MVLL Board Meeting

Agenda for April 2022

In Person Meeting: Boiceville Inn 6:00pm - 8:00 pm

## Attendance

Jake Millman

Michelle Millman

Jeremy Donelson

Walter Brown

Aaron Bennett

Derek Spada

Karen Thomas-Malloy

Lisa Treasure

Paul Vernet

Marty Lynch

Tom Sharon

Christina Brown

**Previous Board Minutes**

* Discuss and approve previous board meeting minutes

-unanimously approved

* Financial Review & Registration Data

**Financial Review**

Jeremy reported:

-Current account balance is $15214.53

-Registration brought in $12292 in revenue

-Received $4267 for donations and sponsorships

-Uniforms cost the league $7769

-Equipment cost the league $7114

Overall, started the season with about $18000 and have used about $3000 of that. There wasn’t a budget created for the 2022 season but will be created for the next season. This would help with votes and allowances. No more large expenses should be needed until September once the final payment for the dirt at Glenbrook (GB) is made.

Walter reported on dirt at GB:

-Invoice should be received from Dave Hargrove with Roundout company name Go Green for $1950 for the first load.

-After receiving a few quotes Devits Sand and Gravel is able to get another 20 tons of dirt to GB for roughly $2350. They would deliver Wednesday otherwise it would be delayed a week. First game is the 27th and field will need time to dry out from snow. Kenny from Town of Shandaken says dirt can be put anywhere. Trucking costs have gone up and not able to receive same rate with first company are reasoning cost went up despite less dirt. Earthworx estimates another 13-15 tons of dirt is needed to finish. This would leave about 5 tons left over to be used throughout the season. If we continue to maintain the field this shouldn’t have to be done every year.

-Another $200 was paid to Earthworx on top of the initial $540 to come back a second day to finish the job without any volunteers needed.

-Spoke with Kyle Steen and Kevin Van Blarcum and they requested itemized bills for dirt and fence material and Earthworx bill of $740 to present to the town meeting. If they even cover half of the expenses the league would save about $3000. Will follow up and report back when more is known.

-Created accounts at herzogs, home depot and tractor supply to track purchases. Able to add PO and tax exempt

Aaron requested clarification on needing additional dirt and no vote. Thought there was enough once we were able to reuse some of the dirt on the field. Not sure if more dirt will be needed once it’s rolled. Woodstock does have dirt we can use. Would like to see league use local shops ie Woodstock hardware or Waddlers.

Jake stated the two loads of dirt were still under the original vote of $4300.

Karen proposed to use any remainder of second load of dirt for next season where it’s needed.

Jake motioned to buy second load of dirt for $2396. Walter seconded and board was unanimous.

**Registration Data**

-For 2022 Baseball has 128 players and Softball has 31 players.

In comparison 2021 Baseball had 143 players and Softball had 28.

-The loss of about 10% in baseball was offset by the softball gain.

-It was a still a COVID period where parents wanted to get kids out more in 2021, no out of towners this season, indoor soccer and fall ball may be reasons for baseballs loss.

Registration for Tball is still open Clinics are this weekend.

Walter states he is still receiving softball signups.

* **Town Relationship & LL Expectations**

Aaron Reports

**Little League Expectations**

* In reference to doing things compared to last year, the last 2 years have not been on track with LL expectations. There are set roles for board members and official processes though Little League. There was an incident 9 years ago almost leaving us without a season from being sanctioned by the district. Need to start following processes according to your role. The Little League website has Roles and Responsibilities (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/roles-responsibilities-of-local-board-of-directors/>) . This is a little league not a rec league.

**Town Relationships**

* Town relationships are valuable. Towns are doing the best they can. Keep everyone in the loop what is being talked about with towns.
* We had to repair our relationship with Woodstock after they wouldn’t let us use fields for a few years.
* Suggests a board member attending a Town Board meeting during Public be Heard and thank the towns. Karen can do Shandaken and Jake can do Woodstock.

Karen would like to see little league volunteer booths for town days. MVLL has had a presences there in the past. Previous supervisor of Shandaken Rob Stanley always donated the table to MVLL. Thinks new supervisor Peter would honor as well.

-Would also like to see MVLL attending parades such as the memorial day parade. Just ideas on spreading word about baseball.

Jeremy brought up repairing relationship with Olive.

Jake stated for this season they took softball field due to adult league and field used for Tball will be used for modified and not available. Things had to be moved and coordinated before continuing planning for the season. He will reach out to the town for possible use of field for Fall ball and go from there.

Walter stated Town of Olive requested us to rent the fields for night games. The towns priority is renting out the park then the field. Onteora has been great hosting about Softball at Phoenicia.

