

LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE	
Nick Miele, President	James Jupin
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
Danni Peros	Laura Peros
Ryne Barry	Fran Goldrick
Chris Holzer	

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at Cornerstone by President Nick Miele at 6:38pm

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Update:

- January financial results were reviewed. Flush month. Net rec dues \$14k. 10-11 Opt out fees for concessions. \$260 in dine to donate.
- Expenses for the months were made up of Travel uniforms of \$6,237.50 and winter facility fees of \$,3975.
- Profit of \$14,648, in line with prior year.

- League fees (USABL) will be paid at the beginning of March.

Travel Update:

- Travel dues are behind. Colin will send out a list of travel players that have not paid yet.
- Feedback on the new winter facility was discussed. First teams in are getting shorted some time. Baseballs are in short supply. Two teams working together at the same time is a challenge. Discussed the possibility of having the option of using Allamuchy for lower levels next year. Explore if parents are willing to take an increase in dues to allow us to have one slot per team.
- Hershey Tournament. All brackets look good except for 11U. Team dinner was discussed. The dinner will be offered on Saturday night with additional options of pasta and salad. Will send a cheddar-up out for payment.

Rec Update:

- **Registration.** Registration is currently open. 189 registrations to date. Many requests from T-Ball age to do Rookies. Discussed format for Rookies.
- **Teams.** Minors has 3-4 teams but needs coaches. Babe Ruth only has 6 players to date. Majors has enough for about 2 teams.
- **Equipment** needs were discussed. Baseballs will be needed and neck guards for catchers.
- **Uniforms.** Discussed using new vendor for uniforms for \$50 per uniform. Uniforms will be sublimated Jerseys. Possibly order an extra Jersey for each sponsor. Discussed Sponsorships and the need to have these done by March 10th.
- **Draft.** Scheduled for March 10th at Noon at Cornerstone Pizza.
- **Opening Day.** Scheduled for 4/20/2024.
 - Steve to follow up on the DJ.
 - First pitch. Ideas were discussed. Possibly Coach Reindel.
 - Jacob Ulm will look into a balloon arch.
 - Discussed softball participating.
- **Background Checks.** Discussed that we will be getting background checks for new head coaches or ones that need to renew. Background checks last for the Town for 5-6 years, but Sports Engine/BabeRuth/Cal Ripken is 3 years. Kevin Daily will confirm with Colin who needs background checks.

AOB:

- **Players Clinic** hosted by Coach Reindel on 3/16/2024 and a Coaches clinic on 3/23/2024.
- **Merchandise.** New Team store opened that will be open 365.
- **Concessions.** Popcorn machine was donated by Mike Glock. Menu additions were discussed. Need to get inspections from the town (including Fire Safety). Only people exempt from concessions are head coaches.
- **Fundraising ideas:**
 - Jacob Ulm advised that he is exploring a grant option through T-Mobile.

- Advertising Friday Night games was discussed to make it more of a community event.
- Spring Cornhole Tournament. Scheduled for April 27th. Kevin Mooney will donate the \$500 cash prize.
- Discussed that we raised \$2,500 from the Super Bowl fundraiser.
- Large 50/50 rec wide.
 - Colin will work on the 50/50.
- Casino Night was discussed. It was discussed that we could do a combined town sports night or we could do on our own. Jason Melofchik will follow up.
- **USABL Tournament.** They could not guarantee a 9U tournament, so we are not hosting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm at Cornerstone Pizza.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Clessuras
Secretary
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