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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board

Monday February 5th, 2024

Petit Field Office Complex

7:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM – Brian Jehning, President
2. Notation of Executive Board Members and additional residents in attendance taken by secretary.
3. Approval of Jessica Garrity as the Challenger League Coordinator.
VOTE: We vote in Jessica Garrity as Challenger League Coordinator.
4. Approval of Minutes - Brian Jehning
 - a. **VOTE: We Vote to accept the meetings from January.**
5. Treasurer's Report – Brianne Cameron

Cash Balance at 01/04/24 32,098.11

Registration Revenue 35,517.37

Operating Expenses

Authnet Gateway Billing	(50.00)
Comcast	(171.21)
Bank	
Fees	(8.00)

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Eversource	(121.54)	
Frontier	(74.34)	
Amazon	<u>(659.57)</u>	
Subtotal - Operating Expenses	(1,084.66)	(1,084.66)

Team/Equipment Expenses

On Deck Sports	(1,839.92)	
Little League Baseball	<u>(2,750.81)</u>	
Subtotal - Cage Repair Expenses	(4,590.73)	<u>(4,590.73)</u>

Cash Balance at 01/03/24 61,940.09

- a. Over \$35,000 in from registration so far.
6. District 5 Updates - Brian Jehning
 - a. Starting with the 2025 season, children at the youngest levels of the Little League Baseball and Softball program (League Age 4-7) throughout the United States will have the ability to register and play for any local Little League program they choose, without respect to any geography- or school-related eligibility requirements. Those players who register under this option will also be fully eligible to participate in all aspects of league play, including International Tournament play, for the duration of their Little League careers provided they have continuous and unbroken participation from the time they are League Age seven within the specific league where initially registered and provided all other participation eligibility requirements have been met.

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- b. Required for 2024 is Abuse Awareness training for ALL volunteers, in addition to background checks. Other training programs are available for parents as well on USABaseball.com.
 - c. Diamond Leader Training is required for all Tournament managers and coaches, which is available on LittleLeague.com.
7. Discussion of Old Business
- a. Nothing to report.
8. Discussion of New Business
- a. Majors Managers Presentations and Voting.
 - i. Baseball Majors Managers Vote - **We VOTE the order of Majors Managers depending on number of teams is as follows in order: 1.) Rob Manzo, 2. Dante Vasi, 3.) Brian Mayer, 4.) Bryan Zup, 5.) Jason Cameron, 6.) George Satalino, 7.) John Casso.**
 - ii. Softball Majors Managers Vote - **We VOTE the order of Majors Managers depending on number of teams is as follows in order: 1.) Danielle Gorneault, 2.) Chris Eckert.**
 - b. First reading of Proposed By-Law Changes
 - i. Constitution and bylaw changes were sent in and discussed at length. Each proposed change was gone over and discussed. Brian Jehning will put together the proposed changes after the discussion and the board will vote on the changes at the next meeting. The proposed changes will be emailed out ahead of the meeting so all can review.
9. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports
- a. President's Report – Brian Jehning
 - i. Field Request form is due to the town by March 1st. I will work with coordinators over the next few weeks to submit proposals for field requests.
 - ii. Field Maintenance Requests - These requests have been made thus far; we are looking for any other requests as spring nears.

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1. Edge Petit (in the spring)
 2. Add stone dust to batting cage at Centurelli & Dennehy (Will be done 2/6/2024)
 3. Add stone dust around infield area Centurelli (in the spring)
 4. Service all remote equipment (Will be completed before March 1st)
 5. James Carlson - Adding a ball return to get the balls returned to the field of play sooner. Steve Wood can install these if we choose. Can we hang hooks when the plywood is hung.
 6. The pitching mound at Baretta field needs to be looked at.
 7. More fence coverings are needed at our fields (the yellow fence topper).
- iii. There is a new BLL Logo. A new, more inclusive approach to include both softball and baseball. Still Maintaining Baseball Specific and Softball Specific logos for gear orders. Thank you to Sarah Patel for your work on this!
- b. Vice President's Report – Bryan Zup – Nothing to report.
 - c. Secretary's Report – Brian Mayer - All Star manager nominations due to secretary by April 1st. coachbrianmayer@gmail.com
 - d. Player Agent's Report – Michelle Moskites – Nothing to report.
 - e. Safety Officer's Report – Shawn Solek - Please make sure people have their background checks in. Board members also need a background check.
 - f. Coaching Coordinator's Report – Rob Manzo - Winter clinics have been going well.
 - g. Challenger League Coordinator's Report – Jessica Garrity - There is a challenger coaches meeting next week. Challengers is planning on playing or practicing at Petiit on Mondays from 5-7 and Saturdays from 10-2. Jessica has someone interested in donating to Berlin Challengers.
 - h. Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer - Serv Safe is still an issue. We need to decide if we are going to grill this year. Betty is looking for volunteers to do the concession cleanouts around the majors tryouts.
 - i. Equipment Manager's Report – Dante Vasi - Dante is looking for new L screens for Petit cages. The current L screens would be passed down through the league. Dante will work on pricing. They can be found on the website

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Softball needs L screens as well. Thank you to Bill Steck and James Carlson for their contributions on the upstairs at petit and the cages.

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- j. Facilities Manager's Report – Tom Moskites - Wayne wright is working on the insulation and wood in the cages. The ventilation system for the cages has been ordered. Pulchini, Garrity, and Centrurelli bath rooms will be worked on soon.
 - k. League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley – Nothing to report.
 - l. Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern - We are still looking for sponsors. Must be in by the end of February.
 - m. Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas - People are engaging with our social media and it is showing some growth. We need to make sure that we are good on social media with releases from families to post pictures of players. What are everyone's thoughts on having a BLL gear store?
 - n. Baseball / Softball League Reports
 - i. Junior's – Angel Bonilla – Nothing to Report
 - ii. Major's – Nothing to Report
 - iii. Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Bucchari – Nothing to report.
 - iv. Farm Coordinator – Brian Lopofsky – Nothing to report.
 - v. T-Ball Coordinator – Wayne Wright - Can we look into relocation of TBall games to be played at a different site? Smith Field does not do well with rain and water. There is also no parking lot at the field and poses some issues with safety.
 - vi. Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault - Can we reach out to Rob Levesque to do a CPR/AED/First aid class for coaches this season? Shawn Solek will talk to him. Can we look into a donation to the Italian club?
 - vii. Fall Coordinator – Jason Cameron – Nothing to report.
 - o. Umpire Chief Reports
 - i. Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco – Nothing to report.
 - ii. Softball Umpire in Chief – Chris Eckert – Nothing to report.
10. Board member Comments (Open Floor)
- a. March 23rd there will be a district umpire clinic at petit Cages.
 - b. Cage temperature set to 60.
11. Regular Business Requiring Board Action
- a. Next meeting is March 4th, 2024.

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12. Adjourn 9:10PM

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