

# LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB



## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** November 15, 2021

ATTENDANCE	
Nick Meile, President	Bob Meade
Rob Baker, Vice President	Chris Holzer
Colin Rafter, Treasurer	Brian D'Aconti
Steve Hagemann, Secretary	Joe Koller
Chris Westrick	Kevin Daily
Danny Peros	Billy Youngs
Greg Finer	

A meeting for the LVBC was called to order at The Olde Mill Tavern by President Nick Miele at 7:40pm. Thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting of the year.

### **Follow Up / Recap From Last Meeting:**

- Nick provided an update that he was contacted by Musco lighting company. Questions about where to dig the lines. Will seek an estimate, not a quote, for the project.
- Travel tryout results and formation of teams will be discussed tonight

### **Financial Update:**

- About \$3000 in from fall baseball
- Paid for evaluations, some fall uniforms, and deposit for Delaware Tournament\
- In the red for the fall, black for the year.
- Capital fund up to \$46K - will work on field repairs and other heavy duty items.
- Filed taxes for 2020 year today.

- Spring rec fees to be discussed and considered. Possibly charging too much for the younger kids for rec fees.
- Budget for spring rec is about \$29K, based on projections should clear about \$2000
  - Doesn't take into consideration sponsors or fundraisers
- MOTION - Decrease T-ball fees to \$100 and Rookies to \$125 and keep Minors level and up the same as last spring. PASSED by unanimous vote
- \$600 donation from Niel Cleary - Thanking the league for providing valuable family time when he was coaching his children. Thank you to Neil on the website
- MOTION - To establish a scholarship, using the donated funds, for registration fees for families experiencing economic hardship.

#### **Travel Update:**

- 11U has 9 confirmed, 10 probable, and 11 possible (from Joe Koller)
- 9U has 9 confirmed, 10 probable, 11 possible
- 7 Teams, up from the previous year
- 2 cuts and 2-3 kids declined
- Concern raised about tryout registration being down, not many cuts equates to not enough kids coming out for the teams.
- Uniforms - trying to cut out a few things to add a few things
  - May not need belts, socks
  - Could add a pre-game warm up
- Rehoboth Beach, Delaware for initial tournament (Sports at the Beach)
  - Nick would like to consider providing hotel options near the beach, instead of a location closer to the fields/facilities

#### **Rec Sign Sign Ups**

- Steve suggested that registration closes February 23 with late registration through March 5. A late fee charged to cover the cost of expedited uniforms.

#### **Palmer Field Maintenance:**

- Home plate covers ordered and will have next week.
  - Will cover come plate all winter
- Dug out covers on back order
- Palmer 3 mound to be resurfaced
- Composite mounds should be moved out of the elements, into the new concession stand or old one at Palmer 3
- Need to change combos on the sheds with all the new equipment
- Concern raised about the town taking down the batting cages in the winter

#### **Coaches Conduct:**

- Coaches are expected to maintain appropriate behavior and language when on the field with their players. Coaches should not be yelling at kids to put them down, cursing at kids, berating kids, or using negative reinforcement.

- Also important to understand the tone and tenor of the parents on the sidelines. Coaches are ultimately responsible for their behavior if it impacts the game.

**AOB:**

- Uniforms (BY) - Staying with the same uniforms?
  - Same game jersey, same hat, moving to long pants, and adding a warm up
- Bob Meade accepts rec coaching assignment at Babe Ruth level!!!
- Consideration of LVBC mens softball team in Hackettstown at Centenary University - Billy Youngs to follow up on this

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:13pm**