MVLL Board Meeting

August 16, 2022

**Attendance**

Jeremy Donelson

Walter Brown

Amanda Longo

Karen Malloy

Christina Brown

Derek Spada

Fall Ball Discussion

New and returning players are invited to participate in MVLL 2022 Fall ball season. Players eligible to move up to the next division are eligible to play with that team. This gives them the opportunity to preview and develop skills they will be playing in the following season at a less competitive and intimidating environment.

**Eligibility**

Age determination for Little League Baseball is age of player on August 31st. Coach pitch will be ages 9-12 and Player Pitch will be ages 7-10. Age determination for Little League Softball is age of player on December 31st. Major girls 11 and up have to play majors, any younger players are added depending on experience, skill and maturity. Minors will consist of any girls that have aged out of tball until age 11.

**Cost**

Initially it was proposed to set registration at $50. Walter proposed $30 for registration. There is little money being used to hold fall ball. No new uniforms needed, no umpire fees and no insurance payment. Minimal equipment needed, such as bucket of balls, since the league purchased majority of the equipment throughout the season. Jeremy stated there is a slight deficit for the account compared to last year but the lower cost in fees is doable. Amanda wants to have the younger crowd umpiring during the fall season to get experience and training. Jeremy put to vote, Walter second and board unanimously approved cost of registration to be set at $30.

**Dates**

Registration to open 8/17/22. Games will not start before September 10th. End of the season depends on weather, usually end of October. One game and one practice per week. Schedule TBD. Softball discussed trying to utilize Saturday afternoon for games and work around baseball/parents for a practice night. Baseball discussed trying to practice on Monday and games Thursday or Friday. These are dependent on field availability, schedule conflicts and other variables. Coaches will determine a set schedule ASAP.

**Location**

Glenbrook would be used primarily for both baseball and softball. Grant Avery softball field is being utilized for football this season and unavailable. Softball still has Phoenicia elementary field but no lights. Baseball can still utilize the baseball field at Grant Avery if needed. Glenbrook’s lights appear to be fixed, needs to be tried before season starts.

**Softball**

Enough interest in Minors, still waiting to hear about Majors but there is interest from a lot of the girls. Potential for 2 girls to move up from the Minors division. They were eligible to play for the Majors team this current season but parents/coach were concerned. They will both be on Majors next year, Walter thinks this is a great opportunity for them to see the next level. Divisions are based more on skill and experience of the player vs age. If the player is younger and unsure if they are ready to play in the older division Walter will have Paul come and evaluate. Planning on interleaguing with IV/RV. Minors are planning on having games on Saturday afternoon. Will try to avoid conflict with soccer. Practice TBD based on parents and field availability. Coach Mark will set more definitive days for Majors.

**Baseball**

Last year the teams were thin before the 3 way division split. Baseball is going to request IV/RV to interleague with baseball and going to reach out to the Catskill Mountain league. it would be ideal to just have one player pitch and one coach pitch team. A lot of the Majors boys aged out this spring season and there are Coach Pitch players ready to be moved up to Majors. Practice is potentially set for Monday and games Thursday or Friday.

**Local Fall Youth Activities**

* + Girl Scouts meet on Monday
	+ Soccer starts 9/17 and play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings
	+ Tackle Football is currently playing Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Games start after Labor Day and held mostly Sunday morning with 2 Saturday night games.
	+ Flag Football starts on 9/10 Games are on Saturday and practice will depend on coach.