



## **BETHEL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

### **Media Release and Spokesman Statement Bethel Baseball Association**

**Bethel, CT:** The Bethel Baseball Association (BBA) has been made aware of the arrest and charges brought against former President and Treasurer, Kurt Dyer and his wife Jennifer Dyer, regarding the alleged mishandling or misuse of funds.

Following the election of a new governing board in late 2018, the organization began an initial audit of the finances which uncovered multiple unexplainable variances. Outside independent financial consultants were hired to conduct a more granular review of these discrepancies which resulted in an opinion that these discrepancies may not be of a legitimate nature.

The BBA immediately engaged the Bethel Police Department for consultation and further investigation based on the results of the outside independent consultants' findings. We will continue to partner fully with the ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the Bethel Police Department.

Following these findings, in addition to engaging the Bethel Police Department, the association has also instituted new financial accounting policies and procedures to ensure this type of incident does not occur in the future. This top-to-bottom assessment of our financial policies and procedures has resulted in more stringent financial oversight of spending.

The mission of the BBA is to provide a fun, safe and educational environment for the youth of our town that extends beyond the athletic field. The alleged actions of Kurt and Jennifer Dyer were in direct conflict with this mission as they demonstrated an abuse of power as well as set a poor example of leadership and ethical behavior to the children in the organization.

The BBA has been a part of the Bethel community for over 65 years, where we have built one of the premier leagues in the area and support multiple local charities including The Scotty Fund, The Jimmy Fund, as well as other not-for-profit organizations. The BBA will continue to work to rebuild the reputation and trust of our league with our members, sponsors and the community at large.

#### **Contact Info:**

As this is an ongoing investigation, the BBA asks all queries on this matter be directed to the Bethel Police Department