

Leominster Lassie League  
Board Meeting  
February 7, 2019  
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order

**Secretary's report**  
**Treasurer's report**

**New Business**

1. BOD updates
2. Committees Reports
  - Bylaw Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bylaw changes
  - Budget Committee - update
  - Rules / Code of Conduct Committee - update
3. Mandatory Coach's Meeting 2/15/19 @ 7:00PM
4. Try Outs / Assessments – February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>
5. School flyers
6. Volunteers

Next meeting March 6th @ 7:00 PM

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MINUTES

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**Present : Nichole Wheeler, Julie Bergstrand, Alba Contreras, Curtis Ruby, Chuck Sargent, Shawn McNamara, Jason Ayik, Tara Witzgall**

**Secretary's report** – read minutes from last month  
**Treasurer's report** - no treasurer report tonight

**New Business**

1. BOD updates – Lisa Porter, Jason Wilson and Blaine Alvarez resigned from the Board of Directors
2. Committees Reports

Bylaw Committee – no quorum present so no reading was able to take place.

Julie however reported that the most updated bylaws were removed from the website without notice by someone. Julie reported that they did not have a copy of the updated bylaws so now they need to meet again in order to now go through the most recent changed bylaws now that she has a copy of them. Julie reported that the most important change that is going to be recommended is the specific number of voting BOD members. They are also suggesting to add that if a BOD member misses a set number of meetings that they will be automatically removed from the BOD because when BOD members do not show up it effects the ability to get things done if there is no quorum.

It was asked about any recommendations being made to the player agent's criteria and Julie reported that there were no changes because a player agent should not manage the division that they have a player in or coach in. At this time Rob was not present but it was reported that his daughter's were going to be playing in the minor and major divisions so we would need to find another player agent for those divisions so there would be no conflict with the bylaws. Julie asked Nichole to send out an email to Rob to give him a heads up that the league would be sending out a volunteer request for another player agent in attempts to do due diligence by the bylaws.

Budget Committee – Chuck and Shawn discussed the budget meetings. They reported that fall ball and the women's league are big money makers for the league. Chuck said that the out of town teams coming in for the fall contributed a large amount of money for the league this year. They also reported that we have been very low in sponsorships and that we need to increase the banners to increase our income in this area.

The tournaments bring money into the league but we need to find a way to get more volunteers for the tournaments and not have to pay everyone or at least pay them less. They are working on putting a budget together so we have a better understanding on areas that we spend money in.

Rules / Code of Conduct Committee – Curtis reported about the rules. We had a copy of the code of conduct that Lassie is going to adopt and they would like this to be added to the bylaws. There are several seasonal rule changes to help the league adapt more to USA rules and less house rules. Curtis said that we need less forfeits and the girls pay to play so we need to find ways to ensure they will be playing their games. They changed some of the borrowing players' rules in the same divisions in order to help with the forfeits.

3. Mandatory Coach's Meeting 2/15/19 @ 7:00PM – all coach's need to attend this meeting to discuss try outs, draft, go over the rules for the season and make any changes, complete CORI forms, and discuss options for our league.

4. Try Outs / Assessments – February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup> – will need coaches to evaluate players and run the drills. Jay volunteered to bring some light flight balls for batting and has 12 inch softies that he will let us borrow.

5. School flyers – were dropped off at the superintendent's office last week and they were going to distribute to the schools before vacation.

6. Volunteers –

Sponsorship - Right now Alba is working on increasing our sponsors this year as sponsorship coordinator and Chuck reported that his ex-wife Jenna would be willing to help Alba with calls and outreach.

Fundraising – Nichole reported needing some new people and ideas for fundraising for the league to be able to make some improvements and purchase some new equipment. Nichole reported wanting to purchase a net for the foul balls on field 2 to limit the amount of injuries. Nichole discussed finding a sponsor to pay for the netting. Jay volunteered to help with calls for donations and sponsorships as well.

As the season starts we will need other volunteers for various areas.

7. Other – It was suggested that we look into joining Little League for our players under 16. This would not change anything that our current league does or how we play but would enable us to create an all star team in several age brackets and compete locally with a change to go to the state's competition. This would just be something in addition to our league.

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