



## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 9, 2020 documented by Carrie Pintar**

**Location: Joey's New Lenox & Virtual (WebEx Meeting Invite from Jim O'Dette)**

*\*Any topics where board action was taken are underlined.*

Meeting was called to order by Jim O'Dette at 7:06p, motion to begin by Andy LaPointe, seconded by Ryan Santry.

### Attendees:

X	Jim O'Dette (President)	X	Wade Welsh (VP)	X	Bob Naselli (Treasurer)
X	Carrie Pintar (Secretary)	X	Todd Strein (Shetland)	-	OPEN (Maverick)
X	Jessica Sutton (Pinto)	X	Brett Stephen (Pinto)	X	Andrew LaPointe (Mustang)
A	Robert Bragg (Bronco)	X	Jim Lis (Pony)	X	Rick Roesing (Colt/Pal)
V	Mike Olson (Travel)	X	Ryan Santry (PT Travel)	A	Jamie Brown (Umpires)
X	Stacey Borelli (Uniforms)	V	Rick Shea (Sponsors)	-	OPEN (Concessions)
X	Mike Granata (Fields)	V	Dan Ryan (Fields)	V	Ryan Veach (Fields)
V	Dan Jurka (Equipment)	-	OPEN (Marketing)	X	Vince Fiore (Activity)
V	Brian Baechtold (Registration)	A	Corey Fookes (Website)	-	OPEN (Tournaments)

### Agenda Topics:

#### 1) Financial (Naselli)

##### a) Current State of Expenses

Bob Naselli provided a summary of deposits and expenses since the last Executive Board Meeting. Deposits included payments from travel teams for umpires. Expenses included operations and maintenance items for the complex, umpires and in-house trophies.

#### 2) New Business

##### a) PT Travel Nominations (Santry)

Ryan Santry gave an update on the different age groups and the new and/or existing coaches for part-time travel.

7U – Ryan Santry mentioned there is really no interest for 7U, but that he will be talking to Jay Fishback.

8U – the Board discussed two potential coaches, Scott Melinauskas and Jake Gray. Both have sons that played fall ball. Wade Welsh made a motion to nominate Jake Gray as the 8U part time travel coach for the 2021 season. Andy LaPointe seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.



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9U – Ryan Veach will stay on as coach. No nominations needed.

10U – Brett Stephen will stay on as coach. No nominations needed.

11U – Brett Stephen made a motion to nominate Wade Welsh as the 11U part time coach. Jim O’Dette seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.

12U – there wasn’t a 2020 11U team as there were not enough kids to form a team.

13U – Robert Bragg’s part time team will be a full time team in 2021. There will likely not be enough kids to form a part time team.

14U – Jim Lis will stay on as coach. No nominations needed.

b) Registration for 2021 (Baechtold)

In-House – Brian Baechtold recommended opening up in-house registration only ASAP, would like to do it the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. With some people still having credits from Spring 2020 registration. Brian Baechtold recommended leaving costs the same for 2021. It would be a nightmare trying to figure out credits otherwise. The Board can discuss increasing registration for 2022 at a later time. Need dates for evaluations/tryouts to set cut off for registration. Board to discuss at December meeting. Jim Lis motioned to open in-house registration the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> and to keep the costs the same as the 2020 season. Brett Stephen seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.

Full Time Travel – Brian Baechtold, Mike Olson and Bob Naselli to figure out travel uniform expenses. Will be discussed further at a future meeting. Registration for full time travel kids will be opened at a later date.

c) Date for Opening Day

i) What does the 2021 look like? Opening day with Football being pushed out?

Opening Day will be April 24<sup>th</sup>. Fields will be open for practice starting April 1<sup>st</sup> as usual. Football season still unknown. Will work with NLYFA.

d) Jay Samas resigned / do we want to fill?

The Board discussed the need for having a tournament director. Jim O’Dette to reach out to some people and will report back to the Board. On November 13, 2020 via email, Jim O’Dette motioned to nominate Joe Hoffman for the position of Tournament Director. Rick Shea seconded the nomination. Motion passed with majority.

e) Tournament dates

i) USSSA

ii) JP Sports

iii) Game Day

The Board discussed using an outside organization to run our end of June and early July tournaments. Jim O’Dette, Wade Welsh, and Bob Naselli have been gathering information from USSSA, JP Sports and Game Day regarding contracts, fees...etc. The Board discussed making the CAN Tournament an in-house All-Star Tournament. This topic was tabled to be discussed at future board meetings. The Board agreed to keep the Memorial Day Classic tournament meaning we definitely need a tournament director.



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Jim, Wade and Bob to get more info from the outside organizations and report back to the Board. On November 13, 2020 via email, Jim O'Dette motioned to go into contract with JP Sports for June Silver Series and July 4<sup>th</sup> Open Tournaments. Carrie Pintar seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.

- f) Meeting with the New Lenox Community Park District
  - i) Plans from them for 2021

Jim O'Dette and Mike Granata met with the Park District at the complex and had a good meeting. In general, they are just looking for better communication from us and as long as we are doing things to the complex to make it better they are more than willing to work with us. The Park District is planning to pave the paths at the complex in 2021. They are also planning on replacing the garbage cans. Jim O'Dette to attend Park District meeting next month.
  - ii) Partnership (scheduling, cutting the lawn, weed and feed, etc.)

