

Bear River Little League Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024, 6:00pm, via Zoom

1. Call to order/roll call/thank you cards
 - 1.1 Call to order: 6:08pm.
 - 1.2 Roll call, present: Jenn Lukenbill, Eliza Schissel, Matt Zilch, Tara Zilch, Wendy Stclair, Holly Williams, Charlie Bowers, Chris Murtey, Rayna Hess, Tony Ciafardoni, Brittany Duckett, Lindsey Yurek, Gianna Cooley, Anthony Talbott, Tyler Smith, Bethany Heuseveldt, Zac Quentmeyer, Meg Swinney, Bob Sharpe, Rosa Corrales, Jim Hudson, Dave Beghetti, Nicole Jones, Scott Parsons.
 - 1.3 Thank you cards needed: none.
2. Review/vote in December 2023 minutes: Rayna motions, Tony C. seconds, minutes passed.
3. Treasurer Report (Rayna): Account balance is \$29,269.28. Going to do a report every month of recurring monthly expenses. \$3,300 pending from WePay. \$2,550 to deposit tomorrow from Brittany (sponsorships). We are fine paying our bills. Field lights cost \$13.60 per hour for PG&E energy usage. Tony is researching other portapotty companies for cost comparison. Our rate seems to be competitive. At managers and coaches meeting we will discuss being resourceful with lights (i.e. not turning them on at the beginning of practice, but waiting until they are needed.) Rayna is submitting for taxes.
4. Presidents Report (Jenn):
 - 4.1 By-Laws: Board members are not yet fully comfortable with policy determining selection of TOC teams. Would like additional time to debate. Bob motions to vote in parent conduct portion of by-laws and postpone vote (pending further discussion) of TOC portion. Tony T seconds, none opposed, motion passes.
 - 4.2 Facebook: We need someone to respond to comments on our Facebook page. Tara changed notifications so she will be notified when messages come in, and she is responding.
 - 4.3 Turf field issue: BRRPD is not going to honor our earlier agreement to reserve the turf field on the Sundays in January that we had scheduled for tryouts. (Our reservation was not communicated during their staff transition.) They double-booked and the field is now unavailable to us. Board discussed alternate options, including holding tryouts on the original Sunday dates at Condon turf field in Grass Valley, or holding tryouts at the BRRPD turf field on Saturdays. Concern that too many families would opt out of traveling to Grass Valley and we would have too many players at makeup tryouts. But Saturday conflicts with basketball games, and many of our baseball players also play basketball.

Board voted to hold tryouts on Saturdays on our turf rather than Sundays in GV. Tryouts will be held 1/20 (softball), 1/27 (baseball), and 1/30 (makeup for softball and baseball).

4.4 Document Collection: Next Saturday at Cottage Hill, 9am-3pm. Mandatory for all board members. Arrive at 7:30am. Jenn has ordered paperwork, has bins, printer, paper, everything ready to go. We will have spirit wear and used equipment and clothing to give away. On Tuesday, arrive at 5:30pm for makeup collection from 6-8pm.

4.5 Behavior signs at fields: Rayna is going to price out vinyl or metal signs.

4.6 Upcoming Calendar Items:

- Thurs., Jan. 11, 6:30pm, St. Joseph's: Presidents meeting, incl. UIC, Safety, PA's.
- Sat., Jan. 13, 9-3pm, Cottage Hill MPR: Document Collection.
- Tues., Jan. 16, 6-8pm, Cottage Hill MPR: Make-up Document Collection.
- Sun., Jan. 21, Turf Field: Softball Tryouts.
- Sun., Jan. 28, Turf Field: Baseball Tryouts.
- Tues., Jan 30, 6-8pm, Turf Field: Make-up Tryouts (softball and baseball).
- Sun., Feb. 4, 2pm, Auburn LL office: Softball Inter-League meeting.
- Sun., Feb. 4, 3pm, Auburn LL office: Baseball Inter-League meeting.
- Thurs., Feb. 15, 6:30pm, St. Joseph's: Presidents meeting, incl. UIC, Safety, PA's.
- Sun., Feb. 18, 4pm, Trailblazers Pizza: BRLL Board Meeting.
- Sun., Mar. 10, Trailblazers Pizza: BRLL Board Meeting.
- Thurs., Mar. 14, St. Joseph's: Presidents meets, incl. UIC, Safety, PA's.

