVLL they would not schedule makeups. His concern would be that we need to ensure the same number of games with allowed makeup games. NVLL does not host a championship series. L. Horner mentioned the practice fields at Graymont.

D. Grove suggested inter-league this year and that as BLL is considering softball that should be a part of the conversation.

C. Summers stated that in his time as minor league President that he has encouraged inter-leaguering.

S. Flick questioned the ages for their majors team which appears to be similar to BLL with the majority being 10-12 but some nine year olds. NVLL has 5 majors teams, 4 minors and 4 coach pitch. Unsure of how many tee ball.

S. Fost mentioned the legal process might take longer than a few months to merge 501(c)3, financials etc.

T. Brezler will follow up with the district administrator.

### **President Report**

None

### **Treasurer Report**

None

### **Old Business**

D. Grove talked to State College Little League President regarding softball and that person stated they are running into issues in regards to a few things, primarily banking so this might be an area to be aware of should BLL consider adding softball.

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Conversation regarding dropping a team or going to 11 players.  
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L. Horner regarding pavilion updates stated that permits are done and he will meet with electricians about the line to the concession stand. Footers should be done a week or two after the Crunick tourney. Power might be off for some of fall ball.

## **New Business**

### **Bleachers**

T. Brezler discussed the need for bleacher repair. S. Fost measured and estimated that lumber would be roughly \$1,000. M. Benner stated the cost of aluminum would be significantly more expensive to replace on field 1 and 2. Proper care of boards was discussed. Recommended that boards would be installed this fall, possibly with a group from West Penn Power. Justin Cain has donated time up to \$1,000. Recommended that the field be closed for fall ball.

The motion for up to \$1,500 to be spent on lumber to repair the bleachers on field 1 and field 2 was made by L. Horner, seconded by S. Fost. Passed unanimously.

### **Fall Ball - S. Fost on behalf of Jake Hoover**

There are 2 fall ball sponsors thus far, Pizza Mia and JRS Landscaping. Twenty four players signed up; thirteen minors, eleven majors and two ineligible (5 year old and outgoing 12 yr old). There are two teams at the moment; one majors (J. Hoover managing), one minor (needs a manager). Eric Fenstermacker volunteered to help and a few other parents also volunteered to assist but not lead for both divisions. If we get more kids.

J. Hoover spoke to NV briefly, Keystone minors coach and also 4 Leaf (Craig Moore) about playing Fall ball games. He is also assuming BEA and NV will have some sort of fall ball program. The registration soft deadline is Aug 7th, hard deadline could be a few days later if in need of players and Hoover will look to hold at least one more in person registration if players are needed. The plan is to pick teams August 14th/15th and start practicing shortly afterward. Games would start late August/early Sept and run for approximately 4-6 weeks and expect to play approximately 8-10 games.

### **Coach behavior**

D. Lutz attended the 8U coach pitch tourney in Port Matilda. Friday night B team manager, Eric Fenstermacker, was thrown out. His aunt was escorted out through the parking lot by a Bald Eagle Area coach due to profanity. Fenstermacker and aunt were told not to come back. D. Lutz and T. Breler to meet with E. Fenstermacker in two weeks. Discussion was had regarding his interest in being Minor League President and that behaviors such as this are not acceptable from a coach and does not represent the league well. Other instances of behavior during the spring season were discussed.

### **Maintenance**

M. Benner stated the mower has a short and needs to go to Ports. Scheduled maintenance should be done. J. VonGunden stated that the bathroom paper towel holder is broken. S. Fost will check in the ReStore. Also noted that there is water in the concession stand pooling at the corner near fryers. Field 1 has a variety of repairs that will close it for the fall ball season and work on field 2 will wait until spring. The league will need to purchase field dirt.

It was recommended that the same treatment as field 3 be done on field 1 & 2. Field 3 will also need a small amount. This would be a project for spring cleanup day. A motion was made by L. Horner to spend up to \$3,000 for field treatment for all three fields, seconded by C. Summers. Passed unanimously.

#### **Crunick Tournament**

L. Horner is looking for volunteers for the Crunick tournament.

#### **Board Nominations**

Nominations will be accepted at the September meeting. The board will need a secretary, minor league president, minor league representative. This will be posted online.

**Next meeting will be held September 10th due to Labor Day.**

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Flick at 7:10, seconded by C. Summers. Passed unanimously.