

## Beech Grove Little League Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 2.20.25

**Location:** Hornet Park Community Center, Activity Room C

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Minutes Approved:** 4.17.25

Attendance:		Absences:
Chad Butrum	Chad Becker	Dustin Didion
Margaret Butrum	Jeremiah Marshall	
Mandi Cunningham	Matt Johnson	
Brittney Woods	Felicia Gochett (virtual)	
TJ Crawford	Bobby Bauman	
Guests:		

**Quorum Present (7):** yes

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**Call to Order:** 6:02pm

### Approval of Minutes:

- 12.19.24: motion to approve by Margaret, seconded by Brittney, motion carried
- 1.22.25: motion to approve by Margaret, seconded by Brittney, motion carried

### January Reports

- **Treasurer:** January profit of \$2,631.43, YTD profit of \$2,848.35
  - Registration fees collected in January: \$2,142.89
  - \$800 Sponsorship from Spalding
  - Kroger Donation - \$70.88; make sure if you shop Kroger that your rewards card is linked to give back to BGLL, only 28 households are linked right now. Margaret will post this again and make sure it is in all of the registration information.
  - New yard signs purchased from SlyFox for registration advertisement: \$232.04
  - Sales taxes filed - \$0 owed due to 2023 change in law about minimum amount made by non-profits to owe sales tax, we came in just under the minimum
  - 990 filed
- **Fundraising and Sponsorship:**
  - Felicia has been visiting local businesses to share sponsorship information, we have a few verified sponsors and a few that have verbally committed but not yet sent money
    - Many Main St businesses need to be visited still
  - We were awarded a Reds Community Grant for a second year: \$500 in equipment through Pitch in for Baseball, \$1000 check to be mailed April 7th
    - Equipment order is due February 21st by 5pm - last year we bought catcher's gear, will purchase mainly baseballs this year
  - Received a DICKS Sponsorship: \$500 in equipment room credit, looking at umpire gear
    - March 21st-24th is our 20% discount shopping weekend
    - Margaret will email Susan Myers to ask about setting up a table Saturday March 22nd to help people with picking out equipment - we will need volunteers to man this table and help our families
  - Royal Splash committed to a \$5K Field Sponsorship - we agreed to 5 years of fundraising with them selling car wash coupons. We will get 50% of the proceeds. Fundraiser is live now through April 31st. Margaret will post and email information out next week. Next year, we will consider pushing the fundraiser until after the draft, so we can make it a contest between teams for selling the most.

- Chad Butrum has looked into a couple companies for a full field restoration on the Majors field - need to be completed prior to opening day
- Baseballism Fundraiser is still live until February 28th

### **Announcements and updates**

- Batting cage: Frame was delivered and put in the garage on 1.24.25. Tom has the netting and hardware. We are responsible for the installation and it must be done prior to the season starting.
- Scoreboards: Two digital scoreboards from Varsity Scoreboards, paid for by the Parks Dept, delivered on February 13 to the Dept of Public Works. We will be responsible for installation. We need to make space in the garage for Tom to bring them to the park for storage until they are installed, must have these installed this season.
  - Will need to run electrical, from the box on the AAA field, down between the two Minors fields and then split off to the two scoreboards.
- Concession Stand: No updates, no permits filed.
  - Tom put new locks on the concession stand and garage on 2/19, waiting for more information from him on how the locks work so we can get into the building
- New fence guards - price out new fence guards for all fields this year to replace the green ones.
- Registration: Currently we have 85 players registered and 52 players in the shopping cart. This date 2023 = 111 players registered; this date 2024: 118 players registered
  - Reminder emails have been sent to shopping cart orders 3 times over the past month, however many people don't read their emails (27 unread from the last round)
  - Potential reasons people are waiting to register: waiting for tax refunds. waiting for other winter sports to end before registering, waiting for funds from grants
  - Mandi suggested reminder texts instead of emails, however for members to receive texts through Sports Connect they have to first be added to a text group and then they have to text the "group code" to a phone number to opt in, so this isn't really feasible for shopping cart reminders
  - Post daily countdowns to registration ending with trivia or fun facts?

