



# Berlin Little League

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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board

February 3, 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 **Approved**
3. Treasurer's Report – Sara Lopofsky
  - a. [Treasurer Report - Feb 2025 Meeting.pptx](#)  
**Non-Profit status has been reinstated.**  
**Investment committee has been formed and met last week. Have begun preparing a wants/needs list.**  
**Proposal: Move \$115k to M&T. Place half into a CD. 6 or 12 month, slightly different rates.**  
**APPROVED TO MOVE FUNDS ALL TO M&T.**  
**APPROVED TO MOVE \$60K INTO 6 Mo CD, \$55K INTO SIMILAR CD**
4. District 5 Updates - Wayne Wright
  - a. 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.
  - b. Significant rule changes for 2025 season - chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/[https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/2025-rulebook-significant-changes/?utm\\_source=resource+guide+december&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=rulebook+significant+changes+button](https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/2025-rulebook-significant-changes/?utm_source=resource+guide+december&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=rulebook+significant+changes+button)
5. Discussion of Old Business
  - a. New Kitchen equipment is in - Griddle, Fryer, Slushy Machine. We will work with Wayne and our town people to have them unboxed, installed, and checked for proper operation.
  - b. Catching and Pitching Clinics are underway! 12 Athletes signed up for catching and 23 athletes signed up for baseball pitching. Thank you to Coach Manzo, Coach Rival, and Coach Hill for supporting our athletes.

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6. Discussion of New Business, may require Board Action
  - a. Major's Coaches-2025 Season [BLL 2025 Majors Coaches Nominations.pdf](#)
  
7. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports
  - a. President's Report – Brian Jehning
    - i. Field reservations - League Coordinators - Please look at the email I sent last week to reserve fields for the Spring and Summer Seasons. When you email Jenn and Allie from the town, please tag me on your email to them. **SUBMIT BY END OF FEBRUARY**
    - ii. Opening day bats - I talked to Gap2Gap and they are on board doing opening day bats for baseball and softball. I also would like to invest in some fungo bats for the league. **\$400 for Majors/Minors Fungo Bats APPROVED**
  - b. Vice President's Report – Wayne Wright
    - i. UConn baseball and softball games  
**BLL Day, players are anthem buddies and will go into the tunnel. Get to be on the field. Both baseball and softball**  
**Dennehy concession-get rid of grill so town can save time and money on inspections.**  
**Social services-opportunity for community service hours**  
**Volunteer coaches to offer additional assistance before/after practice–Google form to coaches once season starts**
  - c. Secretary's Report – Billy Nowitzke
  - d. Player Agent's Report – Kelly Steck  
**Talked with Dante about Spring uniforms. Majors-last name & number choice. "Something to look forward to/work for." All other levels-correctly sized shirts, not last name & number choice. Athletic wear vs traditional t-shirts.**  
**Softball-Shirts/socks. Propose to supply bows since they dont wear hats because of face guards. "Berlin" on shirts since the team plays other towns.**  
**Apparel-t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts. Baseball and softball options at fields. Will start small to begin the season and re-order when needed.**

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**Size option has been added to registration.**

- e. Safety Officer's Report – Brian Lopofksy
  - 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.  
**Looking into additional AED.**  
**Look at supplies and order whatever we need**
- f. Coaching Coordinator's Report – Brian Mayer
- g. Challenger League Coordinator's Report – Chris Pelosi  
**Lions club reached out. Lion's day-May 3rd. Would like to invite all Challenger teams (10-11 teams) to come down to play. Lions Club will fully staff. 7 am to around 1 pm.**  
**May have 2 full teams. Might need additional support during practices and games. Would prefer Major's players.**
- h. Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer
  - i. I got in touch with our main vendor HPC FoodService for the hot foods. If we place orders by Tuesday, delivery will be on a Wednesday, that is when they are in Berlin. We can set up key drop delivery so no one will have to be present to receive the order.
  - ii. Betty is happy to take the lead on opening day coordination and would appreciate some help organizing things.
- i. Equipment Manager's Report – Bill Steck
- j. Facilities Manager's Report – Tony Trigila
- k. League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley
  - i. [BLL 2025 Enrollment Summary 2-3-25.xlsx - Google Sheets.pdf](#)
- l. Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern-
  - i. Dick's Sporting Goods-20% coupon weekend of March 21st  
**Potential team sponsors-provide 6 business that can be added on shirts**
- m. Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas  
**5/16 or 6/6 for Parent's night out.**

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- n. Baseball / Softball League Reports
    - i. Major's - Brian Jehning
    - ii. Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Buccheri  
**Interleague Play Interest**  
**4 teams would allow for Playoff**
    - iii. Farm Coordinator – Danielle Angelillo  
**3/15-3/16 Majors/Minors Evals**  
**3/22 Farm Evals**  
**4/12 UConn**  
**4/27 Opening Day**
    - iv. T-Ball Coordinator – OPEN
    - v. Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault  
**3/22-Evals**  
**4/6-UConn**  
**4/27-Opening day**
      - 1. John Szymanski (Majors/Minors)
      - 2. George Primich (Softies/Instructional)
    - vi. Fall Ball Coordinator - Mario Masselli
  - o. Umpire Chief Reports
    - i. Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco
      - 1. Student Clinic Next Tuesday night - February 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 in the cage. Chuck and Brian will run this clinic. We will review rules of the game, different levels (minors vs majors), working games solo and with a partner, and encouraging more umpires to work behind the plate at the lower levels.  
**Will provide official BLL Umpire shirts**
8. Board member Comments (Open Floor)  
**Melissa Silvetro committed to being BLL photographer**
9. Regular Business Requiring Board Actions
10. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

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- a. 2025 Meeting dates are as follows:
    - i. Monday March 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
    - ii. Monday April 7, 2025 - 7:00 PM
    - iii. Monday May 5, 2025 - 7:00 PM
    - iv. Monday June 2, 2025 - 7:00 M
    - v. Sunday August 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
    - vi. Monday September 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM
    - vii. Monday October 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Annual Meeting electing new board members and presenting the 2026 BLL Year
    - viii. Monday November 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
11. Adjourn **8:51**

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