



Berlin Little League

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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board
Wednesday January 3, 2024
Petit Field Office Complex
7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM – Brian Jehning, President
2. Roll call of Executive Board Members in attendance
3. Roll call of additional member in attendance
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Board Meeting on Monday November 20, 2023 -
VOTE - November Meeting Minutes Approved
5. Discussion of Old Business
 - a. Finalizing the details of the batting cage - Finished the flooring. We are still working on the insulation and plywood. Thank you to Wayne for all your hard work on this.
6. District Update - There was not a meeting in December. Meetings will start again in January.
7. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports
 - a. President's Report – Brian Jehning
 - i. Updates on communications around the league
 1. Coach Veleas - Berlin High School baseball - We are hoping that they will come down to help with the winter clinics.
 2. Coach Pires - Berlin High School Softball - We are hoping that they will come down and help with the winter clinics.

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3. Mr. Carpenter - Berlin High School Technical Arts teacher - We are working with him to do some wood projects for our sponsors and possibly some of our end of season awards..
 - Updates on the website - The website is up and running. At some point Joe Miller will change the domain over to a BLL domain.
 - Updates on Registration - Registration is up and running. We will blast something out ASAP pending payment collection is correct.
 - Updates on Yearly operating Budget - Brian will be working on this month to month in conjunction with Brianne's reports.
 - Updates on Little League Charter Status - We are good with our charter. We will have to pay a fee soon once teams are finalized.
- b. Vice President's Report – Bryan Zup - We are in a good place due to the new people that have stepped up to volunteer.
- c. Treasurer's Report – Brianne Cameron - See attached reports from Brianne. We are working on getting access to the investment account and savings account.
- d. Secretary's Report – Brian Mayer
 - i. Vote for Minors Coordinator - Rocco Buccheri Has put his name in.
VOTE - Rocco Buccheri is voted in as Minors Coordinator.
 - ii. We are still looking for a Challengers Coordinator.
 - iii. Important Dates:
 - a. Majors manager submissions due by 1/22/24 to secretary - Email coachbrianmayer@gmail.com
 - b. Manager presentations and vote - First meeting in February. Which will be February 5th 2024.
 - c. Field Reservations due to town 3/1/2024
 - d. Majors Evaluations - 3rd weekend in March - Is sage set? New high school turf as backup? Major's baseball will be 3/16-3/17. Softball will be 3/23-3/24. Minors and Farm baseball tryouts will take place after majors baseball.

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- e. All star manager submissions due by April 1 to the secretary. The vote will take place at the April meeting. Email coachbrianmayer@gmail.com
- e. Player Agent's Report – Michelle Moskites - We went over the important dates earlier in the meeting.
- f. Safety Officer's Report – Shawn Solek - We will need background checks, abuse awareness training, and diamond leader training for all coaches this year. Shawn will provide updates in conjunction with the new website. Every board member must do a background check as well.
- g. Coaching Coordinator's Report – Rob Manzo - Rob has the practice plans and will share with the coaches before the winter clinics.
- h. Challenger League Coordinator's Report – OPEN - Brian Mayer spoke with Jessica the previous challenger coordinator. She is willing to help the next volunteer for this position. Jessica will attend the January challenger meeting and fill us in with any information. We will work with Jessica to make sure we have scheduled field times for challengers practices and games. Jessica plans on attending the February BLL board meeting. Thank you Jessica for staying on a little longer and helping BLL out.
- i. Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer - Betty spoke with Jeff from the health district. BLL is in compliance with everything from last year. He did state that rules have changed from previous years and that we will need an 8 hour serv safe course for anyone cooking in concessions. This mainly applies to Petit and the cooking of hotdogs, burgers, tenders, and fries. Let's investigate concessions further at the February meeting. Betty and Bryan Zup will work on this. The concession request for this upcoming year is due by the first of February with the toen of Berlin. Betty has started the paperwork process for this.

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- j. Equipment Manager's Report – Dante Vasi
 - i. Dicks Sporting Goods - We will get a 20 percent off coupon this year. It will be the weekend before tryouts. (3/8-3/10) We did get approved for a \$1500 donation from Dicks.
 - ii. Dante has some proposals for netting at Dennehy and the Petit cage, and has purchased equipment for the upcoming season.
 - iii. Reps get your list together for equipment needed this year and start thinking about uniforms.
- k. Facilities Manager's Report – Tom Moskites - No Report
- l. League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley - No Report
- m. Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern - We are working with past sponsors to send our information out to. Pete is working on a sponsorship drafted letter to send out to sponsors.
- n. Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas
 - i. Constant Contact System and Canva - We need to start looking into paying for these systems.
 - ii. We would like to start looking into a Berlin Little League team gear store. Please send information over to the Secretary. Email coachbrianmayer@gmail.com
- o. Baseball / Softball League Reports
 - i. Junior's – Angel Bonilla - Will reach out to District 5 this week to introduce himself.
 - ii. Major's - Important dates stated above.
 - iii. Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Buccheri - No report
 - iv. Farm Coordinator – Brian Lopofsky - No report
 - v. T-Ball Coordinator – Wayne Wright- Will reach out to Benigni about getting signage out.
 - vi. Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault

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- a. Changing of board members roles and titles, as well as adding a new board member position on the softball side. Review of new language on this and description of what the position will entail. This will require a bylaw/constitution change.
- vii. Fall Coordinator – Jason Cameron - No report
- p. Umpire Chief Reports
 - i. Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco - No report
 - ii. Softball Umpire in Chief – Chris Eckert - No report
- 8. Discussion of New Business – Board member Comments (Open Floor)?
 - i. All bylaw and constitution changes are due to the secretary by January 24th 2024. Email coachbrianmayer@gmail.com
- 9. Regular Business Requiring Board Actions - None
- 10. Announcements of Future Meetings
 - a. We plan on meeting the first Monday of every month.
 - b. Next meeting Monday February 5th 7PM at Petit Complex
- 11. Adjourn - 8:55PM

Financial Report attached.

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