



Berlin Little League

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Meeting of the Berlin Little League Executive Board

April 7, 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
 - [April 2025 Treasurer Report](#)
 - League-wide raffle updates
4. District 5 Updates - Brian Jehning
 - Last Meeting - Thursday March 20, 2025, Next meeting Thursday April 17, 2025.
 - \$11,000 fund for D5 for tournament teams that move past CT borders. The D5 board voted to make this a standard \$3000 to support any team that moves out of CT. The officials voted to charge \$1 per player in District 5 to support replenishing these funds. **Roughly \$300 from us this year**
 - \$7000 operating budget for D5. This covers all operating expenses of the district. Dues were increased from \$300 to \$310 per town. The softball coaches clinic was \$100 and baseball coaches clinic was \$212 cost to Berlin Little League. **Sharing cause we want to send more people to clinics.**
 - **Farmington has juniors level and can take on players if needed.**
 - Tournament Draws - June 5 - 6:00 softball, 7:00 Baseball
 - Mandatory Managers day- June 14 - 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, 32 New Britain Avenue in Unionville
 - Affidavit Night - Monday June 16th in Berlin - Portofino's Restaurant.
5. Discussion of Old Business
 - New Kitchen Equipment installed and ready to go at Petit. Thank you to Wayne and his team for getting the equipment installed.
 - Both slushy machines were damaged and have been returned. I am working to order new machines that should be here ready for the start of the season.

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6. Discussion of New Business, may require Board Action

- Current League enrollment - Ryan Haley
 - i.  [BLL 2025 Enrollment_Summary_4-7-25.pdf](#)
- All star Manager Nominations:
 - Softball Nominees:
 - 12U: Danielle Gorneault
 - 10U: John Szymanski
 - Baseball Nominees:
 - 12U: JP Demko
 - 11U: Todd Lowe
 - 10U: Brian Mayer, Chris Thomas
 - Minors Seabreeze: Billy Nowitzke, Justin Mirante, Chris Thomas
 - Coaches Interested in Assisting:
 - Gary Paul, Todd Lowe, Billy Nowitzke, Chris Thomas
- Opening Day Update - honoring Bill Petit **Spread the word to get as many former players and volunteers as possible**
- Sponsorship of Berlin High School Baseball Golf Tournament -
 -  [IMG_8867.jpeg](#) **Proposal: \$500 season sponsor: APPROVED**

7. League Officer and Board of Directors Reports

- President's Report – Brian Jehning
 - Field Duty Discussion - Two Saturday needed for Duty - 4/26 (Farm Opening Day) and 5/3 (Challenger Day)
 - BHS Scholarship Committee-**4 \$500 Scholarships for former players. Committee will read essays and vote.**
 - Opening Day Discussion - Farm - Saturday April 26 at Petit. **Possible round robin games.**
 - Opening Day Discussion - Majors/Minors - Sunday April 27 - We will be honoring Bill Petit during this year's opening day. Schedule proposal - 1 PM Minors games, field cleanup and prep until 3:30. Opening Day Ceremonies at 3:30 PM with a town proclamation for Bill. Majors games start at 5:30 PM. **Brian/Wayne will contact BPD for assistance with parking/traffic. Rain contingency likely the following week. \$500 for DJ. Idea floated, no official vote.**

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- Opening Day - Softball - Sunday May 4th at Centurelli.
- **\$2,000 opening day swag budget: Proposed. APPROVED**
- UConn Softball Game Recap, UConn Baseball game on 4/12
- Yardgoats game - Friday May 2 - only 30 tickets sold thus far, and we have a block of 100 tickets.
- BHS Scholarship Committee
- BLL Picture Day - Marissa Silvestro will be offering photo opportunities for all Softball and Baseball players- individual and team photos (\$35 plus tax) or a team photo (\$10 plus tax) will be available for purchase. League email will include a sign up link. Dates and times will be scheduled after, with photos taking place on Saturdays in May.
 - Proposal: Each team photo can be purchased by the league and posted at Petit **Approved.**
- Vice President's Report – Wayne Wright
 - **Berlin facilities: new stainless steel countertop for Centerelli. Donated.**
 - **Gerrity siding being redone.**
 - **Dennehy-new parking lot.**
 - **Field day: bring in vendors, card shops, former players. etc. Home Run Derby. Possibly putting something together for the kids.**
- Secretary's Report – Billy Nowitzke
 - Proposal to move May and June meetings to 7:30 start. **APPROVED.**
- Player Agent's Report – Kelly Steck
- **Uniforms-a shipment should be received soon. Umpire gear should be ready soon.**
- Safety Officer's Report – Brian Lopofksy
- Coaching Coordinator's Report – Brian Mayer
- Challenger League Coordinator's Report – Chris Pelosi **Will need 20-30 volunteers for 5/3. Will also need buddies so that they can have some practices. Monday 6-7pm, Saturday 10-12am.**
- Concessions Coordinator's Report – Betty Mayer **Menu being prepared for Square**
- Equipment Manager's Report – Bill Steck

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■ BLL Spring DSG Equipment List

- Facilities Manager's Report – Tony Trigila
- League Information Coordinator – Ryan Haley
- Sponsor and Fundraising Manager's Report – Peter Kern
- Sponsor Report
- Marketing / Public Relations Manager's Report – Chris Thomas
- Baseball / Softball League Reports
 - Major's - Brian Jehning
 - Minor's Coordinator – Rocco Buccheri
 - Minors teams are ready to go. Minors thanks the board for allowing our teams some cage time prior to opening outdoor practice season, feedback overall is positive on Minors Teams/Logos, creating some buzz around the minor leagues
 - Farm Coordinator – Danielle Angelillo
 - T-Ball Coordinator – OPEN
 - Softball Coordinator – Danielle Gorneault **Plainville softball wants to co-op for All Stars again, but 12U and 10U. One coach from Plainville will join the coaching staff. All Star evals will be 5/17**
 1. John Szymanski (Majors/Minors)
 2. George Primich (Softies/Instructional)
 - Fall Ball Coordinator - Mario Maselli

Umpire Chief Reports

- Baseball Umpire in Chief – Chuck Confrancesco-**4:30 Saturday 4/12 for Younger umpires.**

Board member Comments (Open Floor) **Motion to adjourn 8:27**

Regular Business Requiring Board Actions

Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

2025 Meeting dates are as follows:

- Monday May 5, 2025 - 7:30 PM
- Monday June 2, 2025 - 7:30 PM

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- Sunday August 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
- Monday September 1, 2025 - 7:00 PM
- Monday October 6, 2025 - 7:00 PM - Annual Meeting electing new board members and presenting the 2026 BLL Year
- Monday November 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Adjourn

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