

Gull Lake Little League, PO Box 310, Richland, MI 49083

**GLLL Board Meeting Agenda – 02/19/25**

Opening of Meeting: 6:34 PM

1. Roll Call/Attendance: Becky Murphy, Sarah McCray, Greg Feathers, Geneva Blocker, Matt Morgan, David Blocker, Jenni Pant, Mary Beckman, Matt Zerilli, Jule Terpening, and Lance McCray
2. Approval Of Meeting Meetings: Greg motioned to approve December 2024 and January 2025 meeting minutes, Jenni seconded.
3. Board Member Updates:
   1. President (Becky Murphy) -
      1. District 2 Meeting from 2/11/25
         1. District 2 Food Drive – Will request for people to bring nonperishable items to Opening Day. Loaves & Fishes will drop off bin and will pick up afterwards.
         2. Challenger League (ages 4-26) – Try and promote. Will send an e-mail to the school/Peachjar.
         3. Constitution and By-Laws – Due April 1st. Becky will compile changes and will vote on them at the next meeting. Have to be voted on an filed with LL international by our first game.
         4. Safety Plan Reminder – Due April 1st. Julie handling.
         5. D2 is hosting the State Tournament for Junior and Senior Softball. Next year we host 50/70 Baseball.
         6. Girls Senior/Junior Softball – Middle school girls can play. They just have to complete 60% of the eligible games (remaining games once club is complete). However, the whole team must have their 12 games in. Girls do need to be registered prior to the beginning of the season.
         7. District 2/15 Rules Clinic – Saturday, March 15th. Anyone can attend. Becky will be attending
         8. Do we want anyone from the District 2 Board to attend our rules meeting?
         9. Voted on Weather and Special Rules
            1. Weather policy will be updated to include tornado watch as well as warning/thunderstorm warning.
            2. Player Pitch/Coach Pitch Rules

Board agreed to remove the “coach pitch” option.

Five run limit per inning. Last inning unlimited? – Becky to clarify.

* + - 1. Next meeting – 3/18 - Interleague Meeting/Scheduling. If three or less teams will interleague.
    1. Evaluations Complete
       1. Feedback rendered
          1. Safety
          2. Too many kids
    2. Richland Township Park
       1. Contract Update/Issues of Concern
          1. Pitching mat versus current mound for two softball fields

Pitchers would not be allowed to wear metal cleats. Would have to be an interleague rule.

Would need to be anchored down.

