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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board

January 6, 2025

Petit Field Office Complex

7:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM – Brian Jehning, President. Reminder to sign into the meeting using QR Code.
2. Approval of Minutes - Brian Jehning - **Minutes Approved**
3. Treasurer's Report – Sara Lopofsky - [Treasurer Report - Jan 2025 Meeting.pptx](#)
 - a. *transferred \$1200 from savings to checking*
 - b. *tax returns are all filed, IRS is 7 months behind on review*
 - c. *Propose to move RBC funds to M&T, or into CDs*
 - d. *Propose a small investment committee that can help manage funds for future-anyone interested contact Sara*
4. District 5 Updates - Brian Jehning
 - a. Brian Jehning
 - i. D5 Umpire clinic to be held in our petit cages - Saturday March 15, 2025. More information on that to come as we get closer to the date.
 - ii. Significant rule changes for 2025 season - https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/2025-rulebook-significant-changes/?utm_source=resource+guide+december&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=rulebook+significant+changes+button
 - iii. *Once physical copies of the 2025 rule book are available, we will buy 20 copies*
5. Discussion of Old Business
 - a. Investing in Kitchen Equipment - Roughly \$7000 budgeted from the spring
 - b. New Slushy Machine has been purchased and delivered.
 - c. Upgrades needed to fryer and griddle.
 - i. <https://www.equippers.com/patriot-120-000-btu-manual-control-gas-griddle-48-w>
 - ii. <https://www.equippers.com/globe-gff35g-35-40-lb-natural-gas-floor-fryer-90-000-btu-150093>

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- iii. Purchasing equipment listed above for start of season
- 6. Discussion of New Business, may require Board Action
 - a. Bylaw Updates
 - i.  Berlin Little League Bylaws - Revised and Accepted April 2024.pdf
 - ii.  Proposed ByLaw Changes for 2025 **VOTE: 1. Changing voting process for Biscoglio and Petit awards: Approved–Vote 2: Vasi award: Approved–Vote 3: Field Duty: Approved**
 - iii. **Form Committee for scholarships**
- 7. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports
 - a. President's Report – Brian Jehning
 - i. Yard Goats Night for 2025 - Set for May 2 (Friday). We have 100 tickets. **Set up Venmo or CashApp for things like this, or certain clinics. Will be hooked up to BLL Gmail and BLL M&T account–\$14 per.**
 - ii. 2025 Photographer - Melissa Silvestro - \$35 plus tax for 3 digital images (2 poses with backdrop and 1 next to fence) this year again. **Shooting for early May Picture Day**
 - iii. Winter Clinics -
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA5AA28A2FBC25-54104402-berlin#/>
 - 1. We need help for the 11-12 year old session at night.
 - 2. **Parents invited to hangout upstairs and watch football**
 - iv. Field reservations - League Coordinators - look for messages from me next week about paperwork due to the town.
 - b. Vice President's Report – Wayne Wright-**UConn invited BLL players to stand on the field with players. Softball and Baseball availability.**
 - i. **Going to review each field and what needs to be done with Steck and Trigila.**
 - ii. **VP being overseer of farm and Tball while Pres is Majors/Minors.**
 - c. Secretary's Report – Billy Nowitzke
 - i. Majors Coaches- 5 submissions so far. Any others must be sent to me by Jan 19th

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- ii. Request Sage for Evaluations-**Requesting March 15-16 for Sage. Teams will be set the following days.**
- iii. Concession Paperwork to town by Feb 1st
- iv. Community Engagement-**Merch at concessions throughout the season. Hats/shirts/long sleeves.**
- v. Spring Uniforms-**Bill Steck to talk with Dante for turnaround time on shirts/jerseys and merch cart. Plan is to allow for jerseys to fit correctly and let players choose numbers.**
- d. Player Agent's Report – Kelly Steck
- e. Safety Officer's Report – Brian Lopofsky
 - i. All Coaches are required to complete abuse awareness training every year.
 - 1. <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>
 - ii. All coaches are required to undergo a background check through JDP.
- f. Coaching Coordinator's Report – Brian Mayer
 - i. The Coaches Clinic on December 29th was a huge success! Thank you to Coach Crowley and Coach Peterson for attending. We will have another clinic in March - Date TBD. Hoping to have more coaches attend.
 - ii. Document available for coaches - **2nd clinic end of March**
 Hitting handout for clinic - Coach Crowley.pdf
- g. Challenger League Coordinator's Report – Chris Pelosi - **February district meeting to schedule season**
- h. Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer-**Application for tomorrow. Betty, Ryan and Lynn. Need one more for Minors. Will also create a small concessions committee. Fall re-order.**
- i. Equipment Manager's Report – Bill Steck-**Working on full inventory. Will then assess what we need to buy for the season.**
- j. Facilities Manager's Report – Tony Trigila-**Reviewing fields.**
- k. League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley
 - i.  BLL 2025 Enrollment_Summary_1-6-25.xlsx - Google Sheets.pdf
 - ii. **2 full winter sessions currently.**
- l. Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern-

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- i. Dick's Sporting Goods-20% coupon weekend of March 21st
 - ii. **DSP willing to give us extra discount for any bigger orders.**
 - iii. **DSP may give us signs. Place somewhere similar to Cohen due to white background.**
 - iv. **Purchase 5-10 Fungo bats for League. Brian will bring prices for the next meeting.**
- m. Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas
 - i. **Open league store earlier this year. Potentially through Dante Vasi.**
 - ii. **Parent's night out-Timberlin?**
 - iii. **Possible outdoor clinic during Spring break.**
- n. Baseball / Softball League Reports
 - i. Major's - Brian Jehning
 - ii. Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Buccheri **Meeting with coaches 1/7 to plan season**
 - iii. Farm Coordinator – Danielle Angelillo
 - iv. T-Ball Coordinator – OPEN
 - v. Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault
 - vi. Fall Ball Coordinator - Mario Masselli
- o. Umpire Chief Reports
 - i. Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco-
 - 1. **Umpire uniforms and clinic for the kids who are interested.**
 - 2. **New equipment for behind home and training.**
- 8. Board member Comments (Open Floor)
 - a. **Catching clinic for Saturdays in February. Run by Rob Manzo, \$30 per player. League will cover the rest of the cost. 10 per session.**
 - b. **Pitching clinic to possibly go further into season.**
- 9. Regular Business Requiring Board Actions
 - a. **Paragon PT and another PT interested in coming to work with parents and players about stretching, warming up, etc. Would be between games on Sundays.**
 - b. **Possible fielding clinic. Anyone interested should contact Wayne. 8-10 players for an hour session. Price TBD.**

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- c. **Possible to have hired coaches coming to team practices? Joint practice so specific positions can receive focused coaching.**

10. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

- a. 2025 Meeting dates are as follows:
 - i. Monday February 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - ii. Monday March 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - iii. Monday April 7, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - iv. Monday May 5, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - v. Monday June 2, 2025 - 7:00 M
 - vi. Sunday August 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - vii. Monday September 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - viii. Monday October 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Annual Meeting electing new board members and presenting the 2026 BLL Year
 - ix. Monday November 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM

11. Adjourn **8:43**

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