

Luverne Baseball Association

February 15, 2025

President: Barry Shelton X

Vice President: Mike Maurer X

Treasurer: Chris DenHoed X

Secretary: Carrie Overgaard X

Director: Jesse LaFrenz X

Director: Tony Sandbulte X

Director: Brian Weber X

Redbird Director: Cade Wenninger X

High School Baseball Director: Skyler Wenninger X

OTHERS: Cade Wenninger, Amy Cook, Darin DeBoer, Derek Elbers, Jon Schomacker

1. Called to Order-Barry 6:03PM
2. 1-22-25 minutes-Carrie
 - a. Motion to approve-Chris, second Skyler; approved unanimously
3. 1-22-25 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve-Mike, second Chris; approved unanimously
4. Finance Treasurers Report-Chris
 - a. \$21,178 in acct
 - b. Money will be coming in for tournament registrations approx. \$4200
 - c. Online registration has been set up so team registering will absorb the credit card fees.
 - d. Motion to approve Finance report by Tony, second by Jesse; approved unanimously
5. Jr Redbird-Tony
 - a. \$3000 in new equipment ordered based on inventory from end of last summer
6. Sign-up Night-Tony/Barry
 - a. Sign up will be Monday, February 24 from 5-7pm at The Bullpen
 - b. Sport Engine is all set up and will be used for sign up. Also have QR code ready.
 - c. Get uniforms sizes and get to Print Express-Carrie will take care of uniform table
 - d. Don't have a 12U coach, Mike will fill in at the sign up table.
 - e. Update Waivers and have at Sign up
 - f. Concession sign up will be explained for parents as sign up
 - g. Coaches meet after sign-up
 - h. If not enough to fill a team, discussion on moving players up to the next age bracket
7. Buffalo Days Tournament-Barry
 - a. June 6-8
 - b. 9u-4, 10u-6(full), 11u-4, 12u-3 wo/a Luverne team as of now
 - c. we transition
8. Social Media/Website-Cade
 - a. New website is ready to go, just need to finalize some details on the back side
 - b. New website will be luvernebaseball.org
9. Concession planning for 2025
 - a. Jesse and Whitney LaFrenz will be stepping down as Concession Managers at Joe Roberts this summer; a replacement will need to be found. Brian was going to talk to Darin DeBoer. In the past this has been a paid position.
10. Streaming-Cade
 - a. Crew is working on getting centerfield pole up and mount ready
 - b. \$1633.25 for mount and enclosure camera, \$336.94 for wireless point to point connection = \$1993.85
 - c. Getting additional camera from Christensen Broadcasting
 - d. Harner family donation to City to go toward broadcasting and equipment.

- i. Motion by to approve \$2000 of Harner monies to be used for broadcasting/equipment by Tony, second by Chris. Approved unanimously.

11. Redbird Upgrades

- a. Form a committee (Cade, Derek, Carrie, Tony, Skyler, Barry)
- b. Discussion on Grant options and ideas
- c. Cade will organize meeting date and notify committee

12. Nutcracker Base Race-Barry

- a. Possibly Annual event (2025-Friday, July 11, play Windom)
- b. Street Dance following game
- c. Discussion on Concession ideas for the evening (possibly have food trucks and not serve hot food out of concessions during game and dance), LBA run Beer Garden, Chamber sell wristbands, Special Redbird hats and uniforms
- d. 10 Miles from Nowhere band, 8-midnight, and discussion on location/event set up.

13. Raffle-Barry

- a. Sunday, July 20 1:00 game
- b. Amy taking care of permit
- c. 9u-12U get 2 books to sell, 7-12th -1 book
- d. Discussion on 5-6 larger items, not so many small items.

14. Concession

- a. Carrie continue to take care of
- b. Sports Engine will have sign up
- c. Barry working on additional beer distributor
- d. Darin DeBoer –Field Manager for Joe Roberts

15. Redbirds

- a. No home play-off games this year
- b. Batting cage net have holes in them, new hitting mats needed in batter box
 - i. Skyler requested u to \$1000 to repair/replace 2 mats. Motion by Jesse to approve, second by Mike. Approved unanimously.

16. Community Education-Jon

- a. Conversation with Springfield for “Baseball Day”, alternate every other year, field stencil, shirts to sell for event
 - i. Redbirds-Friday June 13
 - ii. 7th/8th Grade – Saturday June 14
 - iii. Jr Legion/Legion-Saturday, June 14
- b. Jon working on adding more Legion games, SD is changing up age divisions which will possibly open up more game options
- c. Not able to host Legion Sub-Sub due to Nutcracker Base Race
- d. Will be hosting Jr Legion Sub-Sub (July 13, 14, 15/July 20, 21 (possibly) 22

17. Advertising-Barry

- a. Handed out the “contract” describing sign contract agreement
- b. Need to be updated to include LBA will take care of any repairs/replacing of sign during length of contract.

18. City of Luverne-Derek

- a. No update this month

19. New Items

- a. Skyler requested \$500 financial assistance to aid paying for volunteer coach; Cade Wenninger. LBA had helped offset Mark Sterrett volunteering coaching in years past, as well.
 - i. Board asked Skyler to write up proposal and duties of Volunteer coach for approval.
- b. Change of titles on Luverne Baseball Association Board
 - i. Change Cade Wenninger to Redbird Director
 - ii. Add Skyler Wenninger back as High School Baseball Director
 - iii. Barry will act as a voting member in the case of a tie breaker.
 - iv. Motion to approve title updates by Mike, second by Jesse, approved unanimously
- c. Jesse inquired on tiling the field at Joe Roberts. Discussion on when JR had been tiled
- d. Jesse also mentioned Smithco machine, Steering wheel is broken, seat need replacing
 - i. Discussed options.

20. Presidents notes:

- a. Upcoming Baseball Sign-up
- b. Buffalo Days
- c. Nutcracker Base Race
- d. Sub-Sub state dates

21. Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Sunday, March 16 at The Bullpen at 6pm

22. Motion by Carrie to adjourn, second by Jesse