

## **MVLL Board Meeting Minutes**

### **January 9, 2019**

**Attendance:** Kenny Gierloff, Eric Matteson, Aaron Bennett, Lisa Luborsky, Mark Signore, Pete Lubcker, Paul Vernet, LJ Warren, Robby Shultis, Kevin Wortman, Gene Sorbellini

- Field condition and equipment - Banners need to be taken down in Woodstock, equipment has already been put away with inventory done.  
Bats were too heavy last year - we need to order 3 or 4 more @ 27 inches  
Throat guards - we need 10  
Aaron needs some catcher's gloves, Eric has 2 lefty gloves, he suggested finding more on ebay as they will be worn in - order L/R gloves medium (Shandaken, Olive & Woodstock)  
Glenbrook needs elbows for the batting cage, the cage area also needs to be cleared, maybe by the town? Looking at approximately \$500 for pipes, boards and setup. Shandaken also needs 2 team bags  
There are 32 minors & majors helmets between Olive & Woodstock, we need stickers for tee ball bats.  
Eric needs the scoreboard at Grant Avery fixed. It is currently running on extension cord from old snack shack, he has an electrician who has volunteered his time if the league can supply materials and coordinate digging a trench, we will need grounded wire about 250 ft approx \$150? Pipe \$200?, possibly looking at a total cost of \$2000  
Any expense over \$500 needs a vote  
LJ motioned to have an equipment cap at \$1000, excluding the scoreboard for a later vote     Gene is going to talk to town to see if they can possibly help with the scoreboard
- Budget - Pete handed out the budget over the last four years with a proposed 2019 -we had a \$13,000 increase in spending from 2017 to 2018, we purchased dirt and the Shandaken shed which are not yearly expenses. We need to focus on some targeted fundraising, the pancake breakfast had a great turn out last year, raffles seem difficult to get coordinated, some ideas were - car wash?(would have to be highly supervised by parents, restaurant "dine out" fundraising?, advertising on jerseys - Kenny said it shouldn't be a problem with little league but will be for allstars, yearbooks raised \$800 last year, maybe adding sponsors in yearbook as well. Paul asked about snack shack

sponsorship - Thuman's currently sponsors. Kenny brought up a Little League grant that is available for enhancements

- Uniforms - Eric suggested that we really need a uniform person that is organized. Last year caps were \$930 and we got pants from Epic sports for \$4 - pants were difficult with ordering and sizing last year - board voted no pants included in the uniform this year
- Umpires - Eric has 5 kids lined up to help out. It doesn't look like the Ross's will be available this year. Discussion on issues with last year's playoff games and umpires were not given respect and behaviors will need to be addressed if we continue to use teens. Gene offered to umpire if his schedule allows for it. Maybe have coaches that aren't in the final playoffs be umpires during playoffs
- Clinic dates - Minors 2/9 1-3pm, Majors 2/23 9-12pm with 8 am arrival for setup & 3/2 9-12pm with 8 am arrival for setup  
Draft will be on 3/2 immediately after the clinic  
Tee ball clinic - TBD
- Pricing - Last year's pricing will be available until 3/2/19 \$100 Majors, \$80 Minors & \$50 tee ball. New pricing begins on 3/3 \$110 Majors, \$90 Minors, \$50 tee ball. \$50 late fee after 3/9
- Safety Meeting needs to be scheduled with a separate coaches meeting - 1st week in April? Can Becky do safety meeting? Coaches meeting to help teach new coaches. A coaching clinic would be great
- LJ would like to focus on skill building in the Minors rather than competition. Kevin and Robby added that it is really important to get the skill and baseball knowledge during the younger ages so kids don't lose interest as they get older. We want to get the word out to new and old coaches with the new focus on skill with more competition in the Majors. Board vote to change Minor's to Target development. Eric called for the vote Aaron second
- Registration - send out email and facebook to league announcing clinic dates and registration opening/payment dates - we need flyers to get out asap, maybe post at libraries and offer to homeschool groups, town website/facebook pages?
- Next board meeting - Wednesday February 6, 2019 7:30pm @ Boiceville Inn

