

APPROVED 1/12/2024

BYBS Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/10/2024

Location: Berlin Lanes

- 1) Call to Order: 5:31pm
- 2) Roll Call
 - a. Board Present: Gumtow, Wollert, Marshall, Pulvermacher, K. Parker, Toney, M. Miller, J. Miller, Absent: NONE
 - b. Membership: Parker
- 3) Membership Input
 - a. None
- 4) Correspondence
 - a. Tournament team parents continue to ask for status updates
 - b. Micky reached out to a lot of businesses for outfield signs and will discuss later in meeting
- 5) Discussion
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - i. Amanda makes a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, Kari seconds, all present were in favor, no neighs, minutes are approved
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Amanda shared 3 months of reports, August, September, October
 - ii. Amanda noted that October we got the final 2 missing sponsorship payments plus the final Chevy donation, discussion on putting up a Chevy banner with the new outfield sponsorship signs
 - iii. Discussion of adding a new category in finance report for outfield signs since those expenditures go through the city
 - iv. Current balance \$23,365.36
 - v. Kari makes a motion to approve on the treasurer's reports, Mike seconded, all present were in favor, no neighs, the 3 months of finance reports were approved
 - c. Tournament Team Updates
 - i. Micky discussed with 8U and 9U coach from last year the team and roster, and the coach's suggestion was to put his 9U and 10U teams down closer to 11 players this year (which is less than last year) to ensure maximum number of at bats during games, and increase the

number of kids on 8U (since several previously discussed about playing up a level)

- ii. There was discussion on the number of non-Berlin school kids on the teams and keeping track of those numbers.
 - iii. Also briefly discussed co-ed teams at the 8U level
 - iv. 12U tournament team had 1 new player move to the area that reached out to ask if tournament team openings, coach Justin is coordinating a tryout time
 - v. The 9U/10U coach also mentioned and the board discussed the idea of pulling up younger players to the older teams when roster is low due to vacations and thus the need for all teams 8U/9U/10U/12U to have same jerseys across teams
 - vi. Possible coaching candidates
 - 1. 8U coach –Stellmacher
 - 2. 9U coach – Bryant
 - 3. 10U coach – Matt Mathia and Jacob Miller
 - 4. 12U coach – Justin Miller
 - vii. Justin mentioned that he was getting invites to 2025 tournaments for 12U team. Kari made a motion for the board to pay for up to 6 tournaments in 2025 for the 12U boys team, Jared seconded, all present were in favor, no neighs, motion approved
 - viii. 10U girls collaboration with other cities, Micky reached to Princeton and Green Lake but haven't gotten responses yet, discussion on Mike reaching out to another local city also this coming month.
- d. 2025 Registration Updates
- i. Discussion on opening registration in January, ending in March, having an open registration in-person day on same day as a board meeting in February 2025, making sure to avoid the Super Bowl and the basketball/wrestling tournaments and other activities, possible date of Feb 23rd
 - ii. Discussion on individual Berlin player registration fee staying similar to last year, tabling the discussion for future meeting and Amanda will gather a financial report of information on past jersey, umpire, league, tournament cost breakdown etc.
 - iii. Discussion on coach discounts and giving an option to accept or decline, or an appreciation package with apparel, tabled until seeing the report of last year's cost from Amanda.

- iv. Mike has sample questions for survey to put into registration that he will email to the board.
 - v. Justin will work on creating a mock 2025 registration form and sharing with the board via email for feedback.
- e. Home Tournament Updates
 - i. City approved and put us on the calendar for our home tournament May 16-18 for boys, and July 18-20 for girls
 - 1. City says we're now qualified as a big event which will require us to rent the shelter house, approximately \$100 deposit
 - ii. South diamond the city has given permission to move the bases, we will need bases moved from 60 ft to 70 ft, may need to purchase base posts, plugs, and maybe even bases (but hopefully can just move bases back). Needs to be on next meeting agenda.
 - iii. Likely now that we need to use South diamond we may need double the porta-potties from last year so an additional cost.
 - iv. Discussion on dumpsters also, last year we had approval to use another organization's dumpster, continued discussion needed.
 - v. Discussion about making sure South Diamond score board works for next year's tournament, Micky will reach out to ask the city.
- f. Sponsorship Outfield Sign discussion
 - i. 9 quotes received for outfield signs
 - ii. Various quotes ranging from \$120 + \$10 shipping, \$75 for 15oz , \$75 for 13oz, \$90, \$120 but would do it for \$60 with their logo, \$156, \$90
 - iii. Some quotes were from local photographers and discussion had about trying to maximize the number of local businesses we support
 - iv. Motion by Mike to approve Gretchen for banners with cost of \$75 based on cost and local business and past experience, Jared seconded, all presents were in favor, no neighs, motion passed
- g. Winter Clinic Status
 - i. Mike reached out to fast pitch college players to see if interested in clinics, they said they'd think about it for late winter early spring.
 - ii. Mike working on pitching and hitting guide for softball players to send out during winter via email.
- h. Replacing old equipment discussion/shed inventory
 - i. No discussion
- i. Boys rec league location discussion

- i. Rec league boys discussion Ripon vs Waushara, field usage was brought up again and discussion of pros and cons of both league, no definitive answer yet, Tabled discussion for now
- j. Umpire discussion
 - i. Tabled, Waushara is not doing anything until February
- k. Big Project discussion
 - i. Kiwanis discussion, Jared having a future meeting to put some ideas together
 - ii. Micky discussed with Rebecca Bays possibility of putting sand on fields and discussed Klein scoreboard controller, city asking how much money is BYBS thinking for the sand. Discussion on the outfield signs money as it would be for maintenance like the sand. City says it's a special mix of sand. Discussion on needing a quote for how much it costs. Discussion on maybe narrowing focus to North diamond second base making sure it doesn't flood to not have to cancel games. Micky will reach back out to city.
- l. Open board position discussion
 - i. Treasurer
 - 1. Suggestion last month did not work out, person politely decline
 - 2. Jared proposed another community member and said he'd reach out about this new lead

6) Board Member Updates

- a. Mike suggested car decals for Berlin Baseball & Softball to hand out at registration just to keep getting out the word on the league into the community
- b. Micky said Coach Jeff is trying to setup a softball pitching clinic through his FCA group 30-50 pitchers per session, not in Berlin, looking at other cities with big name pitcher. Their request was would the board be willing to help with scholarships for any kids from Berlin that would like to attend, may cost around \$100. Discussion on scholarships for boys and girls on attending clinics in other cities, or could be linked to parent volunteer discounts.
Tabled for now.

7) Future agenda items

- a. Registration & prices
- b. Coaches appreciated packaging
- c. Umpired discussions
- d. Kiwanis discussions
- e. Amanda's financial review of registration costs from last year

- f. Scholarship idea for clinic attendees
 - g. Bumper Sticker decal
 - h. Home Tournament entry fee and registration status from other cities
 - i. Berlin Tournament teams status of registration to other city's tournaments
- 8) Upcoming Dates
- a. No December meeting
 - b. January 12th Sunday 5:30pm possibly Berlin Lanes
- 9) Adjournment: Mike motions to adjourn, Jared seconds, all in favor, no neighs
7:04pm