

Bear River Little League Board Meeting Minutes

July 23rd, 2023, 4:00pm, via Zoom

1. Call to order/roll call/thank you cards
 - 1.1 Call to order: 4:06pm
 - 1.2 Thank you cards needed: Thank you cards for tournament contributions to SPD for ice and Roto-Rooter (Chris) for fieldwork.

2. Review/vote in May minutes: Meg motioned, Bob seconded, all in favor, none opposed. June minutes passed.

3. Treasurer Report (Rayna): Account holds \$6,695.39 from report on Thursday, now stands at \$14,432.14. There is \$2,000 in cash from 50-50 raffle and snack shack that still needs to be deposited. Rayna will do a second report since so much changed over past week. Snack Shack revenue will increase because money pulled from cash box to pay some tournament expenses will need to be allocated back to snack shack income. Tyler filed a police report after the significant theft of water from our fields. Police have a lead on the suspect. After the water theft, Tyler asked Rayna to find out if we pay water bills. She could not find any history of BRLI being invoiced for (or paying) water bills. Kelly said that PRSD pays water bill, they have been investigating who stole it, and they will file an insurance claim. Not yet known if PRSD will bill us. There were five people that did chargebacks on their checks for volunteer hours. Rayna cashed volunteer checks before softball tournament ended, which was too soon. We get fees for doing that from the bank, so it is better to prevent those occurrences. A couple volunteer checks from All Star families still need to be cashed. Rayna has had to refund a lot of checks from parents who volunteered without us knowing, because not all managers told us who their team volunteers were. Board members proposed that, next year, Team Moms should verify who the team volunteers are at end of season, in case there were changes in who held the positions throughout the season. Holly is going to put info in managers binders about how to give volunteer info to league. Junior Bruins requires volunteer checks to be undated so they can be deposited late in the season.

4. Presidents Report (Jenn):
 - 4.1 Tournament Recap: Thank you board for your help. We had many tournaments to host. Thank you to Andrea and Rosa for doing snack shack; Bethany, Tara, Holly, and Lindsey for being tournament directors; everybody else for field prep and facilities, especially Zac. Most board members contributed. Had really good feedback from attendees and D11 people.
 - 4.2 End-of-Season Survey: Can someone do it? Can send it through Team Sidelines and/or post survey to our website. Let Jenn know if you would like to do it.
 - 4.3 Fall Ball: Eliza is Director. Registration is open for all divisions in both baseball and softball. Actively recruiting managers. Will let Scott know scheduling (for umpire coordination) once interleague games are scheduled.
 - 4.4 Which board members have reached their nine meetings? Rayna is tracking and issuing credits or refunds.

- 4.5 New board term begins on October 1st, and we vote in positions at that meeting. Voting is different this year as we get in alignment with LL rules. Board members have been voted in for next year but without position assignments. General membership chose us to represent BRLL, but board votes in who we want in each position. You do not need to return to same position. Be thinking about which position you would like to hold.
- 4.6 Jenn is going to fields tomorrow morning to clean up score shed and to put away tournament supplies. Please meet her to help if interested.
- 4.7 Things to vote on: none.
- 4.8 Upcoming Calendar Items:
- Next Meeting: August 27th, 4pm
 - September 14th: President's Meeting (Jenn will attend)
 - September: Potluck at LOP park 4 if someone would like to organize it. If no one wants to organize it, we will potentially skip September meeting. Last few years, September meeting was cancelled due to smoky air quality.
 - October 1st, 3pm: First meeting of new board term. Will begin at earlier time to allow for a long meeting. (Must schedule for October 1st despite some board member conflicts. Would conflict with Junior Bruins game if held on October 8th and fall break if held on the 15th or 22nd.)
5. Softball (Holly): Tournaments went well. 10U and 12U All Stars played hard and did well. Going to have to replace breakaway bases with new quick-release bases (full sets for both varsity and JV fields). Will need to purchase before Fall Ball begins. Discussion about clarifying responsibilities between softball directors and various board members, i.e. should board members perform their baseball responsibilities for softball program as well. Holly indicated that she and Lindsey are happy to manage softball communications and division director responsibilities, but request assistance from the coaching coordinator, volunteer coordinator, equipment manager, and player agent. Jenn asked Holly and Lindsey to prepare additional clarification at October meeting in preparation for spring season.
6. Fundraising (Tara): No updates. Tara would be fine if someone wants to take over fundraising position in new board term. She is willing to continue as fundraising director but would be happy to hand it over in October. The newly-elected board member will assist with fundraising but will not be the director.
7. Facilities:
- 7.1 Fields update (Tyler): We have materials for home side of majors field except for concrete. Would like to lock up drag tractor. Got repairs from Roto-Rooter on water pipe. One of the sprinklers was busted. Added two more cameras online. If we want to go back to grass in Majors infield (D11 wants us to), we would have to install new sprinkler system because we wouldn't be able to find previously-installed underground sprinklers without digging up the whole field. Tony is working with Hansen Brothers to get new fields cut. We will have to bring in infield mix, base plugs, bases, mound, dugout, fencing, and gates, and move backstops.
- 7.2 New fields (Tyler): New field will be cut next weekend by Hansen Brothers. Tony is in contact with Rusty. PRSD is really happy that we are doing this. Tony will be moving sprinklers (has to be

