

Organizational Meeting December 11, 2016

Started at 6:45 PM

Closed at 8:15 PM

Roll Call

Bethlehem Township – Mike Palovich

Bushkill – Absent – Carol Anthony Excused (cagolden2@gmail.com)- Excused

Easton – Bill Stocker

Forks – Absent – Shawn Swartz

Lower Nazareth – Jared King

Northeast – Greg Ehret

Palisades – Bill Ryker / Heidi Deem

Palmer – Paul Cinoa

Pen Argyl – Absent – Ann Weaver Excused (replaced Jen Butzgy)

Saucon Valley – Absent – Joe Trudnak Excused

St. Jane – Joe Clymire

UMBT – Ariel Beltrano / David Baggett (dwheeler.bag@gmail.com)

Upper Nazareth – Chad Forsyth (cm4syth@gmail.com)

Williams – Eric Torgerson

Wilson – David Hoff

Wind Gap – Absent Kevin Black - Excused

Old Business

At the January meeting, Gary will present 1-2 page summary of the state of ELV Softball League (Example 1450 games in spring and fall at all levels, etc.)

January meeting, the rules committee will provide minor recommendations of rules at all levels. Biggest area for concern is 2-3 level instructional. Considering K-1 Tee-Ball, 1-2-3 Coach Pitch (half of season with kid 4 pitch per batter, then coach with no tee) to replace instructional, 2-3 advanced mostly as is.

Gary will draft rules for rules committee to finalize before presenting to org reps.

2017 Liability Insurance

Reminder, due before the start of the season. Few organizations already have 2017 evidence filed with the league, thanks.

Admission of new members

No immediate changes with on-going discussions with southern Lehigh and Phillipsburg.

Annual Reorganization

1. Gary elected as Administrator for 2017. This will be Gary's last year. Plans for 2017 is Gary will work with 3-4 org reps to capture all the things he handles so we can work on the transition.
2. Dennis Grube elected as Treasurer for 2017. This will also be Dennis last year, so if anyone interested in this role for 2018, please talk to the board so we can consider some on boarding information.
3. Joe Clymire elected for Secretary for 2017. This could be Joe's last year as his company is moving to AZ. Worse case is Joe will move in late June. Joe is looking for other opportunities in the LV.
4. Open Directorship Board positions filled with Greg Ehret and Mike Palovich for 2017.
5. Statistician positions will be elected in January meeting.
 - a. Ann Weaver is willing to do this, but would prefer 4-5 level
 - b. Rich Sheffer is interested in this position as well. Will consider 2-3 or 4-5 (like last year)
 - c. 6-7
 - d. Upper Levels.
6. Protest Committee
 - a. Jared King (LN), Paul Cinoa (Palmer), David Hoff (Wilson), Bill Stocker (Easton), Eric Torgerson (Williams), and alternate Heidi Deem (Palisades)
7. Territory Committee
 - a. Ariel Beltrano (UMBT), Bill Ryker (Palisades), Bill Stocker (Easton), Eric Torgerson (Williams), Ann Weaver (WG)
8. Roster
 - a. Chad Horvath (UN), Heidi Deem (Palisades), Bill Stocker (Easton)

Territory Changes Descriptions/Review

For Wind Gap, please remove Stockertown reference.

Note: Continue to monitor Bushkill registrations as displaced girls will be directed to UN and LN. Bushkill will need to present to the board if they have girls signed up, but not enough to make a team so these girls will have a place to play.

Umpires Contract

League will contact the BUA as Jon Adams is looking for an increase in assigner fees from \$60 to \$65. The umpire fee would increase by a \$1. For 4/5 and 6/7 at \$47 per game and higher levels of \$41 per game per team if 2 umpires, and \$53 (\$26.50 per team) if only one umpire. BUA would have lower assigner fees, but higher umpire fees. Probably a wash to the organization (but would result in keeping league fees lower per team, and higher umpire fees paid by organization.)

Budget for 2017 will be presented at January Meeting: Notes from January 2015 meeting that we raised per team league fee from \$85 to \$90 in 2016 season, but noting a potential \$95 per team league fee. This is partially dependent on Umpire Fees for 2017 season and how we manage cost like internal umpires for 2/3 advanced level.

Next Meeting is January 8th at 6:30 at Palmer Library. Org Reps Only.