

Mountain Valley Little League Board Minutes

Date: April 7, 2025 Location: The Boiceville Inn

Start time: 6:10 pm

Attendance:

Kayla Sharon, Lisa Treasure, Chris Constant, Geordarna Constant, Amanda Longo, Elise, Ben U, Aaron Bennett, Jake Millman, Terry Speck, Vince Christafora, Kevin Christafora

Vice President's report:

Minutes need to be approved every meeting. Go back and review notes in the new year. Next board meeting we will approve January, February, and March minutes.

Treasurer's report: We have more than \$11,395.03 in the bank. There are some tweaks to the budget that need to be made here and there. We still need to figure out how to make up money for concessions. We need to touch base on the checks that have not been received for sponsorship. Board needs to review the budget to approve it. We got a \$100 donation from Art Christy. We are going to try Venmo for concessions this year. We assume we will have to revise the budget again.

G moves to approve the budget. Ben 2nd. All in favor.

Aaron is reaching out to people who haven't paid for registration.

See Below from Elise:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	Amount
	Timberlake Camp - 2024 makeup - team	0
	Wadler Brothers - 2024 makeup - team	0

3/1/2025	Sponsorship - MTC Cable	\$1,000.00
3/1/2025	Sponsorship - Downes Dumpsters	\$450.00
3/1/2025	Sponsorship - All of a Sutton	\$1,000.00
3/1/2025	Sponsorship - Legal Ally	\$1,000.00
3/14/2025	Sponsor - Paulson	\$200.00
3/14/2025	Sponsorship - Rosen Piano Hammer Co	\$160.00
3/14/2025	Sponsorship - KWH Builders	\$1,000.00
3/14/2025	Sponsorship - Basch & Keegan	\$330.00
3/14/2025	Sponsor - Mark Vianello	\$450.00

to deposit/received 4/7	Sponsorship - Yum Yum	\$1,000.00
to deposit/received 4/7	Sponsorship - Doyle Tile (check, sponsor)	\$160.00
to deposit/received 4/7	Route 28 skeleton crew (check, sponsor)	\$200.00
to deposit/received 4/7	sponsorship - ulster savings	\$160.00
to deposit/received 4/7	sponsorship - sunflower	\$1,000.00
to deposit/received 4/7	sponsorship - phoenicia fish and game	\$200.00
to deposit/received 4/7	Sponsorship - Sam I Am Excavation	\$160.00
to deposit/received 4/7	donation - ward todd	\$50.00
to deposit/received 4/7	sponsorship - Ken & son landscaping	\$1,040.00
to deposit/received 4/7	sponsorship - United Real Estate	\$390.00

pending/unpaid	Sponsorship - Tettas	\$1,000.00
pending/unpaid	Sponsorship - Bread Alone	\$1,000.00
pending/unpaid	Phoenicia Library	\$160.00
pending/unpaid	Rycor	\$250.00

2025 Season:

Ben and Kayla discussed what tball needs for gear. Ben will order a few more gear bags for tball. Kayla spoke about some practice conflicts with tball. She is confident that she can solve them.

Rick Volz update. Ben reports that The Sons of American Legion are ready to start helping. They dropped off dirt that was donated for the mound. Ben bought a new pitching rubber that he is donating to the league. We will have a new mound at Rick Volz soon. Maybe the Sons of the American Legion will help mow? Ben is on top of the requirements from Little League for the mound.

Jake brought up chalk and drying agent. Ben will speak to Vince about receiving this at cost. Aaron will look into the chalk at Arkville, if needed, he will research. Ben will check for line chalk, drying agent, stencil and machine at Grant Avery to evaluate what we need to order.

Terry reports that Rick Volz 1st base line has electricity exposed. We need to get 2 covers. Jake is going to take a look.

Dug Hill needs a fence cap if they are low. If the fence is above their head, we don't need it. Can we move the one from Phoenicia?

Grant Avery - Dale was going to ask his dad if they would bring in equipment to dig up the weeds. We need to address it before it gets out of hand. Terry had talked to the school in regards to helping to address it. The school may help with baseball. Aaron is following up with Geno regarding the dirt. While we were in the meeting Geno responded to Aaron and said there is dirt for both fields, however, they are only fixing up the softball field this season. We need to find volunteers to help with the baseball field.

Glenbrook needs dirt. We have decided to order the dirt ahead of time because we are receiving a grant that Lisa applied for.

Terry moves to approve. Chris 2nds. All in favor.

Scholarship deadline from the school is late April. The board agrees to have a MVLL Scholarship this year for \$250.

G moves to approve. Terry 2nds. All in favor.

There was discussion about having trouble with the website and posting game schedules. Ben is working to try to solve it.

