



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2020 documented by Carrie Pintar

Location: Gatto's New Lenox & Virtual (Zoom Meeting Invite from Bob Naselli)

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

Meeting was called to order by Jim O'Dette at 7:05p, motion to begin by Wade Welsh, seconded by Jessica Sutton.

Attendees:

X = In Attendance V = Virtual in Attendance A = Absent

X	Jim O'Dette (President)	X	Wade Welsh (Vice President)
X	Bob Naselli (Treasurer)	X	Carrie Pintar (Secretary)
V	Brian Baechtold (Registration/Activity Director)	V	Mike Granata (Field Director)
X	Ryan Veach (Assistant Field Director)	V	Dan Ryan (Assistant Field Director)
V	Dan Jurka (Equipment Director)	V	Stacey Borelli (Uniform Director)
V	Joe Hoffman (Tournament Director)	X	Ryan Santry (PT Travel Director)
V	Jamie Brown (Umpire & Safety Director)	A	Mike Olson (Travel Director)
X	Vince Fiore (Training & Development Director)	V	Rick Shea (Sponsor Director)
V	Corey Fookes (Website Director)	X	Todd Strein (Shetland VP)
V	Ryan Gandurski (Maverick VP)	X	Brett Stephen (Pinto VP)
X	Jessica Sutton (Pinto VP)	V	Andrew LaPointe (Mustang VP)
V	Robert Bragg (Bronco VP)		
X	Rick Roesing (Colt/Palomino/Collegiate VP)	V	Jim Lis (Pony VP)

Agenda Topics:

1) Meeting Minutes

- a) Approval of November 9, 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Pintar)
 Moved this item to January meeting.

2) Treasurer Report

- a) Summary of Current State of Financials (Naselli)
 Bob Naselli provided a summary of the current balance, deposits and expenses since the last Executive Board Meeting. Deposits included In-House registration payments. Expenses included operations and maintenance items for the complex, fall season close out, refunds, and Sports Huddle.



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Bob also mentioned that our current Certificate of Insurance is good through the end of March.

3) New Business

a) Registration Update (Baechtold)

Brian Baechtold sent an email to the board prior to the meeting and provided an updated on In-House/PT Travel registrations to date. He stated that registration is generally down from this time last year.

Brian provided a summary of his recommendation for FT Travel registration. The board discussed registration fee, uniform allowance and if the current fee makes sense. The board also discussed not making any changes to the registration fees this year to allow time to review what the right fee for the organization should be.

Brian Baechtold recommended to open FT Travel registration the week of December 21st and to keep the costs the same as the 2020 season. Ryan Veach made the motion. Jessica Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.

b) Welcome Joe Hoffman as our new Tournament Director (O'Dette)

Jim O'Dette welcomed Joe and provided the board with Joe's baseball background and experience.

c) Nomination for Ryan Gandurski for Maverick Divisional VP (Welsh)

Wade Welsh provided the board with Ryan's baseball background/experience and his interest in becoming the Maverick Divisional VP.

Wade Welsh made a motion to nominate Ryan Gandurski for the Maverick Divisional VP. Todd Strein seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.

d) JP Sports Tournament Update (O'Dette)

Jim O'Dette provided an update on the Summer Slugfest and Firecracker Frenzy tournaments through JP Sports website. Jim reminded the board to follow up with their coaches to let them know that the New Lenox discount is good through December 31st. Rick Shea brought up that the location shown on the website only showed Lenox and not "New" Lenox. Jim will follow up with JP Sports.

e) Concessions Contract (Naselli)

Bob Naselli provided an update on the final contract with Kyle Richardson from Crescent City Gourmet. Kyle will be bringing the concession building up to code inside and out. He will have more food offerings than we have had in the past.

f) In-House & Part-Time Travel Try Outs (O'Dette/Welsh)

The board discussed the fact that we will not be able to use the high schools for In-House evaluations or for PT Travel try outs as we have in the past and what options we may have. The board discussed what the budget usually is for utilizing the high schools and if that money could be used towards other locations. Ryan Santry and Jim O'Dette will look into options in the next few weeks.



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Wade Welsh recommended to use the 2020 high school budget dollars for 2021 evaluations/try outs. Andy LaPointe made the motion. Ryan Santry seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.

g) In-House MVP Awards (Roesing)

Rick Roesing provided the board with the meaning behind the CAN Tournament and the Niemeier family. The “spirit” of the tournament was meant to be more of an In-House/All-Star Tournament. Rick spoke to the family and they are OK with us not using the name for the Tournament, but to create an MVP award. Rick also reminded the board that our organization lost another In-House player and would like to use his name for an MVP award as well. Rick recommended that we create an MVP award in Chase’s and Chris’s name for the NL and AL at every age level. Dan Jurka suggested before giving the awards that we provide the boys’ stories and the meaning behind the awards. Rick said he would be happy to write something up and present the awards. The board was unanimous with this decision and thanked Rick for putting this together.

h) NLPD Photo Disclaimer (O’Dette)

Jim O’Dette provided an update on the NLPD requirements for the photo disclaimer for use on social media.

i) Flagpole (O’Dette)

Jim O’Dette provided an update on getting a flagpole at the complex. He has reached out to the American Legion to see if they would be willing to help us out. Jim will provide an update to the board as needed.

j) NL Rebels Signage (O’Dette)

Jim O’Dette provided an update on getting more Rebels signage at the complex.

