MVLL Board Meeting

Minutes for March 30th 2022

## Attendance

Jake Millman

Michelle Millman

Jeremy Donelson

Walter Brown

Aaron Bennett

Derek Spada

Karen Thomas-Malloy

Lisa Treasure

Paul Vernet

Marty Lynch

Tom Sharon

Amanda Longo

Christina Brown

* Discuss and approve previous board meeting minutes
  + Minutes discussed and approved
* League Secretary vacancy
  + Christina Brown accepted position
  + Umpire Coordinator vacancy
  + Amanda Longo accepted position and the board approved
* Financial Review & Registration Data
  + Balance in bank $20500
  + Decrease due to $4000 for dirt and $600 for softball clinics.
  + $10,000 came in for registration fees
  + Registration
    - Baseball: 20 Majors, 37 minors and 58 tee ball
    - Softball: 18 minors and 6 majors
* Concessions / Fundraising
  + Lisa has an updated list for banner renewal signup. A lot have already reached out.
  + Price chopper baseball raffle. $5 a ticket. Drawing is in June. There are 5 gift card prizes. This would bring in $1000 if we could sell all the tickets. Do have to return any unused tickets or we will be billed. This can start any time Karen is going to take some this week to start.
  + Hudson Valley cards is on the banner list to be made and Lisa is picking up the cards.
  + Concessions will include grilling. The shacks need a good clean before season start and go shopping. Karen offered to help with cleaning.
* Social Media / Website
  + Bulk email procedures
  + Jake updated the community of clinics on social media. It received a lot of likes.
  + Aaron requested bulk emails be CC’d to the board and use a signature of MVLL board to add unification at the end of correspondence.
    - Using the website there is a way to add additional emails that aren’t part of registration.
* District league news
  + Thank you Jeremy & Walter for attending inter-league meeting
  + District 16 has an EIN #. Make check out to “District 16 LL”changed from a personal account to a league district account
  + Touring fields
    - LJ and John from the district will be touring the fields reviewing safety and any concerns before the season starts.
  + 50/50 raffle at the district level. District is requesting all the leagues participate.
  + League dues due in April
    - All the leagues safety plans were approved. District will reduce the cost per dues. It is usually $25 per team except t-ball before the reduction.
  + Inter-league time limits: M-Th 8:00 pm
    - An email was sent out encouraging all the players that attended the first clinic to come again as most of the players registered attended.
  + Thank you Aaron for the baseball cards. The kids really enjoyed that. Thank you Jeremy for coming with the practice balls. Thank you Tom Sharon for making the arrangements with using the school’s equipment.
* Clinic @ Onteora HS gym
  + Great first clinic! Well done everyone! Great response from volunteers and parents. Great to see the interaction.
  + Kids were eager to get out there and play. Karen mentioned her son went home and practiced.
  + April 2nd for Baseball Minors 10:00 am - 11:30 am and Baseball Majors 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
* Spring 2022 Season:
  + League transparency
    - The goal is to inform the MVLL community our goals, mission and expectations.
    - Aaron drafted an email for baseball and t-ball.
      * Highlighting Opportunity for eligible T-ball players to move up to a minors Coach Pitch team. This was not an original option at registration.
      * Walter raised concerns with safety, time to properly evaluate players and Jake and Michelle raised concerns with the eligible players not ready due to behavioral issues and lack of skill.
      * Aaron sees behavioral issues at all levels
      * Jeremy shared the level for coach pitch minors would be a little less competitive. Just want to make sure the choice is clear.
      * Moving players up will cause disruption to the current roster Michelle has made for T-ball.
      * Aaron stated according to Little league there should be no rosters made until after registration closes.
      * Michele had done it for T-ball last year.
      * T-ball is going to be more structured and growth this year.
      * Aaron would like eligible t-ball players to come to the upcoming baseball clinic. No harm in trying. Bigger areas have the ability to break down T-ball divisions by age. In our rural area this is not possible. There is a safety issue with 7 year olds playing with 4 year olds. With the break down of minors less of a safety concern. Coach pitch will be different from years prior. This was conveyed at the first clinic but not everyone was present.
      * Lisa was concerned that players will be pulled up with out having attended the clinic. Concerned this may cause a distraction to the minors players that are ready to be play baseball. T-ball is more of way for them to have fun and be introduced to the game.
      * Aaron requested email be sent out tonight even if only to those eligible or only 7 year olds.
      * Jake agrees email needs to be sent. First portion of the email for Major and Minors will be sent to only majors and minors.
      * Jake requested a list of eligible players and then discussion between Jake, Michelle and Aaron regarding the eligible players before a separate email will go out only to those eligible t-ball players.

