

# LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** November 7, 2023

ATTENDANCE	
Nick Miele, President	Jason Melofchik
Rob Baker, Vice President	Kevin Mooney
Colin Rafter, Treasurer	Mike Glock
Dawn Clessuras	Kevin Daily
Ryne Barry	Jacob Ulm

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at Cornerstone pizza by President Nick Miele at 7:35pm

### **Financial Update:**

- October was a light month. We made \$1,000 from cornhole fundraiser, split between sunshine fund and field maintenance.
- Fees out – \$2,400 in Umpire fees/\$3,975- 50% deposit for ITZ facility for travel, uniforms come out in December, deposits should start coming in in December/January.
- Coaches will be advised by Colin via a report in December/January on who hasn't paid travel dues.

### **Travel Update:**

- Tournament will be in Hershey April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.
- Rosters need to be firmed up for all teams.
- Team store is closed. Total of 41 orders and close to \$6,000 in sales.
- Costs for Travel have been developed and sent out to coaches for distribution.

- Suggestion was made to put out tournament schedules in team snap as soon as possible to ensure enough players.

### **Board Updates:**

The board was asked if there were any questions on proposed by-laws, to which none was noted.

**Motion to accept proposed by-laws presented by Nick Meile, seconded by Rob Baker. Motion passes unanimously.**

### **Elections:**

- Secretary: Dawn Clessuras **voted unanimously for a 2-year term**
- Vice President: Rob Baker **voted unanimously for a 2-year term**

### **Minors Rules Change Proposal:**

- Discussion related to loss of competitiveness at the minors level. Specifically due to lack of pitching.
- Options presented were:
  - After walk (4 balls) bring out tee
  - After walk (4 balls) have coach pitch
- Kevin Mooney suggested to do an option with the tee for first 3 innings and remove for last three innings. Playoffs would not use a tee.
- Jacob Ulm suggested to also adjust rookies to be switch back and forth from kid pitch/coach pitch, which will help prepare them for minors.

### **Board Updates:**

- **Three new members voted in unanimously:**
  - Mike Glock
  - Jason Melochik
  - Kevin Mooney
- **Roles were assigned:**
  - Mike Glock – Coach Coordinator
  - Jason Melochik – Opening Day Coordinator
  - Kevin Mooney – League Coordinator/Field Scheduler, Umpire Coordinator

### **AOB:**

- Proposed for Minors home games, use Junior Umpires only (exception of playoffs)
- Dine to donate – we made close to \$300. Consider doing several more in winter/spring.
- Cornhole Tournament. We made \$1,000. Make this an annual event.
- Fundraising ideas:
  - Possible casino night. Ryne Barry will work on this.
  - Large 50/50 rec wide. Colin Rafter will work on this.

- Mandatory to sell approximately 10 tickets
  - Needs to be able to go towards something, such as hard covers for dugouts.
- Bat holders. Total cost for all fields \$120 for 12. **Approved unanimously.**
- Dugout Covers. Can we get a prices for hard coverings. Rob Baker to get cost estimates.
- Feedback from Fall Baseball:
  - For Rookies – feedback was that coaches from Mount Olive wanted to do 3 strikes and out.
  - Ryne Barry brought up that Umpires complained about spectators being behind the plate. Need to empower coaches to ensure this doesn't happen.
- Bond checks for concession was discussed. It was decided that we would do an opt out for \$150 to not do concession, but no bond checks.
- ITZ Facility. Will have a coaches session prior to start for training. All Mondays from 6-9pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Cornerstone Pizza.**