

BRLI General Meeting

January 16, 2022

Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:05

Secretary's Report – Susan noted that the draft of the minutes had been sent with the meeting reminder and link for the virtual meeting. Ryan moved to adopt the minutes as provided. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Katie was unable to attend due to illness. Ryan noted that currently there is \$34030.28 in the account, and there is not a whole lot going in and out over the past few months. A few donations arrived, registrations are starting to come in as well. Various bills/checks cashed. Various big ticket items are coming up as we begin the spring season.

Fundraiser – March 14 – 20 – Baseballism – anyone from league can order anything they want and will get a 20% discount with code, BRLI will get 20% from what is made. (Need communication plan)

Winter Workouts – about 30 kids attended on 1/8, positive feedback was received. It was a similar style to last year with baseball & softball combined until batting. There were a good number of volunteers and the kids were tired when they left. There are 3 more sessions – 1/22; 2/12; 2/26 – and there are still a few spots available.

Registration – We were a little late on getting it open due to the change to Sports Connect. Tball currently has the highest sign up; Baseball is at 55 across all divisions; Softball is at 16 across all divisions. Registration will be closing towards end of February.

Website Update – With the change to Sports Connect we are filling in various areas still on the website including the history, more pictures, etc. We need to determine what URL should show publicly. For the website please share suggestions with Jana or one of the Board Members, we are looking to transfer information from the old page along with adding questions from new player parents FAQs. We added a donation page.

TMobile FamCam – TMobile will be streaming games from Younkens Field, TMobile will install a camera and based on the game schedules we provide, the games will broadcast automatically based on that schedule. We will get links to the site and share those. As part of registration we will have waiver to address the live streaming. If someone wants more than basic views that individual can pay. We are waiting to see if we can mic in commentary with an external microphone. The installation is to be done in beginning of March.

League Open House – This year's event will be January 29 at the Brunswick Fire Hall. Players can register at the event and drop off documents. Board members will be there to answer questions as well.

Bylaws/Manager/Coach Selection Update – In the Board Meeting following this meeting, the revised Bylaws/Local Rules will be vote on, along with the Managers for the upcoming year. Once officially voted on, it will be posted on the webpage. Highlights were provided of the changes, including that we will be redrafting for all divisions and all levels this year; there will be a random draw for selection order this year; all levels will use a continuous batting order – to allow defensive substitutions more freely; we will

continue using courtesy runners for pitchers and catchers; for the Majors/Minors there will be an end of regular season tournament to change the focus from the regular season from wins and losses to learning baseball. The regular season standings will determine seedings in the double elimination tournaments. They will follow District TOC rules to give a players a couple of games under the tournament rules to get more used to them. All Star selection has been changed to include feedback from the players – players, coaches, managers voting on their top 9 from their level of play. Those 9 will be placed on an age appropriate All Star team. The All Star Manager will be responsible for determining the roster size for the team within LL requirements and remainder of player selections will be made by the Manager in collaboration with the Player Agent and other Managers/Coaches from the spring season. The players will also provide input on the annual player awards. The selection of managers for the All Star Teams will be done by Manager’s Committee in conjunction with the President and Board. The intent is for selections to be done earlier so can get teams in place and notified as soon as allowed by LL.

Managers Committee has met for the Spring 2022 season and recommendations will be discussed at the Board Meeting. Because of the redraft, if a Manager wants to select a coach they can, but it is not guaranteed the coach’s child will be drafted by said team. The Board will notify those chosen this week.

PCA Parent/Guardian Clinic – The date of the clinic is March 18 at the Brunswick Fire Hall, which will post on the website, from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. A \$20 charge per player has been added to the initial registration fee, if the parent/guardian shows up to the workshop they will get \$20 back. If they can’t make the in-person event we will have online codes and once Adam is notified the workshop has been completed, they will get a refund. The Fire Hall kitchen will be open for event.

Hauver Memorial Tournament – The tournament will be 3/26 & 3/27. It is a pre-season tournament for regular season majors teams. Saturday is a round robin for seeding; Sunday will have consolation games in the morning and semi-finals and finals for the top 4 teams. We will need volunteers to help with the event.

Calendars will be updated on both Facebook and the webpage so schedules can be planned.

Other Issues/Questions –

Evaluations – 3/5 & 3/6 – on Younkins & Frye field, returning majors will need to attend, message will be sent to kids that they will need to attend

Opening Day – April 2 – more information will be shared over the next few months.

Umpire Clinic – 3/19

Field Maintenance – 3/12

Facility forms have been filled out for both FCPS and Othello – we put in for everything could.

We are looking to have Intermediate, Juniors, Seniors – earlier this week there was a discussion the families of older players because of new travel teams that are forming. We are looking at a number of players. Intermediate is a nice transition, once a player is league age 11 and in majors, they can dual roster (11 – 13). We don’t know if going to be able to use Othello’s field for intermediate and are not sure if we will be able to get Valley up to playing conditions, so are working on both options. From the

district perspective the following leagues anticipated having Intermediate teams: Thurmont, MCLL, EFLL and FCLL trying. All Star eligibility transfers based on playing at all levels. In placing players on the All Star teams, for those who are dual rostered, priority is given to the 10 – 12 team.

Ryan will follow up with Amy on the K&K Insurance.

Ryan noted that we are 100% volunteer, so all are welcome to help. He thanked everyone for attending and being interested in what is happening with the league.

Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting, Jana seconded.

Noted next meeting will be 2/20 virtually. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.