### **Updates from 2.13.25 President's Meeting**

- District 7 Umpire Training, virtual classes coming soon
  - We can ask for in person trainings with Seth Worland, D7 Umpire in Chief
  - Request last years videos for Jeremiah to review
- Next month's meeting will cover Interleague Play and finalizing Interleague rules - it will be important for us to be in attendance for this.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Annual Parks Agreement - Parks department doesn't see what advantage we would get from having a year round agreement. Consider rewriting/negotiating points 3, 5, 8
  - 3. Utilities - states we are responsible during the agreement period, meaning not responsible from November 1st-April 1st - suggest that we continue to pay year round if Parks continues mowing weed eating (number 5)
  - 5. Diamond Maintenance - states we are responsible for mowing and weed eating, however the Parks Dept has been taking care of that - suggest they continue doing that if we continue paying utilities
  - 8. Storage - states we can use the buildings for storage during the agreement period, we are using it for storage year round and need to continue to do so - contradicted by number 10 (Must have any use of the facilities outside the agreement period (other than storage)

- approved by the Parks Director/Parks Board). Suggest that we reword 8 to state we can use it for storage year round, regardless of agreement dates.
  - Margaret and Felicia are planning to attend the Parks Board meeting March 12th to get the agreement signed and to thank them and the Parks Foundation for the scoreboards and the batting cage.
- ByLaws: motion to approve by Margaret, seconded by Becker, motion carried
  - Umpires - reduce pay and offer a bonus after a set amount of games umpired behind the plate - set the amount of games based on the number of games scheduled. Pay will be \$50 per game, regardless of umpire position and bonus will be \$100 for a set number of games umpired behind the plate.
  - Require full equipment worn including uniform shirts. Return equipment after the game, return shirt at the end of the season to receive final pay.
    - Cubbies in the Concession Stand to store each umpire's equipment? This would greatly improve organization.
  - Added Zero Tolerance of Umpire Abuse Policy to the bylaws, we need to do better to protect our youth umpires especially
- Local League Rule Options: motion to approve by Chad, seconded by Bobby, motion carried
  - Add delay of game section
  - If we are able to split Tee Ball into Tee Ball and Rookie, consider not pitching to Tee Ball
  - What is the pitching distance for coach pitch? Need to measure the Rookie Field
- New Photographer
  - Brittney has communicated with a few, but needs a date. Will propose Opening Day (April 26) or two weeks after (May 10)
  - Schedule for Opening Day pictures: consider starting at 8am with teams that are in the first game. Pictures at Hartman Park, then bring teams to Sarah T for the parade step off. Finish pictures after opening ceremony

### **New Business**

- Coaches recruitment and meetings - we currently have 10 registered head coaches and 4 registered assistant coaches. An email was sent out to last year's coaches that are not yet registered last week asking them to please sign up if they plan to coach again this year.
  - Have coaches meetings same day as the drafts?
- Park Clean up Days - not discussed, will schedule at a later date
  - We lost power at the park at some point, so all food will need to be thrown away and the fridges/freezers cleaned and sanitized
- Summer Concert Series Concessions: Sarah T Bolton Park, June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 21 - do not have to decide now, but this will be a good way to bring in additional money on non-game days. Concerts are every other Thursday, typically no games scheduled and used for rain make ups.
- Skills Assessment Planning: rescheduled for March 8th at BGMS Main Gym
  - Lobby Stations: Margaret, Brittney, Shannon, Allie up front for check in, registration, payment, paperwork collection - four laptops available up front at the moment
  - In the gym - Chad, Matt, Bobby, Dustin and Majors/Minors coaches watching stations and scoring players
  - Middle and/or High School players can run the stations, but will not score players
  - Schedule: Board members/volunteers arrive at 9:30 to set up; 10am - 8 year olds and 7 year olds that want to move up to AA; 11am - 9 year olds; 12pm - 10 year olds; 1pm - 11 year olds; 2pm - 12 year olds
- Drafts: Majors March 10, AAA March 11, AA March 12; Rookie and Tee Ball blind drafts when?
  - Margaret will request a room at the Community Center for drafts

**Other Business/Comments**

- Uniforms: Handmade Cuties suggested, Brittney will visit them to discuss options and pricing
- Player Book: Brittney will talk to a print shop on East St. to get a quote

**Adjourned:** 7:28 pm

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday March 20

		<b>January Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$2,631.43</b>		
		<b>YTD Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$2,848.35</b>		
<b>Receipt?</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Detail</b>
	1/7	StackPay	\$123.06	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/8	StackPay	\$103.26	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/10	StackPay	\$77.18	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/13	Donation	\$15.96	Donation	Dustin
	1/14	StackPay	\$270.66	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/16	StackPay	\$336.35	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/21	StackPay	\$846.38	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/22	Kroger	\$70.33	Kroger Community	Kroger Community Rewards
	1/22	StackPay	\$77.18	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/24	Sponsorship	\$800.00	Sponsorship	Spalding Jewelry Sponsorship
	1/28	StackPay	\$212.32	Registration	Spring Registration
	1/29	StackPay	\$96.50	Registration	Spring Registration
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,029.18</b>		
<b>Receipt?</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Detail</b>
	1/7	AES	\$85.71	Utilities	Electricity
	1/21	Citizens	\$80.00	Utilities	Water
	1/27	SlyFox	\$232.04	Business	New yard signs for registration
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$397.75</b>		