

**APPROVED**

## **BYBS (Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball) Minutes**

**Meeting:** Monthly Meeting

**Date:** 05/18/2025

**Location:** North Shelter Riverside Park

- 1.) Call To Order:  
Micky led a 6:45pm start time
- 2.) Roll Call  
Board members present: Jared, Kari, Micky, Casey, Justin  
Board members absent: Tanya, Mike  
Membership present: Parker
- 3.) Membership Input  
No membership input
- 4.) Correspondence  
No Correspondence
- 5.) Discussion (All discussion items can be voted upon)

I. Meeting Minutes [Approved? YES NO]

Tabled until next meeting

II. Treasurers Report [Approved? YES NO]

Tabled until next meeting

III. Home Tournament Review

- Positive comments from teams & board on tournament rules, they were good
- We should review the umpire schedule and payments for next year, there were some discrepancies that were fixed for the number of umpires and their costs, for example we just need 1 umpire for 8U
- Feedback, East Madison had a coach that did too much talk back to umpires and negative talk to their own players, too aggressive for our desired family scrimmage/relaxed atmosphere at the 8u level
- Fond du lac was overpowering in 8u, runs scored was very high and kids hitting it to the fence in air, and they had loud walk up music, but Portage also had walk up music so perhaps a few discussion item is putting in a new rule about walk up music
- Chuck a duck was terrific and went well, exciting and raised money. There was two issue with players that were "playing" during the throwing time and thus couldn't do chuck a duck, 1 was refunded
- Kiwanis collaboration was good , although since it was different than last year there was a learning curve. For concession sales, it felt like we didn't sell as much as last year, and perhaps that was related to the rainy and cold weather. Another finding, Kiwanis did run out of things, but we still had things (like drinks), so we were curious if when they run out could we ask them if we can star using our own stuff then next year after that run out? Maybe they could buy it off of us? We also discussed how our fruit, vegetables, and baked good sales were down from last year likely because they were not visible (e.g. out on a table for people to see) so people didn't know they were there to order them
- South diamond concessions was fine
- City was very friendly and helpful they reached out before the tournament to help including fixing bleachers etc. Micky did email them a thank you already.
- Discussion about the mat under home plate on north possibly being an injury risk, Micky says the she previously talked to the city and they said to just rake dirt over it. Maybe need to put the mat under home plate again.
- Scoreboards: Klein had temporary missing controller but it was found. South diamond electrical issues meant we couldn't use that big one. The new mini electronic scoreboard Jared bought off Amazon tipped over and wiggled a lot, but otherwise works well and the movement issues can be fixed. We had designated people doing scoreboard last year, but this year had kids doing it. Future discussion on that.
- Discussion was about putting umpire gear and light key in batting shed to use as well as a flip scoreboard (since south big one doesn't work). Micky said she will move those things.
- Porta potty and dumpsters seemed expensive, but worked.
- Tournament banners for tournament teams were forgotten and not handed out beforehand
- We need to block off "grilling area" so kids aren't running through it , that is a safety hazard
- We should re-look at prices for team registration and see if they cover costs or not
- Idea ask someone to use a drone to get a photo of tournament next year !!!
- Idea write a newspaper article summarizing the tournament, Justin will write something up (what cities how many people how many players etc)
- Idea write a newspaper article next year BEFORE the tournament to create awareness

IV. Regular Season Topics

- Scholarship are ready to get sent out
- Team picture days are starting
- We are not ready with rec league umpires, we are missing umpires for example for this Tuesday and Thursday girls games
- Lots of discussion around a girls tournament next year, discussion though that we need commitment from girls coaches, realistically need like 10 girls team families that will dedicate their weekend and time being there doing everything all day, similar to what we already have from the boys side
- Timber rattlers donated \$84 after our outing
- Kari is doing concession for seniors , left over food from tournament will be used for concessions , then farmers market with brisquets, we still need a date
- Idea maybe do brisquets next year at tournament
- Idea maybe do something similar to Chuck a duck at the end of season banquet and give away something like a Hitting machine or tee or hitting stick, etc. as the prize
- Bank account is currently close to \$33k after \$16k for registration deposited
- Cost was around \$6k for jersey, \$2k more for hats, and \$2k more for tball/coach-pitch
- Idea purchase a portable concession stand at south, similar to the batting cage shed, also dual-purpose as for storage shed, \$6k estimate
- Idea build a loft in the existing batting cage shed, Casey was going to look at options

#### 7.) Future Agenda Items

- Farmer's market

#### 8.) Upcoming Dates

- End of Season Banquet July 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6:15pm

#### 9.) Adjournment

- Micky made a motion to adjourn at 7:28pm