There was discussion about Dug Hill field and how to use it for softball practices. Chris is confident that we will have it for the season. He will reach out to the town supervisor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Games start the week of April 26th
- MVLL day will be May 17th

Safety:

Jake has medical release forms for everyone. Safety plans will go in all the snack shacks. Kayla will keep the plan for Davis Park. Chris will take the MS/HS safety plan. G brought up AED training. The AED walks you through what to do. Let's send a link out on what it may look like. We can acknowledge that all AEDs are different. Jake will send out an email with a clip on how to use an AED he will send the email to the board for approval. Jake is sharing a cleared volunteer/coach document.

Sponsorship/Uniforms/Banners:

Lisa reached out regarding coaches shirts. A t-shirt is \$14.75. A two-button jersey is \$24.60. All are getting socks. Majors are getting pants so they are uniform. The board agrees that t-shirts are the way to go for coaches. Lisa will order based on team color.

Concessions/Umpires

TJ, Elijah, Sam and Cooper have volunteered as umpires. Can we have only a home plate umpire for majors? Two is better. Little League has many training videos. Jim (umpire for years prior) is going to do a lot of the major games. Manny L will umpire softball and baseball. He is very interested. Amanda has reached out to Carl Cass for softball. We are good with what we have. Amanda was unaware that there was an

umpire agreement. We are going to try to use it for next season. Amanda wants to keep track of the payments for umpires better this year. She would like checks. We give the checks to one person monthly for each game. Elise is going to write out enough checks for home games and distribute based on the schedule.

Every concession needs a new cash box with locks. We need two more. Part of the snack shack should be counting money before and after. There will be a form.

Volunteers are only willing to do so much. Asking them to do more than man the shack is too much to ask. Amanda is going to check inventory every week. Lean on the board to help buy things at Sam's Club when they run out. All 3 snack shacks are starting with \$1600(total) to get started. If we run out of something, we won't sell it that week. The menu has been minimized. Ben circulated a spreadsheet for snack shack volunteers. He will share with coaches. When do we want to go shopping? Terry is going to do an online order and Amanda will be the pick-up person. Kayla reminded us that we have a \$50 gift card and \$50 promotion. Amanda needs keys to the snack shack. Does Jeremy have them? The gear sheds and snack shacks use the same key? Amanda plans on cleaning the snack shacks at the next practice.

As per an email forwarded from Amanda, Stewart's donated the following:

- 15 packages of hot dogs and rolls
- 24 rasp lime seltzer 20oz
- 24 blk cherry seltzer 20oz
- 32 cold brew 20oz
- 24 choc caramel candy bars

MVLL Day

All teams should be playing. Lisa would like to put out a box for used cleats, pants, and gear for a swap at MVLL Day. Amanda, Lisa, g and Kayla to meet as a committee for MVLL Day. Face painting, snow cones, corn hole, etc. Make it a community event like last year. Make sure tball plays in the morning. Parade to follow.

Items to address(Agenda):

- ☒ ~~Umpires/Concessions~~
- ☒ ~~Vince Christafora, Rick Volz update~~
- ☒ ~~Uniforms/Sponsorship/Big League Raffle~~
- ☒ ~~Meeting length~~
- ☒ ~~Scholarship~~
- ☒ ~~Field Updates/dirt (Grant Avery maintenance) Softball only having 1 field~~
- ☒ ~~Registration Report~~
- ☒ ~~Safety Meeting/cleared volunteers/distribute safety plan and med releases~~
~~(asked to go first)~~
- ☒ ~~Budget Vote~~
- ☒ ~~New gear request~~

Public comments:

Vince Christafora and Kevin speak about Rick Volz. About 7 years ago they got a volunteer group together to fix up the field. Kevin Hunter came on board about 4 years ago and was influential in helping with his connection to the community. He recently

passed away and it's a huge loss. They are seeking volunteers to help maintain the field. They only have the Woodstock maintenance department mow when they can. They are working with the Sons of the American Legion to help take care of the field. Can MVLL volunteer to mow the field? Maybe we can make a schedule where each board member/parent mows once. The town will turn the water on and get the bathrooms together. Coaches need to be responsible for cleaning up the bathrooms. Maybe make a schedule. Aaron brings up the scoreboard at Rick Volz. It doesn't even power up. Vince is going to go take a look at it. A resource that may be helpful is the Woodstock American Legion. They have always been big supporters of Little League. They may be interested in replacing the scoreboard. Kevin suggested that we reach out to doctor offices and town offices about the AED's. He also suggested we give the town offices schedules of our games.

Terry moves to end the meeting. Chris 2nds. All agree.

End time: 9:13 PM

Next meeting is scheduled May 12, 6pm @ BI