

Bear River Little League Board Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2023, 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, Eliza, Holly, Rayna, Charlie, Wendy, Kelly, Scott, Tyler, Matt, Andrea, Tara, Rosa, Chris, Tony T., and Zac.
 - 1.3 Thank you cards needed: To Flyers for donating \$5,000 toward a new softball field, SPD for donating ice for closing ceremony, and company that sold us the Lily Pad at a discount for raffle prize.

2. Review/vote in May minutes: Wendy motioned, Tara seconded, none opposed. May minutes passed.

3. Treasurer Report (Rayna): Volunteer checks for deposit: Rayna has received parent volunteer checks; needs to work with Megan to determine which checks to deposit, and when. She will immediately deposit checks from parents that opted out of volunteerism. (The opt-out form that parents signed indicated their checks would be deposited week of February 20th, but Rayna only recently received the checks. Next year we will cash those immediately.) Meg has sent emails to all parents indicating that if they have not done their volunteerism, their checks will be deposited. We expect \$31,250 in cashed volunteer checks, which includes eight players who opted out (\$2,000 in \$250 checks), ten families with two players each (\$5,000 in \$500 checks), and 105 families with a single player (\$26,250 in \$250 checks). The deadline to complete hours or have checks deposited was communicated on signed paperwork to be June 3rd, at conclusion of regular season. If someone emails one-off request to volunteer at All Stars or TOC's, we'll make an exception for a later deadline. Meg will send out one more email to offer that they can sign up by Wednesday, or else their check will get cash. Last year we issued refunds when we unknowingly cashed checks of parents who had volunteered, because the parents and children had different last names, and we didn't know to associate those parents with their players. This year we remedied this with a form to accompany the checks.

4. Presidents Report (Jenn):
 - 4.1 Closing ceremonies debrief: Went great. Thank you Andrea for running snack shack and Tara for running raffle.
 - 4.2 Tournament trainings (Dimond Leader/Rules Clinic/Live scan): Dave, Tony, and Jenn spent four glorious hours listening to rules being read to them. Dimond Leader Training just for All Stars managers, Jenn and Frank.
 - 4.3 Election debrief: Tara has board election ballots and results. With our new implementation of Little League International's election process, every candidate needed just one vote to be elected to the board. Every candidate on ballot was elected. The only write-in candidates were minors, who are not eligible, and thus not elected. Board will nominate and elect members to positions at upcoming meeting.

4.4 Survey to all player parents will go out this week for them to give feedback and ideas for our league.

4.5 Tournament director meeting: Bethany will be tournament director initially and Tara will take over beginning Saturday in Bethany's planned absence. The binders and line-up cards weren't given out. Tara is going to Newcastle tomorrow to pick up All Star signs. She will call Jerry to get additional baseballs (we have nine dozen already but that will not be enough.) Thank you to Chris and Tony for handling situation with selecting TOC teams in Majors.

4.6 Things to Vote on: None

4.7 Upcoming Calendar Items:

- Tournament dates: See attached sheet.
- June 15-23: TOC Majors baseball tournament. Tony and Jenn's majors teams, and Cooper's minors team, will represent BRLL in TOCs.
- July meeting: Will be held July 16th because there is a softball tournament on July 9th. We will vote on whether to cancel Fall Ball in order to install grass infield on Majors field, which district wants us to do. We can also elect to go forward with Fall Ball, despite closure of Majors field, by scheduling practices and games on Minors field. If board members attend nine meetings they can get a discount on fees by getting a refund check or credit for upcoming enrollment. Email Rayna your preference.

5. Softball (Holly): Minors team brought home TOC banner yesterday. Two BRLL majors teams are competing against each other right now (during meeting) for TOC title, so certainly a BRLL team will win. Juniors TOC starts Wednesday. Hosting 10U All Star tournament June 24th-26th. Megan is going to post volunteer opportunities. Holly and Andrea will work on food logistics (table, ice chest, candy). Won't be able to grill because softball field is not near our snack shack. Hosting Majors sections All Star tournament at HS varsity field, July 5th-12th. (Previously scheduled to host 10U All Stars but that was changed.) President of boosters is working on getting boosters snack shack open for us. Reserving bathrooms. Jason has not finalized bracket yet. Jenn used to work at Flyers with other BRHS alums (Chris, Jenn, Jim). Flyers gave BRLL \$5k donation to help build new softball field. Breaking news: Aftershock beat Rattlers just now in softball TOC to take home banner.

