



## **Bellefonte Little League Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 4, 2025

**Time:** 5:58 p.m.

**Present:** Brooks Fost, Sam Chavanic, Larry Horner, Josh Wensel, Scott Flick, Rob Kormanic, Laura Gemmati, Stephanie Fost, Jennifer VonGunden

**Absent:** Zach Albright, Eric Fenstermacker, Emily Reid, Wes Fouse

**Guests:** NVLL board members- Jodi Johnson, Ryan Scanlan, Alicia Leathers

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:58 p.m.

2. Pre-Meeting Discussion with NVLL: Playoffs and Postseason

- **Playoff Committee Structure**

- Committee will manage playoff and postseason logistics.
- B. Fost reviewed the playoff format:
  - All teams participate
  - Seeding based on regular season record
  - Three-game series
  - Higher-seeded teams host Game 1
  - Top four seeds are Bellefonte; PG will be used to avoid conflicts
  - Home field league is responsible for field prep, umps, concessions
  - Little League rules apply
  - Trophies/rings cost will be split

- **Field Assignments**

- M&T (1st seed): Field 2 (home)
- Lions (2nd seed): Field 1 (away)
- Undines: Field 3
- 4th seed: PG2
- NVLL: PG2, PG3, and Marion Walker 2

- **Next Steps**

- Bracket finalized end of the week
- Games scheduled for 5:30 p.m.
- B. Fost and Horner to coordinate bracket
- Confirm Bill Walk's availability
- No games Memorial Day week

- **Concessions:** Will discuss after bracket is complete

- **Kid Pitch Playoffs (May 31)**

- 6 teams, single elimination.

- Top 2 seeds get a bye; 4-6 play first round
- Games at Webster
- Bellefonte responsible for press box, concessions, umps
- Pitching: Max 6 consecutive outs per player
- Split cost of trophies and rings
- Brooks to ask Eric for ring quotes (~\$7.50 each)
- **8U Season**
  - Remain local for summer
  - Each league handles its own jerseys
- **Summer Team Registration**
  - NVLL requires team formation by May 13/14
  - Open registration online
  - Cost: \$55 (includes jersey/hat at \$26 and \$14)
  - Steph to provide jersey mock-up
  - Horner motioned to set summer fee at \$55. Flick seconded. Motion passed.
  - Practice schedule:
    - Open practices May 22:
      - 9–10 yr olds: 6:30–7:30 p.m.
      - 11–12 yr olds: 7:30–8:30 p.m.
    - Registration closes May 19
    - All-Star meeting May 29 at 7 p.m
- **Predistrict Tournament**
  - No responses from Penns Valley yet from NVLL outreach
  - B. Fost to follow up with Gary
  - PV may host sectionals or states
- **NVLL Town Hall Feedback**
  - Bellefonte board is committed to merger
  - NVLL board generally supportive, with concerns about:
    - Travel
    - Organizational change
    - Fear of “hostile takeover”
  - B. Fost encouraged board attendance at NVLL’s June 5 meeting at 8 p.m.

### 3. Board Actions

- **April Meeting Minutes Approval**
  - Correction: Fenstermacker abstained from voting
  - Motion by S. Fost, seconded by Horner. Motion passed.
  - Remove Reid and Fouse from vote counts.
- **Financial Report Approval**
  - Beginning balance: \$6,618
  - Ending balance: \$12,236
    - Deposits: \$15,500.69

- Debits: \$9,882.44
  - Motion by S. Fost, seconded by VonGunden. Motion passed.
- **YTD Budget Review**
  - BaseballU paid \$400 (not request \$700) for field use.
  - Youth Football behind; will be invoiced monthly starting September (~\$525/month).
  - Duck Derby and Tag Day (May 17) upcoming.
  - Other fundraising: fan gear, extra hats, gift cards.
  - M&T sponsorship delayed due to corporate process.
  - Auxiliary expenses line added.
  - Suggestion: Add contingency fund line in future budgets (e.g., for bathroom doors).

#### 4. President's Report

- **Facility Maintenance**
  - Staining completed on bleachers/tables; structures painted red.
  - Rockview community service: 5–6 days completed.
  - Herbicide application scheduled; backpack sprayer broken.
  - Push mower needed for bank and roadside areas.
    - Matt Kelleher can get 40V mower for \$280 (discounted).
    - Flick motioned to purchase, Rob seconded. Motion passed.
- **Donations**
  - Chevy: \$500 donation
  - American Legion: \$500 donation
  - Mound Covers: Funds to purchase covered by local donors
    - Ordered with “B” logo.
    - Edged with chains.
    - \$600 each

#### 5. Unfinished Business

- **2025 Sponsor Sign Updates**
  - April payments received from:
    - Alex's Proscap
    - Bellefonte Masons (Teamsters No. 8) – clarification needed if they are separate contacts
    - Enviro Management
    - First National Bank
    - Garbrick-Shadle
    - Graymont
    - Stuckey Automotive
    - Troutbitten

- Stuckey submitted new sign form; awaiting artwork.
- **Thank You Cards**
  - 15 handwritten cards prepared; a few addresses still needed:
    - JM Delullo (need correct location)
    - Fleck Landscaping
    - Matt Kelleher
    - “One+ battery powered blower and trimmer” donor—need info
  - 8 blank baseball-themed thank you cards available.
- **Auxiliary Updates**
  - Grove Printing’s power was out; Duck Derby tickets ready this week (Father’s Day weekend).
  - Tag Day (May 17) includes Tractor Supply and Weis.
  - Need new nets (some broke last year).
  - Prizes same as last year.
  - Fan gear delivered.
  - Summer tournament logistics: bat people, food trucks (if they provide kickback).
  - Team pictures expected back this week.
  - Gift basket planned for championship week.
- **Bylaw Proposal**
  - Horner motions 60% of the games or the rest of the season for up to the start of playoffs be outlines as timeframe players must play in majors before being released and replaced be added to the bylaws. Flick seconds. All agree. Motion passes.

## 6. New Business

- **Concession stand plans for playoffs (majors and kid pitch)**
  - General form be sent out and every player’s family to fill a shift
  - Press minors to help with majors concession
  - NV can help with press box and vice versa at NV fields
  - VonGunden to create and send SignUpGenius this week
- **Summer ball registration logistics**
  - To occur through SportsConnect by May 19
- **Board positions**
  - Sign sponsorship and field maintenance positions to put together summaries of positions for Chavanic to create proposed bylaw additions to add to the board as official voting members.
  - Chavanic to have for June meeting

## 7. Next Meeting

- **Date Proposed:** June 1, 2025

## 8. Adjournment @ 7:52 p.m.