5. Softball (Holly): 58 players are registered: three tee ball, eight farm, 25 minors, 13 majors, nine juniors. Dave: Auburn LL involves high school players for their tournament. Are we interested in doing that? Dave knows girls at lower freshman level and we could put together an exceptional juniors team. To be eligible, they would not need to be rostered on a regular season BRLL team. If they are, they would need to play in 60% of games they are eligible for. (Lindsey): got confirmation from high school that we have access to their field in evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday.

6. Fundraising (Brittany): Holding first fundraiser on 2/4. Please sign up to attend! Got venue (Moonraker) for free. Rivercats gave us potential dates. No other leagues from D11 have signed up or picked dates yet. Should we choose our own date or wait until they choose their dates? Jenn will ask at President's meeting on Thursday. If the other leagues aren't ready to decide, we will pick a date on our own. Sponsorships are rolling in. There are 70 spots for jersey sponsors. Board members should promote opportunity and encourage personal connections to sponsor. Last year we forgot to put up banner for sponsor Hand Plumbing. We will put up big sign for them this year without them paying again. Brittany also reached out to Lisa at Mountain Air Land Management, whose banner was also not posted last year.

7. Facilities Report

7.1 Work Day (Bob): We will need to schedule a field work day. Will inform Auburn Aces of date so they can assist. Grass is coming in really well.

7.2 Field Maintenance (Tyler): Hung mats at back of bullpens so fence won't get beat up. Ordered batting mat and throw-down bases (spike bases) for intermediate turf field. Still have to get disengaging bases. Will order grass seed. Hasn't ordered sprinkler timer yet. Devising how to control lights to make them easier to manage. Has app to do pitch counter and scorekeeper all in one. Bob asked if we should have dawn to dusk light on parking light side of snack shack. When lights go out after night games it would be nice to have lights in parking lot. Tyler would have to pull another circuit and put a photo cell starter on it. There is no way to light up parking lot until we wire more lights there.

7.3 New Fields: (Tony): Chris talked to Foster and Sons; they are going to haul in dirt. Going to have to dump it in parking lot of majors field. Hope no one steals it before we get it moved. Tried to work with school to dump somewhere else. Will schedule date to drop it and pick a day that isn't wet to get fields done.

7.4 Location of All Star sponsor banner: We can put All Star top level sponsorship banner on visitors' bullpen or on snack shack. Our website currently states that we hang All Star signs on batting cages, which is incorrect, so we will change our website.

8. Snack Shack: Ali McKibben has expressed interest in serving as concessions co-director. Rosa motions. Bob seconds, none opposed, motion passes to elect Ali as concessions co-coordinator. (Rosa): Going to start purchasing beverages beforehand to have a big stock, but would need a place to store it. Interested in our ideas for meals. Wants to do soups in cold weather. Needs to get high school baseball schedule and will plan to open snack shack during their games. Russell puts Jenn on spreadsheet so she is notified of rainouts and schedule changes.

9. Membership (Kathleen): We have 180 registered baseball players: 26 tee, 45 farm, 75 minors, 18 majors, 12 intermediate, four juniors. Jenn says it breaks down to 42 AA players and 19 AAA players. There are 11 kids who are league age 9 and new to league; not sure if they intend to play AA or AAA. Will probably need 5 AA managers. Majors will have two teams and intermediate will have one team. Juniors has only four kids. Jenn is going to send email to push for juniors players. Tee ball will need at least four managers and farm will need five. The youngest players tend to sign up late and we will need to continue to add teams and managers.

10. Player Agent (Charlie): Tryouts coming up. Itinerary and details included in email.

11. Coaching (Tara): We currently have two interested managers for tee ball, three for farm, five for minors, two for majors, and one for intermediate. We need a manager for the juniors

team. Some notable names are missing (Tony C. looking at you) so if you plan to manage, please register online.

12. Volunteer (Megan): Volunteer roles for tryouts are posted.
13. UIC (Scott): Trying to coordinate trainings with D11. Want to send our softball umpires to Auburn clinic on February 24th. Considering March 4th and 5th to hold our baseball umpire clinic. Scott will be at umpire school February 4th for weeklong clinic in San Bernardino.
14. Safety (Jim): Nothing to report.
15. Equipment (Matt): Dick's is giving us \$500. We are having only one weekend this year (not two as in years past) for discount days. It will be a Friday through Sunday, either February 9th or 16th. Tara got Spiritwear info on website.
16. Open Issues:
 - 16.1 Picture Day (Holly): Exploring photographer options. Aimee sent over her sports website. She can do buttons, memory mates, trading cards. etc. She does sell digital prints. She will likely be more pricey. Some board members would want to be able to continue to offer inexpensive \$10 option as in previous years.
17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.