



Board Meeting  
October 28, 2020

**Board members in attendance:**

Adam Bendas  
Juli Diefenbach  
Angel Bodon  
Chris Tash  
Jamie Leder  
Val Costano  
Mike Ticehurst  
Kelly Reymann  
John Shutack

**Others in attendance:**

Ashley Bodon  
Brian Diefenbach  
Kristen O'Connor  
Anthony Carabelli

**From Adam Bendas, first meeting as President**

- All decisions will be made together, and an email and/or group will be sent. We are all in this together, we are striving for full transparency.
- Let's look at accomplishing projects that are more attainable; let's look to do it, and not meet about so much that we don't get it done. If there are new ideas, let's roll with them.
- This upcoming year, we want to look at modifying some rules amongst the divisions to retain kids.
  - This is not travel
  - This is not all-stars
  - From now, through Memorial Day, our priority is Nottingham Little League.
- We want this to be a safe place to hang out, to be kids.
  - Recently, the 12's celebration was that
  - Fall Ball Sandlot was that
- We have to get families, and others to buy in—become a part of this league

**FIELD IDEAS**

- We need to improve the fields and the condition of the facility
- Let's look at the OD schedule; the field duty responsibilities
  - Someone in each division should be in charge of the field for that season
  - Set up a schedule for accountability; fields, cutting grass, etc.
- We have to get back to the look and feeling of Nottingham
- People want to be a part of it, we have to pitch it in a way that they feel a part of it

## FACILITY IDEAS

- Painting
  - Dug outs, inside and outside
    - Cages
    - Concrete slab with an "N" on it
- Asphalt
  - We need to seal coat it
  - Once we do, maybe we can get Hamilton to line hopscotch and other playground markings for the siblings.
- Cages
  - Keep them clean, and kept up
  - Let's use the small cage to use for revenue
- Clubhouses
  - We need to improve it
  - We have to maintain these facilities better
  - Let's get signs updated, awards, and accomplishments up to date; something to be proud of
- Roof
  - Adam Reymann will get a few quotes for the November meeting
    - Quote for small cage
    - Big cage

## REGISTRATION

- Will not start this weekend
- In-Person registration; we may do all online
- 276 last year
- We need to consider that TBALL registration may need to be in person for new players
- Maybe 2 registrationS in person
  - December and January

## WINTER CLINICS

- Charge upfront
- Coaches and safety clinics
- Take them around the facility and do a field duty clinic
- TBall specific

## TREASURER

- **Operating Account: \$28,987.69**
- **Capital Account: \$16,424.83**
- JERRY SALZANO PROFIT: \$5,380
- FALL BALL SANDLOT PROFIT: \$1,850.00
- COVID-19 Expenses: John reported to Mayor, we spent: \$4,948.65

## SAFETY IN CAGES

- Coaches must wear masks
- Masks for anyone not playing (should we include players while they're waiting for their at-bat)
- Post signs
- Signs
- How much to clean the cage: weekly--Ashley will follow up
- Get sanitizer sprayer for commercial
- Caddy with PPE supplies--Kelly will follow up on that
- Policies to include protocols from coaches, players for cages--Kelly will follow up

## FUNDRAISING

- Sponsor signs: 3 year terms on the signs
  - Looking for someone to step up to do the sponsor signs for Mike Ticehurst
- Golf Outing
  - April--Mike Ticehurst is point of contact
- Trenton Thunder Night--Karina Leder is point of contact
- Annual
  - Super 50/50 instead of discount cards (thank you, Ashley!)
  - \$50 per family
    - Juli—can get the permit
    - Mike—will contact Printworx
    - Kelly—get some language down for the fundraiser tickets (look at HTRSA) 5, \$10 tickets

## EQUIPMENT

- Angel is looking to pass that on to someone else (Anthony Carabelli may be interested to help)

## 50/70 DIVISION

- Let's try it again...

## TOWNSHIP STIPENDS

- Anthony said an email should have been sent out regarding reimbursing some of Covid-expenses
- Credited Charter amounts

## AUXILIARY

- Great job, Juli, Val, and Aux!
- Aux was able to cover the cost of umpires
- Spent more than was made in total; but we paid for the umpires
- Aux will need \$5,000; NLL Bank to transfer any needed money--ONE LEAGUE
- Hoping parents know that they will be fulfilling kitchen duty again

#### UMPIRE UPDATE:

- We have about 80, usually
- I was down to 16 officials to take care of everything
- Plus, there was others that decided to sit it out
- They are not taking applications for Reynolds, etc.
- We are not sure if we'll have an officials class
- We are unsure when the start of the season will be

#### FALL CLEAN UP:

- Adam will meet with Adam Reymann to discuss details
- Fields
- Signs need to be clipped
- Fall clean up day, coming soon
- Sandlot is finished

#### DISTRICT 12 MEETING:

- Audit may happen (The last NLL audit was done when Chris Valentino was treasurer.)
- BYLAWS
- Charter 2021
- We need to submit a Safety Plan, and it will include COVID plans
- Grant opportunities to look into--Kelly will follow up on this, and prepare some options
  - Will consider safety (cameras)
  - Facility improvements
- 50/70 tournament to host; we may be interested in that
- In 2023 District 12 is hosting the 10 Year State Tournament
  - In past tournaments Shutak shared that they hosted a home run derby
  - They hosted a banquet on the Thursday prior
  - There 4 sections in NJ; we're in section 3 now
  - We have to put in for it; it's on rotation
  - What do we have to submit?
    - Adam Bendas will find out
- WBC (??) Live-streamed 7 games; and they did their ratings, the little league numbers were higher than high school games!

#### NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 @ 7:30pm**

Subcommittees/Projects will be shared and hopefully, we can divide and conquer