

LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2024

ATTENDANCE	
Nick Miele, President	Jim Richmond
Rob Baker, Vice President	Mike Glock
Colin Rafter, Treasurer	Kevin Mooney
Dawn Clessuras, Secretary	Chris Kanach
Steve Hagemann, Advisor	Kevin Daily
Jason Melofchik	Jacob Ulm

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at OMG by President Nick Miele at 6:36pm

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Update:

- November and December financial results were reviewed. Revenue is coming in mainly from travel dues. Ahead of where we normally are.
- \$9,000 for uniform deposit in December/ remainder was paid in January. Total was \$15,037.50.
- Ending the year netting \$3,026.65 which will go into capital improvement fund.
- Next fees out will USABL dues, rec uniforms and tournament fees.

Travel Update:

- Related to dues, we are in good shape and have collected a good amount from deposits. Full payment due on Monday 1/15/2024.
- Indoor sessions start Monday 1/15/2024 at In the Zone. Coaches had orientation session on Monday 1/8/2024.
- Hershey Tournament. Discussion on whether a dinner will be set up or a happy hour at the bar with the league covering costs. Possible event at Hershey World. Nicke Miele will evaluate and determine next steps.

Rec Update:

- **Equipment** needs were discussed. Need to load up on Tee's for all fields. Jim Richmond to provide an update by next meeting on what we have and what we need. Need catchers gear for 10 T-Ball, 8 Rookies, 4 minors, 2 majors, 1 Babe Ruth. Will also need baseballs.
- **Uniforms.** Will be using the same vendor as last year (All Sport). Costs were discussed. Increase of \$2.00 over last year to include the sorting of the uniforms by player. Will be ordered as soon as rec registration closes.
- **Registration.** Registration is currently open. Anticipate it ending February 24th. Late registration will be closed officially by March 2nd.
- **Draft.** Will be scheduled for March 10th at Noon at Cornerstone Pizza.

AOB:

- **Opening Day.** Proposed 4/20/2024. League was asked if softball can participate in the opening day ceremonies. Further discussion ensued.
 - Steve to follow up on the DJ.
 - Discussed getting the girl from the voice for the national anthem.
 - First pitch. Ideas were discussed.
- **Background checks.** Babe Ruth needs to be able to provide the background checks quickly. There needs to be a deadline given to the coaches to sign up in order to get timely. Assistant coaches do not need background checks.
- **Fundraising ideas:**
 - Large 50/50 rec wide.
 - Have to register with the state and the town. Need to come up with a date. Date considered would be Memorial Day Weekend. Tickets will be handed out with uniforms.
 - Proposed to have all rec players sell 5 tickets. \$20 per ticket or there will be a buy-out for \$100. Travel players can be added.
 - Prize of \$11,500 based on Rec only. Could do some additional place prizes, such as gift certificates or free rec registration. Would net approximately \$10,000 to the league and be used for field improvements.
 - If the travel program is included, question was asked if the money can go specifically to the travel program. Can it cover the cost of the Banquet for outgoing 14U team? Yes.

- Spring Cornhole Tournament. Steve Hagemann will work on this.
- Possible casino night.
 - Discussed combining forces with the Raiders Organization. Jason Melofchik will follow up.
- **USABL Tournament**
 - Kevin Daily/Jacob Ulm discussed doing a USABL tournament at Palmer. They have been communicating with USABL. 9U, 11U, 14U discussed. Memorial day is a possibility. USABL does their own shirts. **Board approved moving forward.**
- **Board Roles and Responsibilities.** Reviewed current roles. Discussed Jr umpire program. \$35 per game paid to Jr Umpires. Nick Miele will handle. Colin Rafter will maintain social media. Kevin Daily offered to take over if needed.
- **Merchandise.**
 - Jacob Ulm and Dawn Clessuras will discuss merchandise needs.
 - Team store will be opened in Late February/early March for delivery before opening day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 pm at Cornerstone Pizza.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Clessuras
Secretary
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