4) Director Reports

a) Registration/Activity (Baechtold)

Brian Baechtold provided his updates under new business.

b) Fields (Granata/Ryan/Veach)

Mike Granata and Ryan Veach provided an update on the fields/complex. B1 shed has been cleaned out. All of the rakes have new hardware. The new Smithco has a leak, likely a blown gasket. The Toro is also in need of repair. Jamie Brown found a key to a one of the buildings that we haven’t had access to for some time. We magically found another Smithco in that building. We will be working with a mechanic who will come out monthly to service our equipment.

c) Equipment (Jurka)

Dan Jurka provided an update on equipment. He has had some stragglers with Fall Ball turn in. He will be looking to get catchers gear and bags for Spring. Jim O’Dette mentioned that we should ask Dick’s Sporting Goods to see if they can help us out and to also get a quote from Sports Huddle.



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d) Uniforms (Borelli)

i) Sports Huddle Update

Stacey Borelli provided an update on the uniform situation and Majestic no longer being available and switching to Nike. She mentioned that we are going to try to avoid as best we can with mixing Majestic and Nike uniforms per team. Wade Welsh suggested not assigning teams right away so we can best fit the uniforms we have with the teams that need specific sizes. Stacey suggested what extras we do have to potentially sell them as fan gear in an effort to minimize our losses.

The board discussed doing another Spirit Wear order and trying to promote it more on the website and Facebook.

The Executive Board Meeting was put on a brief hold to accommodate the General Board Meeting at 8:14p since the PT Travel Coaches were joining virtually. The meeting reconvened at 8:32p

e) Tournaments (Hoffman)

i) Memorial Day Classic

(1) May 25th – 31st, 2021

Joe Hoffman provided an update on registrations for the Memorial Day tournament. 62 out of the 70 slots have already been filled. There are 3 8U spots left and 5 10U spots left. The tournament is on baseball connected. Joe is hoping by early January all spots will be filled.

f) Umpires & Safety (Brown)

Jamie Brown said there is no update for umpires.

Jamie provided an update on safety. The Thor Guard has been powered down completely. The NLFD physical will be coming up with new COVID protocols after the first of the year. Jamie will keep the board up to date and provide more info likely in February and/or March. He's looking into getting individual hand sanitizers with the NL logo on them. Also looking at getting larger dispensers for the dugouts and other cleaning supplies to keep things sanitized at the complex.

g) Training & Development (Fiore)

Vince Fiore said he is reaching out to qualified people to start putting a list of training and development options for the organization. He will follow up with the board at a later meeting.

h) PT Travel (Santry)

Ryan Santry provided introductions of the PT Travel coach nominees during the General Board meeting.

Ryan Santry recommended Jay Fishback for the 7U Part Time Travel Teach Coach. Brett made the motion. Ryan Veach seconded the motion. Motion passed with majority.



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- i) Travel (Olson)
Mike Olson provided an update via email to Jim O'Dette. He's still working on finalizing checks from fall.
- j) Sponsors (Shea)
Rick Shea provided an update regarding Sponsors. Thirty-seven businesses from 2020. He's updated the form for 2021. Todd Strein will be helping him with marketing. Rick said this year will likely be a tough one due to COVID.
- k) Website (Fookes)
Corey Fookes said will be sending out another email blast regarding registration this week and in between Christmas and New Year's.
The board discussed possibly updating the website. Corey said he is open to ideas. Ryan Veach mentioned using the SMS service to send out text blasts as well. Easy for people to copy/paste and forward to others.
The board also discussed getting the newsletter back up and running.

5) Divisional VP Reports

- a) Shetland (Strein)
Todd Strein had nothing to report at this time.
- b) Maverick (Gandurski)
Ryan Gandurski said he will be focusing on the Maverick to Pinto transition as this is the biggest jump in divisions from a player development standpoint.
- c) Pinto (Sutton/Stephen)
Jessica Sutton and Brett Stephen said they have 10/12 managers already lined up. Jim O'Dette reminded them to provide this info to Carrie Pintar for voting purposes at future meetings.
- d) Mustang (LaPointe)
Andy LaPointe told the board that he will be working on re-writing the draft manual.
- e) Bronco (Bragg)
Robert Bragg had nothing to report at this time.
- f) Pony (Lis)
Jim Lis had nothing to report at this time.
- g) Colt/Palomino/Collegiate (Roesing).
Rick Roesing told the board that his division's season will likely run from May to July. The rolled over football season might impact him. He'll evaluate as more info/details become available. He said that the state might be allowing dual sports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50p, by Jamie Brown. Seconded by Ryan Veach.