

**Penns Valley Little League Baseball
Board Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 12, 2017 – 5 p.m. PVEI Cafeteria**

Board Members Present:

Crystal Confer, Bob Gillespie, Brian Niewinski, Christine Sailors, and Shannon Stover

Board Members Not Present:

Beth King and Mike Watson

Others Present:

John Cain, Samantha Bressler, Kelli Brungart, Chris Evans, Kevin Fetterolf, Michele Houtz, Fred Ironside, Chris Meyer, Allen Quay, Shawn Robb, Tony Roland, Joe Shouey, Skip Shuey, and Brian Smith

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Brian Niewinski.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Treasury Report:

The balance is \$11,323.70. This includes all registration fees, donations from all stars and the balance from last meeting. This year's registration brought in close to \$5,800 and our balance from last time was \$5,500. There were no questions and treasury report was approved. It was suggested to some type of pie chart so public can see where the money is spent. Christine will work on this.

Registration Update:

As of Friday, February 10 there are 146 kids signed up for the 2017 season.

The Major and Minor Division drafts have been done. There will be 3 teams in the Major division; 4 teams in the Minor Division; 3 teams in the Rookie Division; and 4 teams in Tball.

Open Gyms:

Schedule has been sent to all Major coaches, once they are scheduled then will go to Minors, Rookies and Tball coaches.

Open gyms will be from February 18 – March 26. Every Saturday we have the small gym from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Every Sunday we have both the small and large gyms from 1 – 7 p.m.

By Laws Update:

They are completed and have been approved by the Board. They will be posted on the website for everyone to review. This is the first update that's been done in a while. Any comments, please let us know.

The post season will require registration fees. These fees will help cover uniforms, baseballs and tournament fees.

Coaches:

The President's job is to solicit coaches and Board makes approval on the coaches. Not all coaches have been picked. Major and Minor team coaches are done. Rookies will be done tonight. There will be a coach's meeting right after the regular Board meeting. It was suggested by John Cain if minor/major coaches don't have practice or see other teams practicing to offer to help out with the other divisions. Some coaches might not want the extra help, so make sure you ask before stepping on the field to help out.

Drafts:

So far, the draft process has been smooth. We are hoping to have the Tball teams completed next week. Our goal was to have all teams picked by end of January, but we are still ahead of schedule from last year.

Dick's Team Sports:

Thanked Zoe Meyer who made the connection possible with Dick's. A few of us (Zoe, Shannon, Christine and Brian) met with regional manager at Dick's. They are giving us equipment coupons, free buckets/balls, replacement screening, offer free website service with online registration, uniforms and team apparel. We will not be using all services this season, but it's a work in progress. Dick's wants field signs as advertisements. They offer a Dick's Team Sports Headquarters (Dick's TSHQ) app that makes it easy to communicate with your team about practices, field changes, etc. Download the app to your phones.

Fundraising Update:

Chris Evans reported about the American Legion's Consignment Sale that will take place mid-April. They would like for PVLL to help again with parking. All money raised PVLL keeps. We can use Hanover's parking lot this year. We will need more volunteers to help and maybe some nice signs for advertising. Last year we charged \$3 for car and \$5 for trailer. PVLL made close to \$500 with parking cars. We used that money to buy a new grill at Centre Hall.

Chris Evans also suggested we consider doing Mr. Sticky coupons. They cost us \$1.80 and we can sell for \$3. Mr. Sticky will buy back what we don't sell. We have to go to Williamsport to pick up coupons. They will be honored at Grange Fair and Penn's Cave Machine and Antique Show.

The American Legion would like to donate money towards a pitching machine. The Board can look and make a suggestion to the Legion. The water line has been

approved and a spot has been picked out but it will interfere with the sheds. Waiting for excavator's estimate. Chris suggested to have done by April before season starts or it will be a huge safety issue.

We will be selling discount cards again for \$10. Christine is working with different vendors for this year's card. The profit is good as it only costs \$.40 or \$.50 to produce. The cards will be valid for a year. It was suggested to have LMR tires as a business. Also, an opt out option will be given with a flat donation of \$50. Families have been asking for this instead of selling.

Spikes fundraising of selling tickets might happen. So many get tickets from work or don't really have the time to get to a game given how busy everyone is with post season ball games. Last year, we made about \$3500. An open discussion from the public included maybe a group work a concession stand at a Spikes game.

Some coaches liked the Hit-a-Thon, but better communication on how it works. It was suggested to have a Tball/Rookie All Star Day and they could have their Hit-A-Thon then. Then a random day for Minors/Majors day for their Hit-A-Thon. All would need to be done by end of regular season.

Concessions Update:

There were discussions about putting more outlets in the Spring Mills concession stand. Mary has contact person and will get to Brian to get this finalized. Mary will suggest where the outlets should go. A discussion was held about the Millheim concession stand. It was suggested to have snacks in totes. The League will plan to use the Centre Hall and Spring Mills stands the most.

Kelli and Mary would like to have a parent meeting and talk to them as to what the parents are willing to do.

Suggested to contact Luse's for chips at cost. Suggested buying two boxes and get one free.

Slushy machine we might have to sign new contract. We ordered more supplies so it was well with it. A general question about how profitable it was. Brian and Mary would look into this a little more as it wasn't clear what the League made from it and all the costs involved. Shannon thought we had to buy a certain amount of supplies from the company that owns the Slushy machine therefore there was no cost for the machine. Mary would confirm.

It was suggested to put a concrete pad outside of the Centre Hall concession stand for the grill. Todd Greene offered to take on this project but would need help. Brian will contact him.

We need vacuum sealer for some of the items. Brian suggested to shop around, get us some numbers and the board will approve.

Other items:

Monthly meetings are not working given the public isn't showing up and it's mainly just the Board. No other league meets monthly. So, moving forward for 2017, the Board agreed we would have three main meetings: February, May and October. The meetings will still be held the first Sunday of those months. This will be posted on our website. Notes will be taken and posted when the Board meets.

Small games of chance needs to be filled out of 2017 so that we can do 50/50. Kelli Brungart provided Shannon Stover with the paper work to fill out. Shannon will complete and get to Kelli. Guidelines should be made for concession stand and listed publically who ends up winning at each game.

Jesse King has agreed to be the Umpire Coordinator again. Since we started paying our umpires cash, he's finding it easier to get umpires.

Batting cages are open and ready for business. Brian has the website and calendar. If you rent the space you will get code that gets you into the space; email it; can use. Not sure what fees are but PV has priority. This is by the YMCA, where the four-bay garage was. Troy Allen is managing this. PO has one and it's set up and managed the same way.

ID badges will not be required this year. There were many coaches that weren't in favor of them. Team parent or coaches should be responsible to know who has clearances. Beth King can provide a list

Brian reported that bats are changing in 2018. He is hoping to have more information at the district meeting.

Adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 7 at 5 p.m. at PVEI Cafeteria