

LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 16, 2025

ATTENDANCE		
Kevin Daily, President	James Peterson	Rishi Chandiramani
Rob Baker, Vice President	Fran Goldrick	Chris Kanach
Colin Rafter, Treasurer	Jim Richmond	Mike Glock
Dawn Clessuras, Secretary	Jacob Ulm	Nick Miele
Kevin Mooney	Will Condron	Dan Ledwith
Joe Hamill	Sara Ulm	Jason Melofchik
Jay Michaels		

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at Cornerstone by President Kevin Daily at 7:35pm

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Update:

- Colin Rafter presented the financial update. March we continue to receive rec dues, trickled into April. Includes most of the sponsorship funds. Some Travel players have not paid and invoices will go out next week.
- Expenses – Uniforms and USABL dues were paid. Higher background checks and training costs.
- April we will have \$6,000 for mound repairs and batting cages for RSP and Palmer 5, which will come out of capital improvement fund (fund will have \$19,000 left after this improvement payment).
- Kevin Daily gave an update on the scope of the program and size of the league.
 - Rec - 28 teams, 293 players, 128 games.
 - Travel – 7 teams, 63 games.

Rec Update:

- Kevin Daily and Jason Melofchik gave an Opening Day update. Opening day is April 19th.
 - Starting at 10:30, meet at old snack stand.
 - Uniform update was provided. It was discussed that the Jerseys were delayed by Destination Athlete. However, they are providing the league with shirts for every player by the Friday before opening day. Hats will also be provided then.
 - Tickets for Somerset Patriots high school game will be sold at the snack stand.
- Picture day will be moved to tentatively May 5th at LVMS.
- Jim Richmond/Kevin Daily gave an update on the equipment swap that will happen at Palmer during opening day.
 - Rec equipment was distributed. We will need to distribute additional balls to all teams.
- Junior Umpires.
 - Running 2 umpires per game for minors. Putting one behind the plate and one in the field. We are getting equipment for the behind the plate umpires. Will pay the home plate ump \$35 and \$20 for the in the field. Suggestion was made that only high schoolers be used for behind the plate and they be trained.
- Snack Stand Update. Sarah and Jacob Ulm provided an update.
 - Sign up genius was sent out for the stand coverage. Board members will need to sign up for manning the grill at least one Saturday during the season.
 - Approval for fire and health inspections was received.
 - Pricing was discussed. Currently, have a 67% profit margin on items. No increase in pricing this year.
 - We will be sponsoring 2 district tournaments this year which will increase sales.
- Rishi Chandiramani gave a sponsorship update.
 - Ending the spring season with \$9,700 in sponsors. 67% increase year over year. Net after banner cost we are up 36%.
 - Banners were all hung over the weekend.
 - Ethos Farm would like to host a long valley baseball farm night.
 - OMG will do a 2-week promo where 15% of the check will be returned to LVBC if you mention Long Valley Baseball.
 - Coldstone will attend opening day with a truck.
- Rescheduling the West Morris Central Practice for LVBC players (8u and up).

Travel Update:

- Opening Tournament Feedback.
 - Positive was that all games were at the same place. Hotel was received positively. Dinner is a good idea but food needs to be improved. Games that were played were well received.
 - 10U went to championship game. Other levels did have competitive games.
- Districts.
 - Long Valley will be hosting 8U and 10U Districts this year.

AOB:

- **Fundraising.**
 - 50/50 Season wide Fundraiser. Colin is working to get us approved by the state, then we go to gaming commission and then the town will issue the license. Timing is expected for 2-3 weeks before approval. Once approved could run additional 50/50's, so for example could run one for a day at Districts.
 - May 2nd. Cornhole event.
- FOS Baseball Academy flyers were handed out.
- **Insurance Claim.** For an injury that happened in the fall. If you're a coach and there is an incident, please notify the Executive Board with as much details as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55. Next board meeting scheduled for April 21st at 7:30 pm at Cornerstone Pizza.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Clessuras
Secretary
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