done before fields are cut). Contract we signed to have grass removed is for \$6,736. We had put aside \$5,000 from anonymous donor to have softball field built. There is someone who plans to write a blank check to have another field built. Lindsey is talking to that person and needs a cost breakdown for softball field at Magnolia. Tyler says we are turning tee ball field into a 60-foot base path field, then we will put another 60-foot base path field opposite of farm field. Recommends another corner next to roundabout to make tee ball field in grass. Interested in using Arete field to provide additional practice fields (not necessarily for games). Jenn says we will talk to Rusty about roundabout field. Tyler said there are a lot of fencing needs, benches, \$3k infield mix, \$5k fencing, no labor included in budget except for Hanson Brothers removing grass. Volunteers will need to install base plugs and fencing and roll out grass. Tony's update: Tyler Hand of Hand Plumbing is donating plumbing to make bathrooms (he has kids in BRLL and Junior Bruins). He will come out next Sunday with machine to find existing sewer lines. The building we were purchasing from Home Depot wasn't permitted so now they are doing two buildings and Tony has a way to connect them.

- 7.3 Bathroom update (Bob): What a great job everyone did prepping fields for tournament games. There are dry spots in outfield that aren't getting watered so we need to do some sprinkler adjustments. We are set for Fall Ball with port-potties. Need to coordinate with Fall Ball to work on field. Bear River Junior Bruins needed us to add another bathroom and wash station for their cheerleaders. They will pay 100% of the costs. When football season is over we will send them a bill for what we were invoiced from the company. Cheer program would like more sanitary conditions and requested us to put in place another toilet and a hand washing station. Rosa in on the BRJB board and will be responsible for unlocking gates to give cleaning company access to the bathrooms. We moved a portapotty up by turf field.
8. Snack Shack (Andrea): We began to make a profit by day four of the tournament. Pleasantly surprised that we made good profits. Appreciates all the help she got during tournaments. Rosa appreciated all the youth volunteers who helped clean, serve, cook. Plans to reach out to high school to recruit students who need service hours next year.
9. Membership (Kathleen): If Eliza needs help with Fall Ball registration she is happy to help. But there are no birth certificates or paperwork for Fall Ball.
10. Player Agent (Charlie): No updates.
11. Coaching (Kelly): No updates. Will email Eliza to offer Fall Ball support.
12. Volunteer (Megan): Meg will do an inventory of last year's Fall Ball uniforms (we had a lot left over) before purchasing new uniforms.
13. UIC (Scott): Asked if we will need umpires for Fall Ball. We will need umpires for AAA Minors, Majors, and Juniors. We primarily use junior umpires in Fall Ball. Once Josh (board resident at NCLL) makes game schedule, we will give it to Scott. Games will be only on Sundays.

14. Safety (Jim): We had few injuries this year, and only one significant injury (a player who sustained a broken arm).

15. Equipment (Matt): No updates.

16. Open Issues:

16.1 We have an opportunity to update By-Laws annually. Wording is important. The criteria by which we determine which teams qualify for TOCs was ambiguously worded in our by-laws and led to issues in the majors division. We are asked to review by-laws carefully and come to November meeting with recommended changes. Our updated by-laws will have to be voted on and approved by district and western region.

16.2 Grass or dirt infield: District has asked us to put grass infield at majors field. Should we do it this year, or leave it as dirt this year and install grass next year? Installing grass would require us to shut down majors field during fall ball. Board decided we are too busy with new fields and new buildings to take on another project. We have committed our time and funds to other projects, and we need to see budget impacts of those projects before committing funds to grass infield. Bob added that something is wrong with drainage and we have water running from left field through infield. If we will keep dirt infield, we should bring in more infield material to improve that surface and resolve draining issues. Board agreed that we have more important projects to complete than the grass infield installation, such as getting the new fields built and Jenn not having to pee in a portapotty.

17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.