

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05 PM by Bob Laverty

**Members in attendance:**

Sal Aiello  
Frank Turelli  
Matthew Mongelli  
Butch Bellenger  
Mike Longo  
John Deinnger  
Chris Amaro  
Dan Nicolette  
Tom Cafaro  
Tracey Montalto  
Jason Presutti  
Kevin Docherty  
Luis Martinez  
Tom Gibbons  
Lou Riccio  
Glinny De Jesus  
Scott Morrissey  
Paul Cimicata

**Members Excused:**

Brian Glasser  
Rosa Lora  
Mike Rizzo

**Meeting Minutes:**

- Sal Aiello took the role of all board members.
  - Opened the floor for new members in attendance to introduce themselves as well as identify if they are here for baseball/softball.
- Sal Aiello read the minutes of the December 2019 General meeting
- Bob Laverty presented the financial report on behalf of Rosa Lora (Treasurer) who was excused.
  - \$6,391.88 Balance in account for Little League (includes \$500 check presented at meeting from Michael Sulamari sponsorship)
  - \$11,600.00 in account for Travel Baseball/Cooperstown
  - The full financial report will be available for those who request it. You can reach out to Rosa Lora or Bob Laverty.
- Jason and Lou updated us on the status of registration
  - 39 people are registered
    - 35 for baseball
    - 4 for softball

- We are not concerned about the low number, we just got past Christmas and people don't necessarily have the money to sign up.
- There will definitely be an in person registration on 1/31, the last day of the reduced price, and potentially an in person registration on 1/17.
  - Even if people register in person, they have to sign up online, so they will simply be using the computer in the club house.
- After the last day of the early bird special, the price of registration goes up \$25 for 8 year olds and older, and it goes up \$10 for 4-7 year olds.
- Butch and Lou brought up the concession buy out that the board has discussed at every meeting.
  - We have had 5 people pay the buyout
  - The plan was explained in detail. If people will outwardly admit they will never work the concession stand, they have to pay the \$100 fee. If people do not pay the fee, they have to work the stand by May 1st for the first time and then by the end of the season the second time. There is the potential that if the parent does not work the stand by then, their child will not be eligible to play.
  - It was brought up about if the parent/family is experiencing hardships and have to work, single parent, etc. The board will obviously consider all cases of hardship. The board does NOT want kids to sit out and doesn't want the money, however, we do need people to work the concession stands.
  - Coaches already volunteer their time enough so they are exempt from having to work the stand.
  - Why can't we find kids to volunteer who need hours? It was discussed that organizations in town don't require hours that much anymore and there is the safety issues involved as well.
  - We are not the only town to do this, Rutherford and Bayonne were both mentioned, there is precedent for this.
- Butch presented information on the Coaching/Volunteer update
  - Everyone needs to do a background check if they are going to be around the kids. This is a Little League policy, not a town/Lyndhurst Little League Policy.
    - The question was asked if they were background checked last year if they had to be again, the consensus seemed to be that the JDP background check from least year will need to be redone
    - There is the option of getting fingerprinted, basketball and soccer have done it, those would last for two years.
    - One of the two need to be done by any coaches/volunteers
  - Coaches clinic is available on 2/8 in Hasbrouck Heights. Information is available for everyone. Cost is \$10 and the league will pay for it. The clinic will be about 3 hours.
  - Lyndhurst coaches will offer a clinic that will be mandatory for all coaches to attend. There is no date for that yet, but the goal is to do it sometime in March in the Lyndhurst High School gymnasium

- It is recommended that everyone take a concussion course, CPR/AED course and it is not yet required but it may be.
- Tom presented information on the Rutgers Safety Course.
  - It is the only course that is legally acknowledged by the state to protect volunteers/coaches from law suits
  - It has been around since the 1980's and you only have to take it once in your lifetime.
  - As of now it is required but it has been ignored for a lot of years, which we do not know why, but the standards are going to be strictly enforced moving forward.
  - The course is 3 ½ hours long and is going to be offered in the Senior Center sometime in March. It will likely be during the week and start around 6:30-7:00ish.
  - There will be another date offered in town but that date is TBD.
  - Cost will be \$35 and they are working on getting everyone reimbursed for that.
- Opening Day/Parade Day will be Saturday April 4th with a rain date being set for Sunday April 5th.
  - Board will be discussing what we are doing that day, plans to be released at later meetings
- 2020 Bi-law review
  - Bi-laws will be posted next week on the league's website by Jason.
  - Little League has a rule book that exists and takes first chair on issues, but the bi-laws are our local policies on top of those rules.
- Travel Baseball/Softball
  - Have been sending travel baseball to Cooperstown for end of the year tournament
  - Last year we fundraised \$19,000.00, most of which comes from a golf outing, and it costs roughly \$20,000.00 to attend the tournament.
  - Tryouts will be the last Sunday in January and February 2nd.
  - Last year we had a 10U, 11U, 12U, and 14U team, but we wanted to have an 8U team as well
  - Softball is trying to field a 12U and 14U team, with the intent to compete in the spring or summer
- Softball teams had size issues with their uniforms. These issues stemmed from Sponsors changing levels of play and trying to keep the uniforms. This caused 8th graders to have uniforms intended for much younger kids.
  - The board will discuss this issue in the board meeting, by looking at analyzing how we do sponsorships and what we ask of our sponsors.
- It was asked if we can get shirts for coaches so that they can feel a part of the team.
  - The league is usually scrambling to find coaches as late as days before teams play. So it likely does not make sense to order shirts like the kids

at the same time for coaches, however we could make general shirts OR provide instructions on how to obtain shirts.

- Softball questioned about if the sponsors pay for the coaches merchandise at the baseball level, and again it was tabled for the board meeting portion of the night.

**Meeting closed:** 8:05 PM