



BLL Board Meeting Agenda

March 2, 2025

Attendance

Laura Gemmati, Rich Yarnell, Sam Chavanic, Jennifer Von Gunden, Stephanie Fost, Scott Caldwell, Brooks Fost, Jerry Cain, Scott Flick, Josh Wensel, Eric Fenstermacker, Larry Horner

1. Call to Order 5:57 p.m.

2. Board of Directors Action to be Taken

- Approve February minutes
 - S. Fost motions to approve. Rich seconds. Motion passes.
- Approve financial report
 - S. Fost motions to approve. Fouse seconds. Motion passes.
- Add Josh Wensel to email list

3. President's Report

- Donations and field supplies
 - Matt Kelleher's company (power tools) donated leaf blower and weed trimmer; Nature's Cover donated 5 yards of mulch tomorrow, buying 2 more yards; JRS donating 16 yards of field dirt, 4 to spring, 12 here, also donating trail aggregate material in spring batting cage; YBC donating materials to frame pressure treated box for batting cage at spring; waiting on Lowes and Home Depot for geotech material donation; should have everything needed in terms of; TruValue Rental donating equipment rentals for both weekend work days to till and move materials; working on ATV and trailer for trash; total \$2231- one skid of marker chalk and 120 bags of field conditioners
- Teams sponsors
 - Supelco became Millapore Sigma; Wireless Made Simple left; Grove moved to minors; JRS and Penn State Federal Credit Union new sponsors for tball (not including a sign); sponsors for all teams and payment for all but 3, but have commitment from everyone
- 181 kids registered with stragglers for coach pitch and tball; probably getting to 185
- Keys
 - Created master set; five more sets of coach keys create; be more diligent about locking places with equipment, need to check locks and make sure they lock or replace them

- Inmate Work Days
 - Doing mulch, leaves and stump grinding; Spring Township bringing truck to suck up leaves; if they have time they will grind the stump
- Mowing and Trash Plans
 - Rich Yarnell and John Urbanik are teaming up to do mowing at Webster as donation
 - Spring Township will be mowed by township for \$100/week and herbicide; invoice Laura monthly
 - Wes and Rich communicating about lines; two liner machines (store one at field one and move another to up here); trash help with Wes when he isn't here—Paul, Jim, Cody and Carl
- Use of Mowers
 - Use Cub Cadet to drag fields, hoping to have 4-wheeler to drag soon
 - Rich needs to check out the mower
 - Brooks took mower to Ports for service and will be back at the end of the week; will be washed, cleaned, fluids replaced
- Spring Township Baseball U
 - \$700 to use fields to offset costs (a little more than a month of our cost)
 - Can Larry send the schedule to Brooks? (GoogleForms, Google Calendar?)
 - Will be sign by the port-a-potty not to deposit dog waste; trail cam can be utilized if waste issue continues
 - Workday list to put two trashcans out there with bags
- NVLL Joint Meeting Agenda
 - Walker Township is tomorrow evening at 6
 - Post season committee and player selection, post season uniforms, shared fundraiser, concession stand responsibilities, fall ball
- Have not turned water back on because of temps, will have port-a-potties at field 1, field 2, and spring townships tomorrow; third porta-potty for field 3 before first game (larger for handicap)

4. **Unfinished Business**

- 2025 sign sponsors updates
 - Received payments, a couple that are replacements and some haven't heard back from; new sponsor that ghosted us that Laura sent invoice to that we haven't heard from; send thank yous? Fost said they are thanked in program on opening day and a letter; thank you cards at picture day for kids to fill out?
 - Emily to write thank yous. Extending invite to opening day to the sponsors to stand with teams
 - Most signs are being renewed and new signs
- Post season procedures update/approval
 - Agreed to use the BLL bylaws for the postseason selection of players and managers for the 2025 season with the following 1 year modifications

