

## Bellefonte and NVLL combined meeting

January 8, 2026

In attendance:

- See sign in sheet

Call to order: Brooks started meeting at 6:01 PM

Board of Directors Action to be Taken

- Minutes were approved
- Financial report:
  - Bellefonte:
    - Will have to fill in
    - Ending balance 27,022
    - Brooks asked about registration money and if we want the money as it comes in or at the end. Decided at the end.
    - Financial report approved

President's Report

- Brooks submitted charter applications, cost was \$2411.00
  - Fee for each team, this was based on same number of teams as last year
  - Insurance was submitted to use the high school and should cover the elementary schools
  - Registration update (see Brooks break down)
  - Will close registration after tryouts
- Unfinished Business
  - Team Manager Outreach
    - BLL: made contact with all but one manager, all planning to return but the one not reached, minor coaches planning also, working on other coaches, some interested in coach pitch, good amount of interest
    - NVLL: Has heard back from all but one coach for Majors, Minors, and coach pitch....all are interested and will follow their son. Bellefonte shared how they choose coaches. NV concern is to pick coaches or teams before evals. John will look more into who is interested.
    - Brooks suggested to have a target date to have coaches appointed by so they can attend evaluations.
  - Coach Pitch and T-Ball Levels
    - Elementary schools remain dividing line: use sports connect to assign players who were not sure.
    - SportsConnect sort option: yes
  - Evaluations
    - 1/24, 1/25, and 1/31, make up 2/1 and 2/7
    - Proposed Schedule: See breakdown on agenda
      - Schedule will be sent out this week so parents can plan

- Required attendance for majors and minors levels: Players are encouraged to attend at least 2 evaluations
  - Softball day/time: Kylie said they may do evaluations at the Rink and if they do they don't need to use the high school, she will let Brooks know ASAP
  - Use round and rectangular tags during coach pitch ages to differentiate BLL vs. NVLL, makes sense and will help with people who are color blind
  - Managers must be at eval or they can not be at draft, NV has a manager that has not been at a meeting and if he can't then he needs someone there in his place
  - BLL guy and John can come to an agreement about draft and how to proceed with that, Coaching could be uneven between NV and BLL because of player numbers, coaches need to be aware of practice fields
  - Question from members about how to differentiate between which minors want to move up, suggested to offer to minors to move up after evals
- Auxiliary Updates
  - Wants to set a date to give info to coaches at eval to have a team parent assigned
  - Team Parent meeting: duties of parents, volunteering, concession stands, etc. All communication goes through auxiliary to team parent to team
  - Meeting for team parents is March 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00, can be done at Spring Township or Bellefonte Board Room, decision Spring township
  - Opening day is normally in April, softball will do their own opening day
  - Picture day is normally Sunday following opening day
  - Ryan asked if BLL does a "how to" for coaches? Bellefonte—yes
  - Tag day 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May...May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year
  - Jerseys...Bellefonte uses Collegiate Pride and is roughly \$40/kid for jersey and hat, discussion was had to join Bellefonte and use collegiate pride
  - Erin made a motion to use college pride, Cory 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed
  - Briton suggested using Spikes Stadium for Opening Day, if this falls through we will do opening day by division major/minor and then t ball/coach pitch, is Governor's a possibility?
  - Opening day the 11<sup>th</sup>, pictures the 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Pictures....use Shawna and Kimick, Jodi will talk to Shawna, members want to keep it consistent
  - Tag day tentatively May 2nd
- Sponsorship Update
  - 150 businesses on list, mailed letters out at end of December, receiving sponsors, Indy is paid through 2026 for NV, but Bellefonte needs to be paid, Garbrick and Shadle needs to know if they have paid ahead
  - Asked if we want all checks mailed to Bellefonte, checks made out to NV and BLL, Cory suggests let the sponsor pay who they chose and we will even up later,
  - Sign money to BLL and Team Sponsorship to NVLL

- Game Play Bylaw Vote
  - Helmet Gear requirements
    - BLL requires full face mask and proposing that full face mask and C flap for Majors/Minors and T-ball and coach pitch have to have full face mask, Travis suggests choice at Majors/Minors, and start face mask at coach pitch
    - Brooks shared reason of why they use face mask, Borger suggests the compromise
    - Travis is opposed and feels it should be a choice and nothing required vs. facemask and C flap
    - By law passes, 4 not in favor
  - Game day Temperature
    - BLL 42 degrees, compromise is 45 degrees or above (see by laws for official wording), both NV and BLL will have the same weather station
    - Proposal to change word noon to 12:00 PM
    - All in favor, no one opposed
  - Mercy rule
    - Larry changed the by law to what LL rule book says, lots of discussion, Ryan shared that he would prefer to just follow all LL rules, Ryan read rules
    - Ryan made a motion to change by laws to LL rules and change the 8 to a 10 after 5, Travis 2<sup>nd</sup>, in favor of 15 and 10; 17 yeses out of 22
      - Section 4.E will be adapted to by laws
  - Batting Order
    - Discussion between NV and BLL as to how we want to do batting order and 6 outs.
    - Larry proposed continuous batting order with mandatory field time.
    - Jodi proposed continuous batting order and then allow coaches to decide playing time.
    - Travis motions we have continuous batting order and allow the coaches to choose field time. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 11/21.
- New Business
  - Brooks suggested to keep working on by laws, sponsorship, and skip over the other committee reports.
  - Major coaches must be at draft
  - Draft procedures meeting (mandatory attendance) Brooks will schedule Spring Township for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30
  - Majors draft day is February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Spring Township
- Next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Adjournment: Larry motion to adjourn at 8:37 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis

