

Byron Township Little League

November 4, 2014

7pm @ Nickels Cafe

I. Call to order Rick Hawley called to order the regular meeting of the BTLL at 7pm on November 4, 2014 at Nickels Cafe.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Traci Zimmer, Marty Tilma, Rick Hawley, Dennis Lanning, Kim VandeVooren, Corey Holverstott

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as read

IV. Reports

a. Financial – Reports attached

a. Need to investigate a way to separate paypal payments to be able to classify better.

b. Concessions – Ronda is stepping down. Gina Holverstott is interested but would like a partnership – need to post/email open position

c. Field & Equipment – missed window for this year

a. Bicentennial batting cage will be ready for 2015

b. Need to get quote for electric work at Bicentennial for batting cage & concession

V. Year End Business

A. Kim is stepping down – speak with Scott Westers as replacement

B. Ronda is stepping down – see above

C. Money from baseball tournament not accounted for? Gary? – Perry will call Gary to see what the status is.

VI. Future Business

- a.) Potential Field Improvements – Will have to wait for 2016
- b.) Bicentennial Scoreboards – Would like them in before winter – Rick will talk with township
- c.) Bicentennial North Field Improvements - 2016
- d.) Whistlestop LL4 – new grass infield - 2016
- e.) Whistlestop Park – spectator nets/would prefer to just increase the backstop size of 2 & 3

VII. Roundtable

- a) Fee increase proposed - \$10
- b) Sub-committee for field improvements that will meet and discuss sometime in August – Rick will head – committee to be Marty Tilma, Corey Holverstott & asking Ryan Baumbach (will offer free registration)
- c) Would like committee to take over the Team Tournaments – Dennis Lanning offered to head the committee – Kim VandeVooren volunteered for sub-committee
- d) Evaluations – make it mandatory that players show to evaluations or they are pulled from the draft pool & will be assigned to teams after the draft is finished by the player agents
- e) Celebration – to have an all-star (4 games/1 on each field) game based on kid votes and that game is played under the lights & run a home run derby before the all-star game
- f) Trying to split machine pitch into a minor & majors division – to help younger players advance more at their pace and older players to have more competitive play.
- g) Get quote from Elite for them to run player evaluations for us.
- h) Posting rules at the concessions to help with interleague play and to keep from having problems with rule misunderstandings – help the umpires too.
- i) Board members must be at $\frac{3}{4}$ of the meetings
- j) Keeping the sponsors on the shirts
- k) Selection of All-Star coaches staying with the board

- l) The historical society has offered us the Train Depot building at the entrance of Whistlestop for possible office space/storage
- m) Feedback from coach pitch coaches about not playing on Field #1
- n) 50/70 league needs to be voted on the next meeting

VIII. Upcoming Board Meetings

- a. November 24, December 15, January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23
- b. Eval dates – March 7 & March 14

IX. Adjournment