

LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 4, 2025

ATTENDANCE		
Kevin Daily, President	Nick Miele	Rishi Chandiramani
Colin Rafter, Treasurer	Jim Richmond	Mike Glock
Dawn Clessuras, Secretary	Jay Michaels	James Peterson
Jason Kostenblatt	Drew Wasserbach	Dan Ledwith
Chris Kanach	Rob Melchionne	Jacob Ulm
Will Condron	Brian McKenna	Jay Michaels
Fran Goldrick	Eric Sword	Kevin Mooney
Ryan Weaver		

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at Cornerstone by President Kevin Daily at 7:36pm.

Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed. **Motion to approve minutes by Nick Miele, Seconded by Dawn Clessuras. Unanimously approved.**

Financial Update:

- Colin Rafter presented the financial update. He noted that over the summer money coming in was revenue from District Tournament. Revenue from Fall Rec and Travel dues and summer tournaments. T-Shirt sales netted ~\$3,000 for Districts. Concessions made an extra \$500 during districts. Districts netted the league approx. \$4,500 in net profit.
- Expenses – Umpire costs were significant for Districts, as we had 64 games being played.
- Anticipate higher expenses in fall for utilities.
- Question was asked about field usage fees. It was discussed that we have to pay \$10 per kid to the town for each season.

Rec Update:

- Spring rec season went very well. 350 kids played.
 - Discussion on rec practice time occurred and field availability with the Town was discussed. DPW makes the decision on field playability during the week. League President makes decision on weekends.
- Fall Rec has 100 kids playing. We play Roxbury and Mount Olive in the fall.
 - One Babe Ruth, 2 Majors, 2 Minors, 4 Rookies and 4 T-Ball teams.
 - Using Mark Warfield for fall umpiring.

Travel Update:

- Spring Travel. 7U won their season. 8U, 10U made the championships.
- Fall Travel. We have teams at the 8U, 9U, 10U and 12U levels.
- Travel tryouts.
 - It was asked as to why they were held in October. It was discussed that this is standard in the industry, similar to club teams, and based on the fact that travel practice starts in January and fields close in November.
 - Question was raised about how the players were selected. It was discussed that top 5 scorers make the team automatically. The remainder are reviewed and discussed with Head Coaches.
 - Travel is based on grade not age. Exceptions can be made as needed.
 - **Current date for Tryouts is October 19th.**
 - Send out notification through other sports about Tryouts.
- Travel Head Coach application process was discussed. New process. Head Coach applications will be reviewed and selected by the Executive Board (Travel Advisory Board).
- Discussion was held related to travel numbers and whether or not we can have kids, who don't make the top 11 or 12, possibly have a practice squad or alternate players. Further discussion ensued.

AOB:

- **Fundraising.**
 - 50/50 Season wide Fundraiser. Next year this will be considered.
 - Rishi suggested having a fundraiser game against the Local Police Department.
 - Homerun Derby was suggested for fundraising.
 - All Star Game was suggested for Spring.
- **Equipment.**
 - Equipment is available for fall teams. See Kevin and Jim.
- **Sponsorships.**
 - We have 4 paid sponsors for fall baseball.
- **New Board Members.**
 - Jay Michaels was voted in as a new Board Member. **Motion to approve Jay Michaels as new Board Member by Nick Miele, Seconded by Colin Rafter. Unanimously approved.**

- **Travel Advisory Board.** This will be made up of the executive Board and a Travel Coordinator.
 - **Need to select a Travel Coordinator.**
 - Jacob Ulm was nominated for this position. This will be voted on at the next Board meeting.
- **Dugout Covers**
 - Current price is approximately \$12k. Looking for local companies to bid on this job to lower the cost.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03. Next board meeting scheduled for October 15th at 7:30 pm at Cornerstone Pizza.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Clessuras
Secretary
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