Discussion over speaking with the town now for the 2023 season for tball and mens league. Another suggestion was made to go back to the the 3 town format for little league because of the numbers.

* **Concessions / Fundraising**

Lisa reports:

-ICL is making MVLL car magnets to sell. Price point would be reasonable.

-Need to check Woodstock fridge.

-The Blakley’s were able to get hamburgers and hot dogs for football at a reasonable rate through Thruman’s. She will reach out to them to see if it can be done for MVLL.

Electric at GB is waiting on Dave from Network Contracting and is going to get back to Aaron for concessions there.

There will not concessions at RV and Tball

Walter stated there is no storage at Phoenicia but might possibly have a shed from the school.

Kim Bodner might be able to store food at Phoenicia Fire Department. She did a fantastic job last year running and organizing concessions for minors softball last year. Will reach out to her

-Banners should not be all on Lisa to be hung up. Separate groups for each field. Possibly use players or parents during practice.

-Phoenicia did give permission to hang banners but requested league take them down at the end of the season. This practice is already in place for all fields so this is not an issue.

-Will still do team pictures with banners to give to Sponsors.

* **Social Media / Website**

League is receiving more likes to the new page. Would like to have cards or something with fb or website. Try to be active on the page.

-Photo waivers do need to be given out (will get form to divisions to pass along to coaches). It would be great to add this to the 2023 registration.

-Pictures can be sent to Jeremy to be posted.

-League can put game schedules on Facebook

-website could potentially have team pages with standings and information for each team.

* **District league news**

-No new district level news.

-Waiting on approval out of district interleague play District 7 team Catskill Mountain Little League

-Rondout Fields will be ready for opening day. Thank you Jeremy for representing MVLL and taking the time to lend a hand to another league.

Jeremy reported how impressed he was with the community outreach at Rondout Valley. They had a ton of volunteers on Saturday. They raffled off prizes like an ATV that was donated. It was really amazing.

* **League Equipment**
  + The majority of items delivered at Glen Brook Field

-Thank you Amanda for organizing and labeling the GB shed on Saturday.

* + Field maintenance items (spray paint, drying agent)

-Propose small group to go through shed at Grant Avery this weekend. -Known equipment there: Juggs pitching machine, Torch, 4-6 bags of drying agent, game balls and Softball fence.

-Completely out of chalk line. Needed to reline. This is used more than paint.

-Walter found quick dry $8 for 20lbs

-Not everything needs to be purchased at once.

-Mike Davis with Flag football donated shed. Board is going to see if this could possibly be moved to Phoenicia for storage.

-Proposal to sell softball fence. Will come back to this at a later date.

-Coaches should have received their bags.

* Spring 2022 Season:
  + All Divisions Schedule

-Jeremy has been working on schedules.

-Practices schedules have been received from all 5 baseball teams.

-Baseball games have been updated on the website

-Walter will update with softball

* + T-Ball - Andy Lee Field
    - T-Ball Clinic 4/23/22 10:00 am - 11:30 am Andy Lee Field

-four (4) stations outside similar to the baseball clinic. We have 63 players registered. Not all are expected for clinics.

-Wording pertaining to an email sent 4/17/22 by Michele and Jake for the Tball division was asked to be clarified as it can be read as it is required to go buy a bats, mitts, helmets, etc. This was brought up because the league has never required tball players to purchase equipment and did recently make a large purchase for tball.

-It was clarified that equipment purchases are not required by parents and the league does have all of the necessary equipment for players. Parents that were choosing to buy their own were asking what type of equipment was necessary. A follow up email will be sent out to communicate this is not required.

-The Board needs to be contacted so we can support tball as much as possible and treat them as the base of the league. We want to retain as many of the players that become eligible for minors the following year.

* + - **T-Ball Coach Discussion**

-The board went to executive session

* + Softball - Phoenicia Field
  + **Minors Division Discussion**

Aaron reported:

-hybrid pitch rules Player will pitch. After 4 balls coach will pitch. Coach or pitching machine will step in for that batter to finish at his at bat. Player pitcher will then step back in and pitch to the next batter. This avoids walking.

-there will be 2 divisions coach pitch and hybrid. Hybrid gives the chance to have more progression.

* + Baseball -Glen Brook Field
  + Baseball - Rick Volz Field
  + **All Stars**

-Currently Majors baseball has 12 games scheduled. To qualify for Allstars they need to play a minimum of 12 games. Suggest adding games. Allstar candidates do need a minimum amount of games played to be considered.

Need to reach out to Amanda for update on umpires.

* Open Discussion- continued
* Next meeting: TBD