MVLL Board Meeting Minutes (IN PROGRESS) for Wednesday, February 23rd 2022

Present:

* Jacob Millman – President
* Aaron Bennett – Vice President – Baseball
* Walter Brown - Vice President – Softball on I-phone
* Jeremy Donelson – Treasurer and Website Manager
* Lisa Treasure – Fundraising and Snack Shake Manager
* Paul Vernet – on Iphone
* Tom Sharon – Safety Director
* Karen Thomas-Malloy – Coach Coordinator and Interim Secretary

Quorum achieved – 7:10pm

* Michelle Millman – Tee-Ball (7:20)

Not present –

* Carrie Davis – departing Secretary
* Marty Lynch –
* [Dknr80@gmail.com](mailto:Dknr80@gmail.com) –
* [Leighsa811@yahoo.com](mailto:Leighsa811@yahoo.com)
* Derek Spada – Player Agent – Majors

Table league sec’y for next meeting

Jake requests board ‘ask around’ for someone who might take Carrie’s spot as secretary

Suggestion to record meeting to aid in notes and recollections. – no objections, President started recording

* Discuss and approve previous board meeting minutes
  + No minutes to review or approve from previous 2 meetings
  + Carrie to work on it when returning from travel
  + Jacob to work on getting them together
  + Treasurer’s Report - Financial Review $18,187.46
  + Registrations coming in
  + Not too many expenses yet
    - Registrations to date - 45 total
      * Minors softball – 5
      * Majors softball – 0
      * Tee ball - 24
      * Minors BB – 7
      * Majors BB - 5
* Concessions / Fundraising – Lisa Treasure
  + Renewals for advertisements?
    - Looking at banners, most new – will e-mail to ask if renewing
    - Home Run Package includes:
      * 3 fields and the back of the shirt
      * Suggestion to offer to last year’s HR Package sponsors a time period of first refusal to renew before offering out to general population
    - What happens when we exceed fence capacity? Especially at Woodstock?
      * Aaron suggests hanging them on the outside (facing road)
  + Find new advertisements?
    - Some new parents interested in sponsoring, getting banners as well
    - Send out sponsorship form to everybody (parents)
  + Hudson Valley Cards would like to team up with the league
    - Maybe get baseball cards for our kids to generate more interest – at least at Majors level
    - Suggestion that maybe every player would get a pack of cards (Tee ball, BB, SB)
* Social Media / Website
  + Facebook update –
    - Jeremy suggests buying Facebook advertisement if targeted locally
    - When LJ and Amanda left the league, they sent administrator invitations to Jake and Michelle.
      * Jake didn’t see the invitation
      * Michelle tried to accept but got ‘error page’
      * Now NO-ONE has access
    - Jake to work on new FaceBook page with multiple administrators.
    - Jake to talk with LJ, then send blast e-mail
    - Walter – need ‘holistic’ view for social media – have e-mail to maintain, need to add FaceBook to ‘grow’ following
  + Update Website
    - Thank you to Jeremy for updating site with registration details – looks good
    - Board members are there – someone will send me a link
    - Is March 1st the discount deadline or March 15th?
    - What was the late fee we decided?
* Report on District Meeting by Jake Millman
* There have been 2 meetings
  + Need to submit any player waivers (if player goes to play with another league)
  + Roundout and Indian Valley will be filling for a trial combination into one league
  + Softball – New Paltz Softball will play us, there was an issue last year with them picking and choosing who they will play. This has been resolved.
  + There will be district dues based on how many teams we have – Jake will find out how much we need to contribute on the district level
  + Because Roundout and Indian Valley willl be conbining, they will likely have alot of ALL Star players –
    - Each age level will have an all-star team to increase opportunities for players to make it to the district wide all star team
  + If we have a tournament;
    - we are required to supply tournament balls
    - District to get umpires
  + Conversation with Brian –welcoming, going over charters, interestingly, they were not successful with a kid-pitch minors due to; too many walks, too long games, kids getting hit, kids anxious, nervous, and afraid of getting hit
    - This year they are going to try a hybrid – coach pitch at beginning of season, then at pre-determined point, start kid pitch with an option to return to coach-pitch if it isn’t going well.
    - Aaron reports that he was under the impression that all teams in our district had a kid pitch minors league with coach stepping in if it becomes unwieldy
    - Hybrid is likely what we would be doing
    - We hoped for 2 coach pitched minors teams and 1 kid-pitch minors team
    - Interleague teams (rather than within our own league)
      * 1 hybrid kid-pitched minors (typical age is 9, league discretion LL age 8 can play up and LL age 11 can play down)
      * 1 majors team
      * Maybe Fall Ball development for pitchers – possible accelerated side program unique to our league
      * Lisa suggests pitching clinics throughout the season
      * Aaron encouraging players at mound to practicing throwing in-between innings
      * Pitcher clinics suggested
    - Once a player is in Majors, they can’t go down
  + Roundout/Indian Valley will be doing a Senior Division Softball for girls that aged out of our Majors
* Spring 2022 Season:
  + Registration flyer
  + Field maintenance - Find a tiller
    - Aaron – last spring MVLL used
      * Glenbrook (2 majors games, 2 minors teams based there last season) – has lights, tournament size, scoreboard
      * Rick Volz – not tournament sized, - Jake spoke with folks in Woodstock – They would like a schedule to prevent conflicts and be able to do special events
      * Grant Avery – worst snack shack, has lights, complications with town, not allowed to use Softball field this spring season
        + Will more be taken from us?
        + Did do 2 years of Grant Avery
        + Town of Olive does provide the dirt for Grant Avery so that isn’t an expense

Possibility of going down to two Baseball Fields

* Glenbrook
* Rick Volz too short for All Stars, fence in left field, no lights,
* Phoenicia for all Softball games
  + - * Maybe All-Stars at Grant Avery
      * Davis Park – All Tee Ball Tuesdays at 5:30, once a week
      * What about developing Tongore? – no permanent upgrades permitted by donors of land
* Paul suggests possibly send out a questionnaire asking what is important to people (snack shack, etc.)
  + Incentivize volunteers in snack shack
  + Other teams charge a $30 volunteer fee that is refunded if parents volunteer
  + Suggestion – close snack shacks unless someone cares enough to volunteer
  + Counter-concern – Some parents can only do the schedule if they can count on the snack shake to feed their kids.
  + Clinic location - Possibly Onteora (Waiting for Approval)
    - March 12th for Minors only 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
      * Aaron happy to take lead on March 12th clinic
      * Need coaches involved
      * Doesn’t get ‘real’ for baseball until March/April
    - April 2nd for Minors 10:00 am - 11:30 am
    - April 2nd for Majors 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
    - Softball clinic - If approved, we can add Softball 1:00pm - 3:00 pm (April 2nd)
      * What is deadline for registration?
      * Walter suggests outdoor clinics too

Using all 3 fields this year but Grant Avery only for practices, plus Phoenicia

* What is dirt situation at Woodstock?
  + Who puts it down?

Who available to help at clinics and to coach?

* + Background check for all board members
    - Jake and Tom will reach out to everyone to get the background check done
  + Schedule for each division (already set for TeeBall)?
  + Hard to set schedules before we know who registers and volunteers.
    - Possibility of pre-set schedule entertained, may need to give it more thought
    - Tabled to next meeting
* Open Discussion
* Next meeting: Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 Zoom

Motion for adjournment – Jeremy, Seconded – Karen

Meeting ended and recording stopped at 9:10pm

**Post meeting notes –**

**On February 24, 2022, Aaron Bennett emailed the board the following:**

“I neglected to mention that the Catskill Mtn LL (in Stamford) wants to interleague Majors with us this year.

I also recently saw this article and think we should all read it and perhaps even post it on our website for parents to see. Really good content and on the money.

<https://www.frozenropes.com/how-to-help-young-players-love-the-game/?fbclid=IwAR2Hz8Y3CnL-1d1ULlfic1P2CyNV0rP4thSkUdXBrF5IBPXnx-NLSVRJB2M>”

**On February 25, 2022, Walter Brown emailed the board:**

“Hey everyone,

       I spoke with the dug out in saugerties about clinics. They are willing to give us a little league discount deal.

Softball pitching clinic= 100$ Per hour that

Baseball pitching clinic= 100$ Per hour that

If they add catching lessons she would have to add a little more money to cover cost of catching coach.

What’s everyone’s thoughts? I think if we do a few of these and start pushing it could be a way to get more girls involved. “

**On February 25, 2022 – Jake Millman emailed the board**

“Hi everyone,

I created a new facebook page for the league.

Here is the facebook page: @MtnValleyBaseballSoftball

If anyone is interested in being an editor, please let me know.

Thanks, Jake “

**On February 27, 2022 – Jake Millman emailed the board**

“Hi everyone,

A few updates since our last board meeting...

Here are our social media websites:

<https://www.facebook.com/MtnValleyBaseballSoftball>

<https://www.instagram.com/mountainvalleyll/>

<https://twitter.com/Mountai77503023>

We can make our original post on Instagram and then it will automatically post to Facebook and Twitter. Please spread the news!

Background checks - Every board member must do a background check. I sent everyone their background checks through email. Please complete them  ASAP.

Clinics - Still waiting to hear from Onteora for approval.

District news - We were asked by the other leagues to use Grant Avery for inter-league because we are the ones with lights. They stressed the importance of players playing under the lights. I know we had a discussion about fields, but we will need to come up with a field plan at our next board meeting. I was also asked by a district administrator to use Grant Avery for Softball interleague. I did email Geno to find out what the Olive softball plan was and could we work something out.

Field - Olive will supply dirt for GA, we need to buy dirt for Woodstock, and I believe Phoenicia will supply dirt for Glen Brook.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, March 9th 7:00 - 8:30 pm through Zoom.

Thanks, Jake”

**On February 28, 2022 – Jake Millman emailed the board**

“Good morning,

Just a follow up to my previous board update email. Geno has informed me that Olive softball is M-Th. I did request we use the softball field for our league / inter-league games Friday's and Saturday's.

Have a good day, Jake”

**On February 28, 2022 – Jake Millman emailed the board**

**“**Hi everyone,

Sorry for all the emails but....

We got Onteora approval for the clinics:

3/12

Minors only - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

4/2

Minors 10:00am - 11:30 am

Majors 11:30am - 1:00 pm

I was not able to extend the time for softball on 4/2

Walter - Let me know if you want to do a Onteora clinic or we could do the clinics you suggested at the Saugerties event.

I will email out the clinic information to the families and social media.

Thanks, Jake “