



BLL Board Meeting Agenda
October 5, 2025

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Board of Directors Action Items

- **Board Elections**

- Eric is stepping away from the Minors President and Minors Representative nominations.
- All nominations were unopposed, paper ballots will still be distributed.

- One open position: **Field Maintenance Coordinator**

- Rich volunteered to serve in the interim.
- Motion: Jerry nominated Rich; Scott F seconded. Motion passes.

- **Nominations:**

- President: Brooks Fost
- Vice President: Larry Horner
- Auxiliary President: Steph Fost
- Secretary: Sam Chavanic
- Treasurer: Laura Gemmati
- Player Agent: Jerry Cain
- Safety Officer: Carl Gemmati
- Sign Coordinator: Emily Reid
- Field Maintenance Coordinator: Rich Yarnell
- Minor League President: Jim Chavanic
- Minor League Representative: Scott Caldwell
- Concessions: Amanda Dutrow & Dana Grove
- **Votes:** All positions approved, with one abstention for field maintenance coordinator.

- **Approvals**

- **September Minutes**
 - Motion to approve by Rich; second by Scott Flick. Motion passes
- **Financial Report**
 - Balance: \$27,981

- Most expenses completed.
- Final invoice for football port-a-potties at Spring Township to be prepared in early November.
- Motion to approve by Rich; second by Steph. Motion passed.

3. President's Report

- **West Penn Workday:** Jerry and three others from West Penn will assist with a workday on October 15–16.

Project List:

- Batting cages
- Move picnic tables from grass to pavilion
- Clean and store signs (Brooks to power wash; signs to dry overnight and be stored in dugouts; consider tarping and strapping to benches)
- Trash cans (including press boxes)
- Dispose of orange pads in the dumpster
- Brooks will send Jerry a summary message
- **Facilities:**
 - Water to be shut off by end of October (Rich).
 - Brooks will coordinate with the township/borough regarding valve shutoff.
- **Joint Meeting:**
 - Steph and Jerry unavailable.
 - Discussion centered on majors teams.
 - NVLL prefers to meet at Walker Township and discuss only majors; Brooks wants a broader discussion.
 - BLL lost 20 twelve-year-olds; plan to bring up ~20 from minors (about 17 likely ready).
 - NVLL has 10–12 roster openings; prefers 11-man rosters.
 - Brooks to check Spring Township building availability for Thursday.

4. Unfinished Business

- **Financial Oversight Committee Review**
 - Recently met to review YTD budget and proposed updates.
 - Laura added several new line items this year.
 - Discussed Pizza Mia cash box—no improved system found.
 - Revised concession stand form implemented.
 - Venmo transactions totaled around \$3,000 (mostly during tournaments; some sponsorships paid through Venmo/PayPal).
 - Will finalize next year's budget soon; must hold at least one non-board meeting.
 - Ended ahead **\$18,739** (budgeted \$90K; actual \$121K).
 - NVLL still owed funds for fall ball.

- Rich suggested reviewing uniform costs; registration fees may need to be adjusted accordingly.
- **Auxiliary Updates**
 - Unable to participate in parade (slots filled early; sign-up email comes out in June).
 - Motion to approve purchase of a general-use BLL vinyl banner (for parades, states appearances, etc.).
 - Motion by Rich; second by Scott F. Motion passes.
 - Winter clothing sale planned for November.
- **Complex Projects**
 - Brooks proposed moving forward with essential facility needs.
- **Concession Stand Vent Update**
 - Vendor quote: \$24,000. Awaiting quote for louver fan/wall cut option.
 - Rich recommended exploring roof venting or wall protection to mitigate safety issues (roof more expensive).
 - Brooks will share quotes once received (likely by email).
 - Dana asked about the PBCI Allen quote.
- **Batting Cage Wall Project**
 - Likely cost-prohibitive; Brooks to contact Brian Stauffer for possible help.
- **Dugout Roofs**
 - Grant request to Home Depot being prepared for materials; labor support still needed.
- **Approved Expenditures — Total \$6,450 (up to ~\$7,000 with camera system)**
 - Mower service
 - ATV service
 - Two portable toilets
 - Shed updates
 - Pavilion rope lights
 - Two field line machines
 - Three field sponges
 - Outfield fence panels
 - Two home plate covers
 - Push broadcast spreader
 - Wi-Fi camera system for Field 3 (audio enabled; fish-eye lens for wide coverage; potential phone viewing)
 - Motion to approve by Rich; second by Scott F. Motion passes.
 - Brooks and Laura to coordinate purchases.
 - Mowers scheduled for service at Ports in November.
 - Both flagpoles (concession stand and Field 3) to be utilized.
 - Batting cages and bullpen improvements to be addressed in spring. Inmates recently trimmed tree lines, cleaned press boxes, and relocated old concession stand materials.

5. New Business

- **Spring 2026 Sign Options**
 - Emily researching vinyl/mesh options (Gavek), Brooks prefers consistent appearance across all signs.
 - Standard sign pricing remains around **\$395**.
 - Will inquire about cost for plain red center field signs.
- **Evaluation Dates (Tentative):**
 - Reserve early due to past scheduling challenges (snowstorms).
 - Proposed weekends: **Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 14** at the high school.
- Third weekend may be used for softball if merging with NVLL.
- **Lighting and Electrical**
 - Two poles for lights—Jerry will manage lighting and wiring; may request Verizon assistance.
 - Field 1 press box breaker tripping frequently—Jerry to inspect wiring.
- **Additional Items**
 - Trees near Field 1 pose concern; Rich recommends removal of several.
 - Discard any remaining hand sanitizer in the tractor shed.
 - Paint from old concession stand to be moved into board/printer room for winter storage.

6. Next Meeting

- November 9, 2025

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **7:05 p.m.**