

LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 16, 2024

| ATTENDANCE | | |
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| Nick Miele, President | Steve Hagemann | Gary Ribe |
| Rob Baker, Vice President | Mike Glock | Jacob Ulm |
| Colin Rafter, Treasurer | Kevin Mooney | Jason Melofchik |
| Dawn Clessuras, Secretary | Greg Finer | Jim Richmond |
| Kevin Daily | | |

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at Cornerstone by President Nick Miele at 7:39pm

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Update:

- March financial results were reviewed. Spent \$20k more than brought in. Uniforms were approximately \$14k in March and additional charges in April. USABL fees came out along with tournaments, insurance and field usage fees. April will be a higher month as well. YTD versus last year we are about \$10k above where we were last year.
- Sponsorships netted \$1,500 more than last year.
- Equipment was paid in April (\$1,800).

Travel Update:

- Travel dues mainly paid, just a few stragglers.
- Hershey update. Competition was strong. Hotel was not the best. Issues with teams dropping out or not showing. Possibly consider Sports at the Beach Tournament next year or another option.

Rec Update:

- **Picture Day.** Being done Wednesday 4/17 at Middle School in south gym.
- **Uniforms.** All Rec Uniforms with exception of Babe Ruth have been distributed. Coaches hats are delayed. Babe Ruth uniforms will be in early next week.

- **Concession Stand.** Has been loaded up for Opening Day. Colin needs to supply cash for box. There will be breakfast sandwiches. Grill needs to be run by Board members (every Saturday) and Jacob will send out sign up genius.
- **Rules for Rookies.** Guidelines have been updated and will be distributed to all teams by Kevin Daily.
- **Opening Day.** Scheduled for 4/20/2024 from 10am – 12pm
 - 10:15-10:30 - Teams line up.
 - 10:45 - Start parade.
 - 11:45 - National Anthem and First Pitch thrown out.
 - DJ is lined up. Will bring mic. \$250 cost.

AOB:

- **14U Banquet.** Hold the banquet sometime in June. Dawn will work on the banquet and present final ideas.
- **Batting Cages.** Gary Ribe presented an idea to work with a local business to support a structure, like a carport, that would go over the batting cages. Purchase a pitching machine and portable mound. Need to work with the Town for approval and timing. Consider buying a Honda portable generator to run the pitching machine.
- **Fundraising ideas:**
 - **Cornhole Tournament.** May 4th. Need to distribute flyer to social media. Stony Brook – Meghan Mooney is sponsoring the tournament.
 - **Large 50/50 rec wide.**
 - Colin will continue to work on the 50/50.
- **Equipment.** Need to purchase bags for the new catchers equipment.
- **Eagle Scout Project.** Liam Rafter presented his project to the Board. He is currently fundraising for just over \$5k. He is asking permission to sell bracelets at opening day and to hold a silent auction for Sussex Miners tickets. The Board approved this request. The Board also approved a direct \$500 donation. The Board also approved to donate bases to the project. Suggested that Minors championship game be held at the field once complete.
- **LV Hopes.** Donate \$250 to Long Valley Hopes Community Day at Ort Farms. Approved by the Board.
- **LV Raiders Golf Outing.** Put together a basket for the outing including one free registration and a \$25 gift card to the team store. Dawn will put together.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Next meeting scheduled for May 21st at 7:30 pm at Cornerstone Pizza.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Clessuras
Secretary
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