

BBA Meeting 12-12-18

1. 2019 Budget Review

- a. Create separate LBLL bank accounts. It is in process.
 - i. LL registration and fundraiser to go into new account
 - ii. Concessions and main fundraiser to go into BBA account
- b. \$20,000 allotted for 2019 LL season start-up
- c. Approximately \$30,000 available for equipment purchases and field improvements (discussed later in meeting)
- d. Funny fundraiser set for May 11, 2019 at the VFW with Slapstick Productions

2. 2019 Open Positions

- a. Tournament Director (will be point person for the Burrell tournaments) and Tournament Team Coordinator (will be point person for Burrell's tournament teams)
- b. Creation of tournament program advisory board - purpose of board is to create a set of standards for all teams, make decisions in regards to tournaments played, and handle any issues that arise from playing or player/parent/coach behavior. Looking for people to be on board.
- c. Sponsorship leader - arranges companies/individuals to sponsor teams

3. 2019 Topics to Discuss

- a. Opening Day - build on last year's events
- b. Tournament Team guidelines - create a set of standards and better define program expectations.
- c. LBLL playoff week/scheduling - trying to find the best time to have playoffs
- d. District 26 interleague games
- e. District 26 All Stars - discussed the merits of participating
- f. Eligibility for PONY - a rule change: any player in PONY must play in home school district's league even though they live within our little league border. For example, a player who goes to Valley but played Burrell little league must play in Valley. Those players may request a waiver from their home league to play for Burrell.

- g. Coaching Education - PA Coaching Clinic (dates in January), BBA Clinic, Dugout Captain
- h. Formalizing board recommendations and elections for 2019 - would like to find a standard way to nominate and elect board members for their two-year term.

4. 2019 Meeting Dates - located at the middle school

- a. January 8th
- b. February 5th
- c. March 5th
- d. April 9th

5. Approved purchases for 2019 season:

- a. Utility vehicle - Scott Brouwer priced out different options. The board is interested in a Kawasaki sold by Ghattos with a price of \$7500 - \$8000 plus \$600-\$800 for a dump head. Also discussed a John Deere but there is not a close place to service the vehicle. Jeremy is checking with our accountant to see if there are any tax incentives to purchase the vehicle in 2018. If there are none, we will purchase it in 2019 before the season starts.
- b. Storage units:
 - i. Large Unit (20ft) to be placed by batting cages
 - ii. Small (15ft) to be placed on first base line of D field *the price decreases in January so they will be purchased then **may need people to move artificial mounds into a dugout, trailer, or garage since the units are not purchased yet.
- c. Pressure Washer - Amy Mitchell will purchase one in the spring. Board approved purchase last meeting.
- d. Field Dirt - All fields. Still in process

6. 2019 Suggested Field and Facility Improvements

- a. More gravel by C field and tee ball field, include trench for water drainage
- b. Cutting down more dead trees
- c. Remove gravel under bleachers and concrete them
- d. Buy and install bleachers on D field
- e. Fix score board on C field
- f. Clean up debris around fields like the old poles

- g. Lay gravel, turf, or use crushed brick right outside dugouts where players stand
- h. Get the zero-turn maintenance
- i. Lines on field - put in hose instead of painting the lines, may be able to get donated
- j. Add bleachers and seating:
 - i. Behind A center field next to pavilion
 - ii. On the brick patio beside the concession stand-benches that can be used as seats and/or tables, also picnic tables with umbrellas
 - iii. 3rd base line on C field
 - iv. Long bleachers on 3rd base line on D field
 - v. Bleachers in outfield of tee ball field
- k. Adding 2 batting cages by B outfield and designate those cages for use by B and C field players only. Also purchase a small mound for pitching.
- l. LED lights in concession and pavilion, behind and in dugouts
- m. Moving D outfield fence in and make a road to make travel and parking easier.

7. 2019 Season Calendar

- a. Registration opens - January TBD
- b. Spring training batting sessions - Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
 - i. 5pm - 6pm Coach Pitch
 - ii. 6pm - 7pm Minors
 - iii. 7pm - 8pm Majors
 - iv. 8pm - 9pm Pony
- c. Spring training sessions - March 2, 9, 16 at Penn State New Ken or Burrell. Bill is asking to PSNK to have it there, will know by next meeting.
- d. Registration ends - March 15
 - i. Board voted to add a 25% fee for all late registrations
- e. LBLL/Pony draft - shortly after registration closes
- f. Practices begins - March 25
- g. LBLL games begin - April 22
- h. Opening day - April 22
- i. Memorial Day Weekend - No LBLL - Tournament Teams can play May 25-27.
- j. Father's Day weekend - possibly host tournament, not sure

- k. LBLL games end - around June 19, date not set
- l. LBLL playos - date not set
- m. BBA HOST TOURNAMENT 1 - June 28-30
- n. BBA HOST TOURNAMENT 2 - July 4-7

Board members present:

Bill Bates

Kerry Harris

Brian Colgan

Erin Pruitt

Jack Lucot

Jeremy Blubaugh

Michelle Hrivnak