

LNRA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
March 14, 2016
LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BUILDING
BETHELEHEM, PA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom at 7:35PM

TREASURER'S REPORT

Craig reported the March financials as follows:

✓ Opening balance	\$20,073.66
✓ Total Disbursements	(\$1,167.77)
✓ Spring Registration	\$41,294.85
✓ Balance as of Feb 29	\$60,200.74*
✓ Capital Funds	\$29,918.00**

*This total includes refundable work bonds paid with on-line enrollment

** Business Account (repairs, batting cages, pitching machines...)

DIRECTORS REPORT

Girls Lower Level: There will be (2) Tee-Ball teams, (3) 2nd – 3rd grade teams, and (1) 4th – 5th grade team. Coaches are currently being identified and teams will be chosen shortly. Emails to parents from respective coaches will follow the team selection. The official season will begin on opening day, 4/16/16.

Girls Upper Level: There will be (1) 6th – 7th grade team and (1) 8th – 9th grade team. Coaches are currently being identified and emails to parents from respective coaches will follow shortly. The official season will begin on opening day, 4/16/16. Additionally, we are hoping to participate in (2) 6th – 7th grade tournaments scheduled for 6/24 through 6/26.

Boys Tee Ball / Farm: There will be (4) teams at the Tee-Ball level. Anyone interested in coaching at the Tee-Ball level should contact Michael Petruska. The season is expected to begin on 4/23.

There will be (4) teams at the Farm level, with 14-15 kids on each team. The season will begin on 4/16.

Boys Minors: There will (3) Minors teams with 12 kids on each team. Teams have been selected and emails have been sent to the parents from respective coaches. The season will begin on 4/9/16. The Minors will be participating in the Combo League, with 26 total teams. The regular season will end on 6/10. Minor League

Boys Majors: There will be (3) Majors teams with 12 kids on each team. Teams have been selected and emails have been sent to the parents from respective coaches. The Majors will be participating in the Combo League, with (2) Divisions, and 24 total teams. The season will begin on 4/9/16 and end on 6/10.

Majors/Minors All Star Teams: All Star practices will begin on 6/11. If you think your son will be selected for the All Star team and want to participate, it is imperative that he is available throughout the All Star season, 6/11 – 7/??, depending on how far the team advances.

LNRA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
March 14, 2016
LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BUILDING
BETHELEHEM, PA

Boys Upper: We hope to have (3) teams with (11) kids on each team. However, Dirk has expressed concern with having only 11 kids on a team and is hoping to recruit a few more players. (3) head coaches have been identified but we need additional commitments for assistant coaches to make 3 teams work. Of the expected (3) teams, (1) team will be a tournament team. Dirk will be contacting the parents of the boys who have expressed an interest in committing to the tournament team regarding try-outs for that team. Following the selection of the tournament team, the other (2) teams will be identified, and emails from respective coaches will go out.

Additionally, a Junior Legion Prep team for 13-year-old boys is in development, with up to 18 additional games scheduled following the regular season. More information will follow.

Challenger League: There will be (4) Challenger League teams. More information will follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Clean up Day: Participation on 3/12/16 was minimal, with fewer than 15 participants. Tom reminded the group of the importance of volunteering to keep maintain the fields. Regardless of the poor show-out, the following tasks were accomplished: Painted Shed, Cleaned out leaves and sticks, Edged fields 1 & 7, Ran machine on all fields, Removed backstop on field on field #1, Repaired windscreen on field #1.

Repairs/Improvements: Field 6 fence was scheduled for repair on 3/15/16. Batting cage poles replacement/repair to begin on 3/15/16. New pitching machines have been ordered. Pitching machines and machine balls must stay in the Batting Cage sheds, and should not be moved to the fields. To minimize the risk of injury, the boys should never be allowed to use the pitching machines.

Memorial Day Tournament: There will be a U12 and U10 Tournament over Memorial Day weekend. Team selection and game details will follow. The Tournament will benefit Joe Post, a 10-year old Minor-Leaguer. Joe's mother suffered a debilitating stroke this winter, and tragically, Joe lost his father in February. A college fund for Joe is being set-up – details will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for open board positions: Tom announced that Paul Fitzgerald will be assuming the role of Secretary, replacing Scott Fuller.

Field Permits: We expect to have the field permits back on March 25. No organized practices can occur before you receive an email confirming we have the permits back, and have permission to be on the fields.

Coach Clearances: The new clearance process was outlined in an email sent on 3/12. Clearance documents were collected by Tom at the meeting. Tom will review clearances before submitting them to the township. Coaches cannot have an organized practice until they hear from Tom that the clearances have been approved.

LNRA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
March 14, 2016
LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BUILDING
BETHELEHEM, PA

Equipment for coaches: Each Director will meet with Tom regarding distribution of equipment bags for each team. Each Director will distribute the bag to their coaches.

League Expansion: The Nazareth Little League participation area has expanded to include Palmer Township and Forks Township, effective this 2016 season.

Sponsorship: Currently we have (14) team sponsors. Outfield sign sponsorships are also available. Steve Rodriguez has asked that anyone interested in sponsoring a sign to contact him. Additionally, this year there will be a "Homerun Club" plaque sponsorship for families available. The cost is \$350 to sponsor a plaque (have you family name on it).

Miracle League: LNRA will sponsor the White Socks. There will be 7 games that be assisted by Upper, Major and Minor teams. Additionally there will be a Tee-Ball Game Day scheduled. More information will follow.

Coaches Clinic: A District 20 Coaches Clinic will be held on 4/3/16. This is a great opportunity for coaches to obtain some skills to help them be more effective. Minor – Upper level coach training will be 9:00 – 12:30; Tee-Ball and Farm level coach training will be 1:00 – 4:15. Additional information will follow.

Opening Day: Opening day will be 4/16/16. All the teams will "parade" up to the Majors field. FiFi and Ferrous from the Iron Pigs will be at the field between 11:00 and 1:00. Some opening day games will be scheduled.

Next Meeting April 11, 2016 @ 8:30PM

ADJOURNMENT: Steve Bogar made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dirk Childs seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Snyder	Tom Kilareski	Dave Skutches	Steven Riff	Keith Hornik
Shawn Dally	Craig Vakiener	Steve Bogar	Barb Wismer	Dave Moore
Michael Petruska	Paul Fitzgerald	Tom Whiteash	Paul Saylor	Steve Rodriguez
Dirk Chiles	Scott Fuller	John Nagurney	Mike Trach	Robert Trifiletti
John Panovec	Jared King	Barry Brodt	John Bach	Tim Trausue
Adam Perkins	Dave Hartranft	J Deily	Scott Sauer	Jason Perillo
David Weeast	Pam Youngkin	Jeremy Shuler	Curt Lukoski	Josh Wilvera
Matthew Seyfest	Gregg Kauffman	Brian Guerrier		