The Park District said they would be willing to help us out with re-seeding areas that need it as long as we maintain them. They agreed to bring in a smaller mower to cut in the infields. They highly recommended doing a 4 times per year weed control treatment next year.
- g) Future plans
  - i) Hitting facility

Jim O'Dette and Mike Granata researching facilities to partner with. This topic was tabled for further discussions at future meetings.
  - ii) Bathrooms

Mike Granata provided the Board with a summary of what improvements would likely be needed in order to create working bathrooms at the complex. Granata knows licensed plumbers that would be willing to do the work for us. This topic was tabled for further discussions at future meetings.
- h) Background Checks

Coordination through Jim O'Dette and Carrie Pintar when the time comes. This topic will be discussed further at future meetings.
- i) Training and Development Director

Jim O'Dette recommended the Board create a Training and Development Director position. Todd Strein made the motion to create a Training and Development Director. Jessica Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.  
Jim O'Dette recommended the Board nominate Vince Fiore for the position of Training and Development Director. Brett Stephen made the motion to have Vince Fiore for the position of Training and Development Director. Ryan Santry seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.  
Vince Fiore will no longer be the Activities Director. This will be taken care of under Registration with Brian.



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Vince gave the Board a quick summary on some ideas that he would like to bring to the organization (e.g. Coaches Clinic/Baseball 101...etc.) Vince would like training and development to be a requirement for in-house coaches. Consider having it at the General Board Meetings like it was done in the past. Might have to start with Zoom meetings with different subjects. This topic will be discussed further at future meetings and as COVID restrictions start lightening back up.

j) Partnership with MO Graphics

Jim O'Dette met with Kevin Petrie (President) of MO Graphics to discuss future partnership with the organization. MO did all of the complex's COVID signage. They agreed to provide special pricing to our travel teams for banners. More information to come at future meetings on this topic.

### 3) Director Reports

a) Activity (Fiore)

Will be handled under registration moving forward.

b) Fields (Granata/Ryan/Veach)

i) Updates to the fields for winter

Game boxes have been cleaned out. Footage markers on fields need a lot of help.

Fence guards have been tied back down. Fields have been turned over. Sheds have been cleaned out.

ii) Windscreens and other things found

iii) Windscreen for B1 OF when you drive in

iv) Dugouts

Roofs have been tacked down.

v) Water lines

Sprinkler lines have been blown out.

c) Equipment (Jurka)

Dan Jurka provided an equipment summary to the Board. Dan mentioned that we will need to get some new equipment bags next year as well as catcher's gear. Baseballs have been ordered. Dan recommended we do some sort of helmet donation and not put them in the equipment bags anymore as most if not all kids have their own helmets these days. Dan provided equipment turn in times for fall ball coaches.

d) Uniforms (Borelli)

Stacey Borelli provided a uniform update/summary to the Board. Looking at our inventory knowing that Majestic will not longer be an option and Nike will be much more expensive. Wondering if we should pre-order to get ahead of the rush. Stacey to work with Sports Huddle on inventory and provide the Board with more info before making a decision. This topic was tabled for further discussion at future meetings.

e) Umpires & Safety (Brown)



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Jamie Brown provided an email update to Jim O'Dette regarding Umpires and Safety. Umpires have been paid to date. AEDs have been removed from the complex. Jamie is working on the COVID policy for next year. Looking into getting hand sanitizer stands. Board is worried about them getting stolen. Thor Guard will be powered down soon. Also looking at getting team hand sanitizers again for the 2021 season.

f) Sponsors (Shea)

Rick Shea provided an update to the Board regarding updating Sponsor letter and other documents for 2021. If anyone has a lead on a Sponsor, please forward their info to Rick and he will reach out. Carrie Pintar provided Rick with last year's spreadsheet of Sponsors for his use. More info to come from Rick at future meetings.

g) Web (Fookes)

Nothing to report.

h) Marketing (OPEN)

N/A

i) Concessions (OPEN)

i) Water turned off

ii) Opportunity to hire company

Jim O'Dette provide an update to the Board regarding using a company to do our concessions instead of a volunteer as it will likely be very hard to find another Jenn. Jim O'Dette, Wade Walsh and Bob Naselli have been in conversations with Kyle (does NL girls softball concessions) on contract details regarding costs, equipment, cleaning up the current building...etc.

It was noted that Kyle uses local kids to work the concessions.

j) Tournaments (OPEN)

Discussed under New Business. Nothing else to report.

k) Registration (Baechtold)

Discussed under New Business. Nothing else to report

l) Travel (Olson)

Mike Olson provided an update on full time travel to the Board. Umpire checks were coming in from teams and he will get them to Bob Naselli ASAP.

m) PT Travel (Santry)

Discussed under New Business. Nothing else to report.

#### 4) Divisional VP's Reports

a) Shetland (Strein)

Nothing to report at this time.

b) Maverick (OPEN)

N/A

c) Pinto (Sutton/Stephen)



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Nothing to report at this time.

d) Mustang (LaPointe)

Nothing to report at this time.

e) Bronco (Bragg)

Nothing to report at this time.

f) Pony (Lis)

Nothing to report at this time.

g) Colt/Palomino/Collegiate (Roesing)

Nothing to report at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57p, by Andy LaPointe, seconded by Ryan Santry.