



Berlin Little League

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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board

March 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
 - **P** Treasurer Report - Mar 2025 Meeting.pptx
 - **Investment Committee-Goal is to have a running list of everything of \$3000 or more. Safety netting between Petit 1 & 2. Is this a must for the board? Replaced in the Fall? Make it a covered walkway?**
 - **New mound at Hubbard for Softball. 35/40/43-need plug-ins for 40 and 35. Brian to reach out to town tomorrow about these**
 - **Investment Planning**
4. District 5 Updates - Brian Jehning
 - D5 Umpire clinic to be held in our petit cages - Saturday March 15, 2025. 9 AM to 2 PM. All prospective umpires (both adults and students, experienced and new) should do their best to attend this amazing clinic, sponsored by LL International. **Had 2 BLL graduates attend our clinic to umpire interested in umpiring Spring 2025**
 - Significant rule changes for 2025 season -
[chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnbpcjpcglclefindmkaj/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)
 - Mandatory Managers day- June 14 in Farmington **All Star**
 - Affidavit Night - Monday June 16th in Berlin **All Star**
5. Discussion of Old Business
 - This is the last week of Winter Clinics. Thank you to all the coaches who have dedicated time on Wednesday and Sundays to make this happen for our athletes!

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6. Discussion of New Business, may require Board Action

- Pete Kern - New Sponsorship for Petit 1 Field and moving Petit Field Sign.

[Petit 1, Clubhouse](#)

Look into a new sign for Petit Field Complex and possible locations. **APPROVED** to pursue A1 being Petit 1 sponsor, so long as Bill Petit is ok with moving signs.

A. Relocate the Sign "Welcome to Petit Complex" from Scoreboard to another location in Park

- maybe on the main building above the window. Should jump out soon as pull in complex

B. New Sponsor is a start up of one of our other sponsors-A1 Roofing

C. Sponsor will pay for sign to be made from our sign vendor (350 to 500 costs) and league approves final sign

D. 5 year agreement at 1,200 per year

E. mutual Agreement to renew after 5

F. future Sponsor has another company - so if this doesn't work out could just roll to the new company so all 5 years are covered


League Sponsors are year to year-can we go with longer agreements? Yes.

- New Training Equipment for cage: [Training Tools for BLL](#) Motion to purchase: 1 MaxBP, 1 of each item for each level. \$2500 budget. **APPROVED**

MaxBP Pro Video 1: [BLL MaxBP Pro](#)

MaxBP Pro Video 2: [BLL MaxBP Pro 2](#)

- Ordering a new slushy machine for Dennehy Field. We propose the board supports a \$2,200 budget for a machine similar to Petit, and one for Centurelli. **APPROVED for Dennehy. Pass on Centurelli.**
- Enrollment Report - Ryan Haley

i.  [BLL 2025 Enrollment_Summary_3-3-25.xlsx - Enrollment_Summar...](#)

7. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports

- President's Report – Brian Jehning

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- Opening Day Discussion
Majors/Minors: Opening Day, April 27th.
Farm: April 26th.
Softball: May 17th (whole league)
- Vice President's Report – Wayne Wright-**BLL Movie Night. More info to come.**
- Secretary's Report – Billy Nowitzke
 - i. Field Days-coordinators
 - ii. All Star manager submissions due 4/1-**All Star and Seabreeze**
 - iii. Summer Baseball Inquiries
- Player Agent's Report – Kelly Steck
- 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.
- Coaching Coordinator's Report – Brian Mayer -**Will send out Tournament Rule Summary**
- Challenger League Coordinator's Report – Chris Pelosi **Meeting March 11th. 2 divisions Juniors and Seniors. K-5 Juniors, 6th through Adult**
- Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer-**Will reach out to coordinators about opening day and begin prepping for season in the coming weeks**
- Equipment Manager's Report – Bill Steck **Removing Demarini Fungos. Will look into hat sizes for Majors. Spring equipment being ordered tomorrow.**
 - i. [BLL Spring DSG Equipment List](#)
- Facilities Manager's Report – Tony Trigila
- League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley
 - i.  [BLL 2025 Enrollment_Summary_3-3-25.xlsx - Enrollment_Summar...](#)
- Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern
 - [Sponsor Gift](#)
 1. *20% off Dicks Sporting Goods-March 21-24th*

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2. Manafort will deliver a truck load of infield cinders for the league again (Donation of 1k to 2k in costs - Steve Wood from town is asking for it for Petit infields. Every other year and town covers the cinders and we cover delivery - ie Manafort donation)

3. Dicks - Gave us 5 signs to hang up and 1500 for year plus 450.00 to help costs of Fungos - this money was all given as credit for AD-star items

4. invoice out to Lions for Petit 2 Scoreboard ad - year 2 of 5

5. signs - renewals are out for outfield agreements - should have 41 signs all renewing - invoices all out and some have paid already

6. New signs - 6 sponsors for 16 signs paid in full, 3 sponsors for 9 signs invoiced and 8 to 12 still going back and forth - so 25 committed signs - should go over 30 new signs, maybe as high as 35

7. The Hits program (had 2 last year) aren't renewing - working on just getting payment for signs but not looking promising

8. League Sponsors / Opening day sponsors - work in progress - agreements to avoid year to year? - T-ball only official commitment

- Farm and T-ball given options with name on back or not and costs more for names

- Cohen for Majors/Minors and Softball said will get back to me this week

- Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas **Parents night out may be May 16th at Timberlin. Ryan is making use of website for gear for the spring season.**
- Baseball / Softball League Reports
 - i. Major's - Brian Jehning
 - ii. Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Buccheri
 - iii. Farm Coordinator – Danielle Angelillo
 - iv. T-Ball Coordinator – OPEN
 - v. Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault
 - 1. John Szymanski (Majors/Minors)
 - 2. George Primich (Softies/Instructional)
 - vi. Fall Ball Coordinator - Mario Masselli

Umpire Chief Reports

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vii. Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco

Board member Comments (Open Floor)

Regular Business Requiring Board Actions

Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

2025 Meeting dates are as follows:

- viii. Monday April 7, 2025 - 7:00 PM
- ix. Monday May 5, 2025 - 7:00 PM
- x. Monday June 2, 2025 - 7:00 M
- xi. Sunday August 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
- xii. Monday September 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM
- xiii. Monday October 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Annual Meeting electing new board members and presenting the 2026 BLL Year
- xiv. Monday November 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Adjourn **8:34**

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