



Berlin Little League

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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board

Monday November 4, 2024

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–**VOTE: October minutes are approved.**
3. Treasurer’s Report – Brianne Cameron / Sara Lopofsky–Working on new way to present our income vs expenses over the course of the year. Will also be working on tax return.
 - a.  2024 10 Activity.pdf
 - b.  2024 10 Bank Balance.pdf
4. District 5 Updates-YLL/WLL petition to combine little leagues.
 - a. Brian Jehning - D5 meeting on Thursday October 17, 2024
 - 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. Will be chartering the league for next year this week, which will help ensure that we have insurance once our registration opens for the spring season.
5. Discussion of Old Business
 - a. Investing in Kitchen Equipment - Roughly \$7000 budgeted from the spring-used roughly \$1,000 of that budget
 - b. Upgrades needed to fryer and griddle–Will be looking into what is working at Dennehy and can be moved to Petit. Slushee machine no longer in use, will need to be replaced for Spring since it is a popular item. We will also be reaching out to the Lion’s club about potential equipment and looking for volunteers from the community to become SafeServe certified.
6. Discussion of New Business, may require Board Action
 - a. Investment in Player Development - Brian Jehning

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- i. Still waiting to speak to some vendors. I would like to communicate with the board via email when I have more information from negotiations with willing parties.
Brian Crowley: Hitting instruction (Fundamentals of coaching hitting.) clinic for coaches to be held on Black Friday. This would potentially lead to hitting sessions with kids for an 8 week trial period. Will find out if he is interested in doing the same for Challengers
Rob Manzo: Offers 8 week catching clinic. Thought is to run a 4 week clinic-10 minors/10 majors. Potentially February start. \$1000 investment.
- b. Investment in Softball Equipment - Danielle Gorneault
 - i. Hack Attack Softball Pitching Machine for Petit Cages—<https://sportsattack.com/product/hack-attack-softball-pitching-machine/>—Discussion about machine use. Decision tabled for now.
- c. Bylaw Updates
 - i. Berlin Little League Bylaws - Revised and Accepted April 2024.pdf
 - ii. Proposed ByLaw Changes for 2025 **Create a mission for Vasi award. Article II-adding in field duty responsibilities and potential penalty for falling out of good standing.**
- 7. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports
 - a. President's Report – Brian Jehning
 - i. Banquet - October 16th (Wednesday) - A Review—**Would like for coaches & players to continue to attend free moving forward.**
 - ii. Winter Clinics - Sign Ups, sessions, pricing.
 - 1. Players must be registered for the spring season to sign up for Winter Clinics.
 - 2. Sessions will begin on January 18/19 and will run for 8 weeks - Softball on Saturday and Baseball on Sunday. One exception is the weekend of February 8/9 - all clinics will be held on Saturday.
 - 3. Session volunteer sign up genius will be sent out. We will run the same sessions as last year. A group for 6/7, A group for 8/9, and

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potentially two groups for 10/11/12 ages. 3:00 - 4:15, 4:30 - 5:45, 6:00 - 7:15, 7:30 - 9:00 (if necessary)--Sara to send signup genius to B. Meyer-Baseball Sunday, Softball Saturday

4. Price will be \$75, same as last year. We will work to get high school volunteers at the clinic, but we need adults at each session (3-4 adults).
- iii. Season Registration - Sign Ups, pricing
 1. Registration will open on January 1. Pricing will be the same as last year. \$100 for tball and softies, and \$175 for all other levels.
Decision to open 2025 registration on 12/1/24.
- iv. Yard Goats Night for 2025 -
 - Gmail - Re_ 2025 Yard Goats Fundraising Opportunity.pdf –**Planning for Friday May 2nd**
- b. Fall Coordinator Updates - Jason Cameron / Mario Masselli-No updates.
- c. Vice President's Report – Wayne Wright–**Fall farm/t-ball went well. Dennehy field currently being redone.**
- d. Secretary's Report – Billy Nowitzke
 - i. Review of information of new board members. Newly elected members will be posted to the website and to the LL international database. **VOTE: Farm coordinator-Danielle Angelillo. Approved**
- e. Player Agent's Report – Kelly Steck-No update
- f. Safety Officer's Report – Brian Lopofksy-No update
- g. Coaching Coordinator's Report – Brian Mayer-No update
- h. Challenger League Coordinator's Report – Chris Pelosi-No update
- i. Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer–**Planing for all transactions to go through Square. This will have our full menu at Petit and will allow us to better track what we sell**
- j. Equipment Manager's Report – Bill Steck-No updates.
- k. Facilities Manager's Report – Tony Trigila-No updates.
- l. League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley-No updates.

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- m. Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern-**Reached out to several businesses to try and get on their budget for the next year. Should hear within the next month or so.**
- n. Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas-No updates.
- o. Baseball / Softball League Reports
 - i. Junior's – OPEN
 - ii. Major's - Brian Jehning
 - iii. Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Bucchari– **Will set up minors meeting in December.**
 - iv. Farm Coordinator – OPEN
 - v. T-Ball Coordinator – OPEN
 - vi. Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault
- p. Umpire Chief Reports
 - i. Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco
- 8. Board member Comments (Open Floor)-
-Majors managers must let us know interest by mid-January
-Proposal to field a 12U All Star team before putting together other All Star teams.
- 9. Regular Business Requiring Board Actions
- 10. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates
 - a. 2025 Meeting dates are as follows:
 - i. Monday January 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - ii. Monday February 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - iii. Monday March 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - iv. Monday April 7, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - v. Monday May 5, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - vi. Monday June 2, 2025 - 7:00 M
 - vii. Sunday August 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - viii. Monday September 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM
 - ix. Monday October 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Annual Meeting electing new board members and presenting the 2026 BLL Year

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- x. Monday November 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
11. Adjourn—**8:40**

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