



BLL Board Meeting Agenda  
December 7, 2025

**1. Board of Directors Actions**

- Approval of November Minutes
- Correction noted: Update spelling of Duane's name.
- Rich motions to approve minutes with update. S. Fost seconds. Motion passes.

**2. Approval of Financial Report**

- Current balance: BLL ~\$26,000
- Expenses reviewed: West Penn bill, mowing bill, donation.
- Rich motions to approve report. Scott Flick seconds. Motion passes.

**3. Budget Review – Financial Oversight Committee**

- Committee met prior to Thanksgiving: Dana, Amanda, Steph, Rich, and Laura.
- Budget started similarly to last year with a learning curve due to changes.
- Additional categories were added to better break out income and expenses; some categories appear higher due to this expanded detail.

i. Income Projections

1. Concessions & 50/50: \$3,000 (similar to last year; food costs reduced due to merger).
2. Added Venmo income line for better tracking.
3. Field usage rental income added for youth football.
4. Fundraisers
  - a. Duck Derby: \$13,000 (tentative).
  - b. Tag Day: \$4,000.
5. Donations line item added.
6. Miscellaneous income lower due to scoreboard sale last year.
7. Registration, team sponsors, and tournament fees remain similar.
  - a. Tournaments include: 12U A & B, 10U, 8U Tournament Teams
8. Total projected income: \$92,400.

ii. Expenses

1. Expanded expense categories for clarity:
  - a. Auxiliary (opening day programs)

- b. Food (unchanged)
- c. Fees & charges (tax prep, website, bank fees)
- d. Field expenses broken out: Equipment, Equipment maintenance (ATV, mowers, etc.), Grounds crew (mowing), Rent/lease (Spring Township), Field upkeep (Nature's Cover)
- e. Fundraisers (duck prizes, signs)
- f. Charter fees (dependent on teams)
- g. Office expenses
- h. Operational expenses (mailbox)
- i. Portable toilets (alternative vendors to be explored)
- j. Safety (fire extinguisher services)
- k. Scholarships (seniors)
- l. Team equipment (baseballs, bats, catcher's gear)
- m. Tournament fees (\$2,000 per team per age group)
- n. Predistricts (not applicable if hosting)
- o. Trophies (rings/trophies)
- p. Umpires (broken out by season)
- q. Uniforms (broken out by season)
- r. Utilities

2. Total projected expenses: \$130,142.49

- Budget intentionally estimates lower income and higher expenses as a precaution.
- Merger impact on expenses remains uncertain.
- Approximately \$20,000 surplus achieved this season, highlighting how effort impacts outcomes.
- NVLL budget structure differs, with fewer line items.
- Summer tournament expenses are a major variable and tracked separately.
- Final budget approval timing depends on team formation.
- Typical historical budget comparison: ~\$92K income vs. ~\$85K expenses.
- Discussion held regarding differences between BLL budget and bank statements.
- Scott Flick motions to approve. Rich seconds. Motion passes.

#### 4. President's Report

- League Boundary Update
  - i. Merger approved by Little League International.
  - ii. Dividing boundary line removed; one unified map.
  - iii. BLL offers baseball; NVLL charter offers softball.
  - iv. Registration can open immediately for all children within the boundary.
- Field Maintenance – Spring Township

- i. Township willing to continue mowing and treatment if league pays.
    - 1. Estimated costs: Mowing: \$100/week, Herbicide: \$50
    - 2. Township will also perform herbicide treatments.
    - 3. Jerry motions to approve. Scott Flick seconds. Motion passes.
- Green Horizon Landscaping Quote
  - i. Fertilizer and herbicide services for NVLL fields?
  - ii. Smiley to continue some mowing next season.
  - iii. Potential to offset cost through sign sponsorship.
  - iv. Brooks will provide additional information at a future meeting.

