

**Penns Valley Little League Baseball  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, November 6, 2016 – 5 p.m. at PVEI Cafeteria**

**Board Members Present:**

Crystal Confer, Bob Gillespie, Brian Niewinski, Shannon Stover, and Mike Watson

**Board Members Not Present:**

Beth King and Rich Sweitzer

**Others Present:**

Christine Sailors and Kennette Watson

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Brian Niewinski.

**Board Elections for 2016-2017:**

The positions that are up for nomination are president, vice president, player agent and treasurer.

There were a number of absentee ballots that were submitted and accounted for. Those in attendance casted their votes and the final tally was as follows:

Bob Gillespie – 12 votes  
John Keith – 5 votes  
Brian Niewinski – 12 votes  
Christine Sailors – 17 votes  
Mike Watson – 14 votes

The new elected board will be as follows:

Brian Niewinski – President  
Mike Watson – Vice President  
Bob Gillespie – Player Agent  
Christine Sailors – Treasurer

Congratulations to the new board. Those still remaining on the board are Crystal Confer, Information Officer; Beth King, Safety Officer; and Shannon Stover, Secretary. These individuals are serving their second year term and these positions will be up for election in the 2017-2018 season.

There was a general discussion about the upcoming season about possibility seeing if we could get officers to represent each division (Tball, Rookie, Minors and Majors). There seemed to be a real disconnect and this is one way to possibly improve the communication among all divisions. Other suggestions were to have:

--Coaches meeting per division so that all coaches are on the same page of with objectives and what skills to be working on in each division;  
--All Coaches to meet during the draft process; and  
--TBall and Rookie Manual; it was discussed that the fundamentals are listed in the Little League International Rule Book. All coaches are offered a book at the start of the season, however, not all take. Suggested to give to all coaches in the hopes they review.

**Officer Positions for 2016-2017:**

Brian Niewinski reached out to current officers to see if they would be willing to stay on another year. Those that have confirmed are as follows:

Jessie King – Umpire Coordinator  
Mary Stoner – Concessions Coordinator  
Shannon Stover – Uniform/Clothing Coordinator  
Zoe Meyer – Team Parent Coordinator  
Christine Sailors – Fundraising Coordinator

He is still waiting to hear from the social media coordinator and the field maintenance position is still vacant.

Christine Sailors suggested asking Betsy Quigley to help with fundraising. She is thinking if she could form more of a committee and have a representative from each division, this might help fundraising be stronger. This will also help transition moving forward.

Brian Niewinski reported on behalf of Rich Sweitzer, Treasurer, that our balance is \$4,570.69.

**Other items:**

--Brian Niewinski also asked the Board their thoughts on starting the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He suggested most formal boards do start their meetings this way. The Board agreed. There isn't a flag in the PVEI Cafeteria; however, Brian would get one to bring to the meetings.

--Brian Niewinski gave an update on the Indoor Sports Facility that Chris Kunes is heading. This would be beside the YMCA. Chris is willing to help fund as long as there is enough interest from baseball, softball, basketball and soccer. This facility would be shared with all youth sports. A facilities calendar would have to be made available. Each group would help with funding. It was suggested if we raised our registration fee by \$5, we would raise a little over \$800. This could go towards the facility.

--Bob Gillespie suggested that we have our registration a week earlier so that we can pick coaches sooner. This was an issue last season and we need to do a better job at getting organized sooner.

--Brian Niewinski gave an update on our Bylaws. They are about 75% done. The All Stars section still needs finalized. There was a general discussion about the approval of coaches, tryouts need to happen for all divisions and players are picked from tryouts. It was also suggested that we need to announce who makes each team.

--There was also a general discussion about the Keeper League. This has been adopted for the Major division. A few Minor coaches would like to adopt the Keeper League for Minors too. This allows an even number on teams age wise. Last year was the exception given there were a lot of 12 year olds on one team. The Board would really like to move those skilled 9 year olds to Majors. All 12 year olds will have to play Majors this year, no exceptions by Little League International. Bob Gillespie, Player Agent, to add which division parents would like to see their child play on the registration form, suggested it. This would avoid the back and forth that took place last year and held up the drafting process for all divisions.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 4 – PVEI Cafeteria at 5 p.m.