

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

GLLL Board Meeting Agenda – 04/13/25

Opening of Meeting: 6:30 pm

1. Roll Call/Attendance: Becky Murphy, Sarah McCray, Julia Terpening, Luke Reames, Mary Beckman, Matt Zerilli, Geneva Blocker, David Blocker, and Lance McCray
2. Michigan District 2 Little League Rule Meeting webinar attended from 6:30-7:30 pm
3. Approval Of Meeting Meetings: Luke motioned to approve February and March 2025 meeting minutes, David seconded, and board approved.
4. Board Member Updates:
   1. President (Becky Murphy)
   2. VP Baseball (Open)
   3. VP Softball (Sarah McCray)
      1. One coach still needs folder
      2. Pitching clinic ongoing
      3. Reached out to Boy Scouts for field 8
   4. VP Coach Pitch/T-ball (Greg Feathers) – ABSENT
      1. GroupMe created for the coaches
   5. Player Agent – Baseball/Softball/T-ball (Geneva Blocker)
      1. Opening Day
         1. High school softball will not be able to attend
         2. Gina Stevens – okay to have vendor table/sell books
         3. Mascots: Growlers, Battle Creek Battle Jacks, and GL Blue Devil
         4. Main St. Portraits – hang banner
         5. Games: major baseball and minors softball (interleague softball)
         6. Food trucks: Saint Samuels, Wagz Dogs, Frosty Boy, BBQ truck – reaching back out to a taco truck and one other; planning for five for parking parking purposes
         7. Photo booth and DJ booked
         8. Balloon artist and face painting booked (same company) – will be under the pavilion
         9. Contacting fire department
         10. Sponsorship row – will need to secure tables (Geneva will borrow from the church)
         11. Theme: Gull Lake Seaside Adventures
      2. Donating money to child with medical issue – consider taking donations on Opening Day; Geneva will reach out to family to inquire what the family is agreeable to
      3. All Star nominations by 6/1/25 – will defer further discussion until May meeting
   6. Treasurer (Matt Morgan) – ABSENT
      1. Renew account for another three-month term
   7. Scheduler (Joe Pant) – ABSENT
      1. Schedules were finalized by District 2; deadline tomorrow
      2. Two schedules for each division – parents and coaches; do not send coach schedule to parents
      3. Eight games for tee ball and coach pitch; begin on 5/2/25 and run through 6/27/25
   8. Safety Officer (Julia Terpening)
      1. Continuing to work on background checks
      2. Passing out first aid kits
      3. Safety kit in golf cart and shed
   9. WebMaster/Information Officer (Luke Reames) – NONE
   10. Sponsorship/Uniforms (David Blocker/Geneva Blocker)
       1. Uniforms, hats, and socks (softball only) have been ordered (Complete Team Outfitters)
          1. Geneva met with the owner last Monday; hard cutoff 4/23/25 but pushing for this week
          2. Will print out spreadsheet with the list of the players and sizes
       2. Board gear – also through Complete Team Outfitters; have link for the catalog to review options (consider shirt and hoodie)
       3. Creating new sponsorship forms for next year – date will be added to form
       4. Consider honoring the companies at Opening Day that have been long-term sponsors – make banners to present for appreciation for continued support (5-year and 10-year mark)
          1. Records available for last three to four years on sponsorships; will review bank statements to attempt to obtain previous records
       5. Making a banner for the Growlers given their sponsorship and additional donation of $3000 – banners to be put on every field
   11. Fundraising Coordinator -- ABSENT
       1. GLLL approved as a charitable organization with the State of Michigan gaming division
       2. Growlers
          1. Have raffle license for the 50/50 raffle
          2. Have list of teams and assigning numbers
       3. Next Dine to Donate – 5/3/25 – Roxie’s
   12. Secretary (Mary Beckman) – NONE
   13. Equipment Manager (Matt Zerilli)
       1. All bags handed out
       2. Went through storage shed again and found more smaller bags (tee ball and coach pitch); found a lot of drawstring bags (300+) – planning to get enough for all kids to have one at Opening Day (will be getting a quote)
       3. Tops sent packs of cards – will put into each drawstring bag for Opening Day
       4. Organized field shed
   14. Umpire In Chief (Lance McCray)
       1. Sent out message for head coaches to get the younger umpires behind the plate before the games start – we have a lot of younger umpires
       2. Have not heard back from Reggie to date about the high school students
5. Old Business: No Update
6. New Business/Items to be discussed during next meeting

6. Open Forum:

a. Next meeting – Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Jaspare’s

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm – Geneva motioned to adjourn, Lance seconded, board approved.

Minutes taken by: Mary Beckman