- i. Section 2: both league vice presidents will preside over the postseason selection meeting. Both league presidents and player agents will tally the votes for players
 - ii. Section 3: Change from the “previous year” to “this year” in any reference to rankings.
 - iii. Additionally: After the first all-star manager is selected, the highest ranking team of the other league gets the right of refusal in order of playoff ranking for the second team, then manager selection reverts back to the order designated in Section 3. Any manager of a postseason of a postseason team must offer one coaching position to a member of the opposite league
 - iv. Next year and following years will be decided by merging of bylaws
 - v. Laura motions to approve. Jen seconds. Motion passes.
- Playoff format committee update/approval
 - Only mods were related to the mercy rule—want to see full mercy rule of 15 after 3, 10 after 4. (applies to all)
 - i. Larry motions. Wes seconds. Motion passes.
 - Did have to modify the tiebreaker in our bylaws because it was based on a league with more games per team
 - B. Fost recommends adopting for regular season and playoffs
 - Recently discussed coach pitch to keep 8U separated due to keeping younger age groups closer to their home location, but can change after we merge
 - Playoffs for majors starts second week of May and runs 3 weeks through the end of May; minor playoff on May 31.
 - i. Larry motions. Rich seconds. Motion passes.
- Auxiliary updates
 - Cell phone/venmo: looked at 5 companies and all are \$20-\$30
 - i. Plans for everyone but Tracfone are \$25-35 a month; Tracfone has 12 months for \$144 (\$12.00); 6 months \$77 (\$12.80/month)
 - ii. Rich motions to approve Tracfone for \$40; 12-month contract. Flick seconds. Motion passes.
 - Opening Day: April 12
 - i. Have asked vendors to come to create more energy
 - 1. Sauder’s Wood Bat Company, Sips and Giggles, Beaded necklaces, Mobile build-a-bear, Discovery Space, Bellefonte Brick Studio
 - ii. Next day will be pictures, might be here or Spring Township; Greg Kimmich Photography doing
 - Tractor Supply—can do smaller Tag Day there
 - Parent meeting—March 16 @ 1 at Webster
 - i. No tball coaches yet
 - Spikes: Program changed for this year, can select a couple games to have events for our league bullpen (\$12 and get \$3 back) or field box (\$14 and get \$4 back)

- i. Pick dates and reach out and can hold Bellefonte field of dreams night
- Bathroom door update
 - One done, other maybe on work day

5. New Business

- Game Schedules
 - Major, minors, coach pitch finalized
 - Changing Undies and Knights first game from 3/26 to 3/25
 - Schedule for kid pitch also common schedule with 12 games total; 2 against each team
 - Coach-pitch: 10 games (2 against Bellefonte and 1 against NVLL)
 - Disappointment expressed in 14-game majors season
 - i. Sports Connect spits out schedule based on team info, start of season, etc.
- Work Day Plans
 - Work day this coming Saturday and the following Saturday
 - Sign-up Genuis could be utilized to be more organized
 - i. Spring Township: 6 people
 - 1. Batting cage frame/materials (3-4 people); sod cutter to edge infield/outfield edge; 4-yards of infield dirt and tilling infields first and see what you need; trash out there; trash cans to dugouts
 - ii. Webster:
 - 1. Two batting cages to hang; orange pads to hang; signs to hang of sponsors who have signed (get rid of businesses that no longer exist); picnic tables put out; cleaning out bottom of the press boxes; stock field supplies; cleaning dugouts; cleaning press boxes; test scoreboards and sound; clean out the old concession stand
 - iii. Following Saturday would be focused on infields
- Gamechanger League Tracker
 - Dev called Brooks about a league tracker that tracks all the records, pitch counts, stats
 - i. League set-up, all majors teams, volunteered to put in all schedules and there would be 4 people that worked as admins for the league
 - ii. Through league set-up, can see how everyone played
 - iii. Would go into league icon; tried to set one up last year
 - iv. Jen to check on doubling of stats in GameChanger
- Larry: Practice schedule for majors at Spring Township before Daylight Savings;
- B. Fost said PA tax exemption should be filed soon.

6. Next Meeting: proposed for March 30, 2025 due to scheduling conflicts

7. Adjournment @ 7:56 p.m.