6. Fundraising (Tara): Did the raffle differently this year and it was successful. Sold sheets of 25 tickets for \$25, which included a ticket for the door prize. Fun to sell tickets. Parents got to choose which prizes they could win. Most of the winners were present since they bought tickets day-of, so they could take home their prizes and Tara did not have to contact them afterwards, easing logistics. Sold \$550 in spirit wear. Earned \$1,600 in raffle tickets (profit, after purchasing items). Parents were happy not to be required to buy raffle tickets.

7. Facilities:

7.1 Cameras at the field (Jenn): Tyler rocks!

7.2 Facilities update (Bob): For tournaments, we are set for garbage, portapotty, handwashing station, and waste water pumping. On Friday they took recycling but not garbage. We will have garbage picked up twice this coming week. Rosa is overseeing while Bob is away. Rosa: Please tell Rosa if you encounter an unlocked door and then lock it. It needs to be kept unlocked for

servicing, and it will save her the trip after servicing to lock doors if she knows they are already locked.

7.3 New fields and bathroom update (Tony): Tony is not present, no update.

8. Snack Shack (Andrea): Snack shack was closed during some make-up games because there were no volunteers signed up. Andrea is tracking money on SquareApp each day to see what we bring in. Andrea is worried about tournament because she has a detailed menu planned, and while she will do back-end work (such as baking 150 potatoes) she will need volunteers at snack shack during games. Rosa is going to take over on Tuesday because Andrea is leaving on vacation. Jenn sent email to baseball families and asked Holly to send email to softball families to recruit volunteers.
9. Membership (Kathleen): Kathleen is not present, no update.
10. Player Agent (Charlie): Has to collect documents (birth certificates) for new All Star players. Frank emailed his team that they need to bring in certificates on Wednesday at practice. Jenn will collect from her player parents.
11. Coaching (Kelly): No update.
12. Volunteer (Megan): Needs volunteer umpire names and hours (for those getting credit for hours) from UIC. Also needs field cleanup volunteer names and hours from Tyler. Megan plans to cash volunteer checks by June 14th.
13. UIC (Scott): We had a lack of junior umpires and a lack of AAA and softball coverage throughout the season which Scott was not accustomed to. Wants to promote opportunity to high school players in January or February, for pay or to fulfill volunteer hours required by school. We picked up three additional adult volunteers this season. Hoping to pick up a few more next year. Fewest complaints about umpires ever. More complaints about coaches not knowing the rules or bending the rules than about our officiating. Scott can not track volunteer hours on Arbiter because he does not have access. Junior umpire Andrew Marks received high praise. Eliza expressed concern about a conflict of interest with a AAA team seemingly bringing their own umpire to consequential games. (The umpire was the son of the assistant coach and the big brother of the starting pitcher. His father, the assistant coach, occasionally told him what calls to make.) It was explained that that umpire was officiating those games because there were no other umpires scheduled, and that Scott, recognizing the conflict of interest, tries to avoid having family members of coaches or players officiate their games.
14. Safety (Jim): Not present, no update.
15. Equipment (Matt): Matt getting chalk for tournaments tomorrow morning. Please be at the field at 8:30am tomorrow to help unload. Jenn will help.
16. Open Issues:

- 16.1 Next year's board: Elections completed using Little League International's mandated method. New for us. Parents elected the members during closing ceremonies, and Board will vote in positions during September meeting.
- 16.2 Bi-Laws updated: Jenn updates them every year and sends them to board to look over and recommend changes. We learned this year that bi-Laws need to include more clarification on how to select TOC teams due to ambiguous situation this year. Please read through with eye for necessary changes to be made.
- 16.3 Tournaments "to do" list: Baseball tournament starts Thursday. Schumakers dropping off RV for umpires to use tomorrow. Board members to meet on fields on Tuesday at 5pm to decorate. Bring staple guns.

17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.