Off topic Discussion of current and previous ways of handling things: voting on minutes, rosters etc. This will be discussed at a later date. Motion passed to resume agenda

* + T-Ball End Registration
    - T-ball has a large turn out. The current plan is to have 6 coaches with 10 players a team.
    - Jake proposed to end registration April 1 with the other divisions.
    - Previous years it has stayed open so no one was turned away.
      * Karen suggested having a waitlist program
    - Concerned Davis park won’t be able to accommodate more. Option of adding more players per team could be overwhelming for some coaches.
    - Karen Jeremy and Aaron agreed as a league we don’t want to turn a child away.
    - Jeremy mentioned attendance isn’t 100% at this level and players stop coming. Leaves room for any late registrations.
    - Walter stepped up to become another coach if needed. We don’t want to overload coaches
    - Maybe have multiple days instead of just all one day.
    - Walter asked how many players signed up after registration.
    - Amanda stated only a handful. Some kids trickled out of the league. 14 players to a team might not be enjoyable for other players. Feels we can accommodate the players that register late.
    - Walter asked if we closed registration and have a parent approach us who are we directing them to.
    - Walter and Aaron agreed on closing registration after the clinics in April.
    - Jake appreciates the input and will get back to the board with a solution.
  + In-Person Board Meetings
    - District Manager emailed stating in person meetings were better.
    - Walter doesn’t feel the board would get as much accomplished. With my wife now on the board it would be harder for us to both attend with our kids. It is also more convenient. Not opposed to all in person but would like to see it be 50/50
    - Jeremy can see both sides and thinks compromise would be the best way to proceed
    - Karen is not ready for in person meetings if it has to be indoors. As it is getting warmer not opposed to in person meetings. Maybe have every other meeting in person.
    - Aaron disagrees and there is a lot less accountability. As always family comes first but kids can come or if you have to leave early that’s ok too. In person meetings are more in depth. Some stay after the meeting and accomplish additional work. Zoom has hindered us and more is accomplished in person.
    - Jake feels compromise can be made.
  + Uniforms - Finalize end of the week
    - Baseball uniforms need to be ordered ASAP.
    - Baseball will need to make final rosters after the clinic on Saturday. Monday might be doable but more time would be better.
    - Softball uniforms were chosen. The vendor is awaiting payment. These were not ordered from the same company as baseball.
    - Lisa is going to check to see if we split the majors and minors orders would there be an additional cost. Quote was giving for both majors and minors for a bulk order. Splitting it may end up raising cost of each uniform.
    - Walter brought up it is unlikely uniforms will be here in time for start of season. Spoke with numerous distributors this week and they are having a supply issue. A lot of money was used last year to expedite shipping and it was not here in time. Overnight shipping was once the product was received to their warehouse. Not overnight from when ordered, costly mistake.
  + Equipment inventory and items needed per division (see attached)
    - Kerry took inventory last fall for each division. Each category shows what each division needs specifically.
    - The plan is to buy equipment by division. Each category shows what each division needs specifically. Things will come up as the season continues. Considering many players bring their own bats and gloves.
    - We can use places like amazon to order things as well to avoid late arrival.
    - A lot of T-ball bats were unusable. Many players brought their own so not much replenishment is needed.
    - Catchers gear is an issue. Minors coach pitch has 2 mitts. Majors are intact but soft. Softball had to borrow from other teams last year. Need large and small sizes for each division.
      * 3 sets for baseball and 4 sets for softball are needed
      * 4 righty and 1 lefty mitts for baseball and 4 mitts for softball are needed
    - Issue with catch equipment availability and high cost. Walter is going to call a few distributors.
    - Marty asked if we could use wholesale distributors and listed the following websites in chat: [sportswarehouse.us](http://sportswarehouse.us) , [anthem-sports.com](http://anthem-sports.com) , Ondeck[sports.com](http://sports.com)
    - Concerns with when wholesale will get here, our volume of order, and current supply issues.
    - Marty suggested starting this process earlier in the year next year. Walter clarified that this was proposed about 2 months ago but the vote didn’t go through at the time.
    - Walter suggested $3300 for bulk ordering with no board approval. Board approved unanimously
  + Field dirt and maintenance
    - Aaron raised concern for Davis park. There are anchors on the field for maybe a fence to be put out. Believes if the school uses Davis park they will need an outfield fence. Jake spoke with Geno about schedule conflicts and there weren’t any. Will email the Athletic Director Ryan to clarify the fence
    - RV has dirt, field needs to be rolled.
      * Conversation with Woodstock Hardware about them buying the dirt and MVLL maintaining the field.
      * Aaron took pictures of the fields. Will ask town of Woodstock to help even and flatten the fields but no tilling is needed. Left a message with town of Woodstock for needs but hasn’t heard back will update.
    - Receive 1 order of dirt, hold the second
      * + GB got the first order. Without a secure location to store the second order we may need to cancel and get a refund or credit.
        + Tom contacted the school and got approval for dirt at Phoenicia that was originally for RV and is checking to see about a portapotty.
    - GB needs to be tilled
      * Lopez landscaping did look at the fields
      * Aaron spoke with Steve from Town of Shandaken parks. They are getting the pole and fence fixed. Cara with the town stated they will turn on and check the lights as well. Bathrooms at GB aren’t the greatest. Going to request town put in a portapotty. Town seemed helpful.
      * Jake would like to see a portapotty there even if the league has to.
  + Schedule for each division- will be moved to after rosters are made
  + Safety meeting: Monday, April 4th 2022 6:00 pm Rescue Squad, Woodstock
    - USA Coaching Certifications are printed out for coaches to use.
    - Safety plan
      * Thank you Tom for securing this location. There should be about 30 attendees. Jake outlined the meeting to be 5-10 minutes for introductions. The presentation being led by Tom will be between an hour and hour and half. Then 15-30 minutes to break up with coaches for questions. Safety plans will be handed out
      * Aaron will email Tom and Jake slides from last years safety meeting that were used.
* Open Discussion
  + Walter would like to see some of the money available be spent. Suggested batting cages, practice mounds for pitching, and other equipment to improve their skills.
    - Aaron knows there is a batting cage at GB. It is missing an elbow piece that John Malloy said he might be able to get fabricated. The town had made a spot for it to fit behind the shed. We would need to anchor it down and get the sand. Willing to show Walt were it is and hopefully get it up.
    - Walter would like to see a pitching machine in there. Willing to do the leg work to get some pricing and information.
  + Scoreboard update for GA is it needs parts but it would probably exceed the cost of a new replacement.
  + Sunday is Softballs first clinic at DYS. Jake will be there for a little while. Walter is going to contact Paul to attend as Player Agent. Hoping this will be a great start to a partnership with them.
* Next meeting: TBD Jake will come with a date as start of the season prep has begun and will contact board.