## 5. Unfinished Business

- Fundraiser Discussion
  - i. Neither fundraiser option feasible at a \$75 total cost.
  - ii. Option A (Duck Derby):
    - 1. \$65 registration / \$70 fundraiser opt-out, Prizes: \$2,600, Net per child: \$62
  - iii. Option B (Ticket Books): \$75 registration / \$65 fundraiser opt-out, Prizes: \$2,600, Net per child: \$53
  - iv. Prior year registrations:
    - 1. BLL: 185
    - 2. NVLL: 285 (baseball & softball)
  - v. Original combined cost was \$140.
  - vi. Duck inventory: 1,800 ducks currently; proposal to increase to 3,000.
  - vii. Ticket books: Scratch-off lottery format (“Lucky Lotto”)
    - 1. Pricing tiers: \$65, \$90, \$120 (higher tiers offer better discounts)
    - 2. NVLL concerns regarding individual child fundraising vs. family-based fundraising.
  - viii. Registration and opt-out details required to open registration.
  - ix. NVLL previously allowed refunds through SportsConnect.
  - x. Ducks would yield ~\$600 more per league after the first year.
  - xi. Suggestion to allow families to prepay and retain funds from ticket sales.
  - xii. Jodi outlines NVLL board members voted against ducks.
  - xiii. Decision made that joint, in-person votes are required for major items.
  - xiv. Joint meetings will alternate monthly between Sundays and Thursdays.
  - xv. Vote Results:
    - 1. Ducks: 8 votes
    - 2. Books: 9 votes
  - xvi. Registration opens at \$75, fundraiser books at \$65, opt-out fee \$65.
  - xvii. Tag Day remains required if opting out.

- xviii. Future consideration of a \$140 all-inclusive option.
  - xix. Ensure top three jersey number choices are included on registration form.
- Sign Sponsorships – 2026
  - xx. Drafted joint sponsorship letter (BLL & NVLL).
  - xxi. NVLL sign size: 42" x 72" (fence limitations).
  - xxii. High-visibility sign options discussed.
  - xxiii. Letters to be sent ASAP.
  - xxiv. Funds must be received before signs are installed (BLL practice).
  - xxv. Need list of past NVLL sponsors and multi-year sponsors.
  - xxvi. Emily shared BLL sponsorship spreadsheet.
  - xxvii. Gavek Signs confirmed capable of NVLL sizing.
  - xxviii. Bellefonte Soccer Association now offering three-year sponsorships.
  - xxix. Recommendation:
    1. \$200 standard renewal
    2. Three-year option offered
    3. High-visibility signs limited to MW along Route 64.
    4. Potential expansion of high-visibility signs at BLL locations.
  - xxx. All funds to go to BLL PO Box; coordination with NVLL for transfers.
  - xxxi. Preference for a single vendor.
  - xxxii. Emily to create an online interest form.
  - xxxiii. John and Jim to assist with physical sign logistics.
  - xxxiv. Common database to be maintained using existing BLL Excel file.
  - xxxv. Pricing Discussion:
    1. High-visibility renewal: \$400
    2. Three-year high-visibility renewal: \$1,100
  - xxxvi.** S. Fost motions to approve. Larry seconds. Motion passes.
- Proposed Bylaws
  - i. Only proposed change: weather policy.
    1. Games may be postponed after noon if the National Weather Service reports temperatures at or below 45°F and falling.
    2. Vote scheduled for January meeting.
    3. Brooks will email bylaws to both boards for review.
- Committee Formation
  - i. League Operations/Management
  - ii. Financial Oversight
  - iii. Field Use & Maintenance
  - iv. Concessions

- v. Community Engagement
  - Merger Communication
    - i. Facebook post to be shared on both league accounts.
    - ii. Email and registration header to include merger information.
    - iii. Notes: T-Ball and Coach Pitch remain local. Minors and Majors will merge. Current Majors players remain on existing teams.
- 6. New Business**
- **Concessions Update**
    - i. Met with Jen.
    - ii. All communication shifted to concessions email account.
    - iii. Binder transferred to Dana and Amanda.
  - **Skills Camp**
    - i. School requested time to confirm availability.
    - ii. Tentative schedule: last two weeks of January and first week of February, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
    - iii. Jim to meet with Scott Caldwell to gather prior planning details.
    - iv. No NVLL minors president counterpart.
    - v. Jim and Scott Caldwell to collaborate.
    - vi. Brooks to grant Jim SportsConnect access.
    - vii. All coaches expected to attend for evaluations.
    - viii. Discussion on ensuring fair draft process across leagues.
- 7. Next Meeting: January 8 at Spring Township.**
- 8. Adjournment @ 8:05 p.m.**