* + - * 1. There is no right of first refusal for field 8. We do have same for 2-7. $8k+ was spent to complete this field.
        2. Reservations for baseball summer camps are not free any longer. Regular fees will apply.
        3. Banners are limited to 25%. This is a decent compromise.
        4. Zip ties are still listed as items that could be charged to the little league.
        5. Liability concerns – GLLL is ultimately responsible for safely related injuries. I.e. fixing curled up fence, holes on the fields.
        6. Appears Middle School has reserved field 4 for their home games.
      1. Facility Usage for Manager Meeting on 3/23/25 – No longer able to use.
         1. Richland Bowling Alley and/or The Dock – Alan checking. Ross-Township Fire Department – Sarah will reach out.
    1. Registration – 414 Total
       1. Little Minors and above have been wait listed. Late registration closed on 2/15.
       2. T-Ball and Coach Pitch is open through 2/28. Wait list 3/1-3/15.
       3. Current Numbers:
          1. T-Ball - 92 (13 Teams) – max of 7 players/team
          2. Coach Pitch - 73 (8 Teams) – max of 9 players/team
          3. LM Baseball - 76 (8 Teams)
          4. Minor Baseball - 68 (6 Teams)
          5. Major Baseball - 25 (2 Teams)
          6. 50/70 Baseball - 14 (1 Team)
          7. Junior Baseball - 10 (1 Team)
          8. LM Softball - 35 (3 Teams)
          9. Minor Softball - 36 (3 Teams)
          10. Major Softball - 13 (1 Team)
          11. Junior Softball - 14 (1 Team)
    2. Review/Approve T-Ball and Coach Pitch Coaches
    3. Pictures Scheduled
       1. Wednesday, 4/23
       2. Thursday, 4/24
       3. Middle School Gym
       4. 5-6:30 PM is for T-Ball and Coach Pitch only. Limiting gear to gloves only. No bats for this division.
       5. 6:30-8 PM is for Little Minors and above.
       6. Alan is going to reach out to the school to get bleachers pulled out for seating if possible.
    4. Field Cleanup – Sarah will take the lead. Project for this year?
    5. Opening Day Carnival/Ceremony
       1. Geneva will take the lead.
       2. Food Trucks – Jenni will the lead, Mary to assist. Give all the players a voucher. Food trucks give back a percentage back to GLLL. Block off parking lot next to concession stand.
       3. Fire truck
       4. No silent auction this year
       5. DJ/Speakers
       6. Mastos for apparel
       7. Face painting?
       8. Photo booth?
       9. Costume/most spirit contest? Award?
       10. One baseball and one softball game on Opening Day (majors boys, minors/little minors softball)
    6. Upcoming Dates of Importance
       1. 2/23 – Player Draft – 12-4 PM (Jaspare’s). Need to send out rules.
       2. 3/15 - Last day of registration.
       3. 8/18 – Deadline for coaches to be notified of team placements by 3/18.
       4. Deadline for jerseys to be ordered through CTO?
       5. 3/23 – Coaches/Managers Meeting. Location TBD.
       6. 4/1 – First day of practices.
       7. 4/6 from 4-5 PM – Umpire Clinic.
       8. 4/13 from 10-11 AM – Umpire Clinic.
       9. 4/23 – Pictures.
       10. 4/24 – Pictures.
       11. 4/25 – Opening Day.
  1. VP Baseball (Open)
  2. VP Softball (Sarah McCray)
     1. Softball clinics every Sunday in April. Will use field 9. Sarah will put it together and participants will need to sign up prior. GLLL registered kids only.
        1. Pitching (just minors) and fielding (any age).
           1. One hour for pitching; two hours for fielding.
           2. 4 pitchers per slot, 10 per slot for fielding. Can add another slot if over 10 sign up.
           3. Catcher will be need for pitching (parent).
  3. VP Coach Pitch/T-ball (Greg Feathers) – NONE
  4. Player Agent - Baseball/Softball/T-Ball (Geneva Blocker)
     1. Needs to get binders from equipment room.
  5. Treasurer (Matt Morgan)
     1. Tax return and 1099 got filed.
     2. CD got transferred over to 3 month CD.
     3. Registration currently ~$2600 below January last year.
  6. Scheduler (Joe Pant) – ABSENT (consider below and will readdress at March meeting) .
     1. Practice scheduling – Coaches pick preferred dates and times versus free-for-all?
     2. All Star tryouts sooner? Becky will get information from District 2 what the timeline is.
     3. Which teams play on which fields.
  7. Safety Officer (Julia Terpening)
     1. Looking into options and cost for first aid and CPR training for board members. Consider opening up CPR training to coaches who would want to pay. First aid can likely be done by Julia.
     2. Additional concussion training. Free one through UofM.
     3. Has been going through Safety Plan and would like to change some things. Will get draft ready for next meeting to vote on.
     4. First aid kits. Will need to order new ones as likely expired. Will look into different kits. Coaches should have cold packs in dugouts during games.
     5. Tooth saver kits. One to keep in equipment shed and one in the cart. Contact pediatric dentists in the area to sponsor?
     6. E-mailed Safe Kids Kalamazoo to see if will donate.
     7. Can get a head start on background checks (coaches and assistant coaches first).
  8. WebMaster/Information Officer (Luke Reames) – ABSENT (will defer discussion/clarification on refunds for overcharged families during registration until next meeting).
  9. Sponsorship/Uniforms (David Blocker)
     1. At 10 sponsorships so far.
     2. Encourage all board members to reach out to people/employers for sponsorships.
  10. Fundraising Coordinator (Jenni Pant) -
      1. Dine to Donate – Did not do very well at Panera. Kazoopy’s total not know yet but expect more than Panera. Will plan for Qdoba in March and will pick a Sunday date. PureMex closing to remodel on March 1st so will need to figure out if still an option. Have not heard back from other places.
      2. Raffle license – Needs constitution and bylaws (will use last year’s).
      3. Growlers Baseball – Changed program. GLLL would get $5 per ticket sold. Will need to put down the deposit for the 6/14 date. Top selling team to practice with Growlers prior to game; coach to throw first pitch. Will need a way to distinguish team when purchasing a ticket to keep track – consider each team have a number and put after name with purchasing (Growler’s unable to keep track on their end). Will put information about the game in the binders.
      4. Richland Carwash interested in doing fundraiser again this year.
  11. Secretary (Mary Beckman) – NONE.
  12. Equipment Manager (Matt Zerilli)
      1. Equipment has not been ordered. Becky trying to get it cheaper and waiting on response.
      2. Ordered balls, line up cards, score books.
      3. Do not need more pitching screens but want more batting nets.
      4. Plan to order 5 of the larger bags, lefthander catching mits (2), softball catching gloves (3; velcro ones).
  13. Umpire In Chief (Lance McCray)
      1. New umpire form has been created – Google Drive. Form will have to be added to the website, clinic dates updated and promoted. Gull Lake e-mail will get response and forward email to UIC. UIC will have to look through his email for any umpires registered to date.

1. Old Business: No Update
2. New Business/Items to be discussed during next meeting

6. Open Forum:

a. Next meeting – Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Jaspare’s

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM. Geneva motioned to adjourn, David seconded, board approved. Minutes taken by: Mary Beckman