**2022 Equipment per Division**

\*\*First aid kits for each team\*\* $20.00 / team

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| **T-Ball** | **Baseball Minors** | **Baseball Majors** | **Softball Minors / Majors** |  |
| Bean bags  $14.95 / set | Baseballs  $79.00 / 24 balls  4 sets | Baseballs  $79.00 / 24 balls  2 sets | 2 bats per team  28’’  31’’  $50.00/each |  |
| Bats  $25.00 each  12 |  |  |  |  |
| Cones  $21.95 / set  6 sets | Catchers gear  4 sets | Catchers gear  1 set | Catchers gear for majors and minors  2 sets |  |
| Primed 2 in 1 Adjustable trainer.  Target/Rebound Trainer  $79.99 each  6 each |  |  | Softballs 11 inch  $60.00 / dozen  Softball12 inch |  |
| Bases  $30.00 / set  2-3 |  |  | Practice balls  $60.00 / dozen |  |
| Baseballs  $35.00 /dozen  6 |  |  | Catchers mitt for each team |  |
| Tees  $35.00 each  2-3 |  |  | Face mask  Per player  $30.00 |  |
| Coach bag  $45.00 / each  2-3 bags |  |  | Markers Inc Base Anchor Foundation - Set $170 |  |

MVLL Equipment

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|  | T-Ball | Minor Coach Pitch | Minor Kid Pitch | Majors Kid Pitch | Softball |
| Bats  (see below) | 5 |  |  |  | 9 |
| Baseballs (40) |  |  |  |  | 45 |
| Gloves (27) |  |  |  |  | 8 |
| Helmets  (12) |  |  |  |  | 18 |
| Equipment bags (4) |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Catching Gear Set w/ bag |  | Chest 7  Legs 4  Mask 4 SM  Mitt: 2 SM | Chest 2  Legs 2  Mask 4 | Chest 7  Legs 6  Mask 5 LG  Mitt 3 LG  Left 1 Large | Chest 9  Legs 2.5  Helmut 1 |
| Tees | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Bases (14) |  |  |  |  |  |

\*Bats (USAB only) by size

25” – 3

26” – 2

27” – 9

28” – 15

29” – 9

30” – 12

31” – 5