



ELV Softball

Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League

January 15, 2023 - 6:00pm - Lower Nazareth

Minutes

- Roll Call:

1. Bethlehem Township
2. Easton
3. Forks Township
4. NABSA
5. Nazareth Clippers
6. North Bethlehem
7. Palisades
8. Palmer Township
9. Pen Argyl
10. Saucon Valley
11. St. Janes
12. Steele Hill
13. Upper Mount Bethel Township
14. Williams Township
15. Wilson - **no one present**
16. Wind Gap – **no one present**

- Executive Board Appointments

- Mike DeMasi - President (approved)
- Heidi Bowen - Treasurer (approved)
- Carin Conus - Vice President + Fall Ball (approved)
- Chris Dos Santos - Secretary (approved)

- Call for Statisticians - To Be Approved at Next Meeting
 - Tball – Marie Brown
 - Coach Pitch
 - Minors - Becky Hahn
 - Majors – Ann Weaver
 - Juniors
 - Seniors

- Treasury Report
 - \$4500 above where were last year - good management of funds
 - Carin raised possible donations to organizations who gave fields during fall to replace lime, etc. (approximately \$1000 in all to organizations)
 - North Bethlehem light fee - possible

- Fall Ball Postmortem
 - very successful overall - high turn out
 - end of season skills event went well

- Metzger Tournaments
 - went well - may have to rotate to other fields with snack stands
 - If interested in hosting and have a snack stand, discuss in March (Clippers potentially)
 - If possible, may try to space tourneys (depends on 7/4 timing) since no playoffs in minors or CP
 - extra game didn't work last year so will get firm commitments - set dates from get go and require teams to opt out by a date certain
 - Consider another tournament during season (minors and majors potentially)
 - Consider a parent code of conduct due to behavior (especially playoffs and metzger) - add to individual league signups
 - Concerns over using Wilson - waiting to hear
 - If anyone wants to host an event and snack stands, open to it

- Spring Season Prep/Changes
 - T-ball
 - If only one first grader, consider sending to another league
 - Academy for 3 year olds successful and will continue
 - Coach pitch
 - Optional catchers depending on team comfort level

- Voted and approved by all but Palmer
 - Ensure its reviewed at Coach Pitch level rules meeting including where catcher stands, no plays at plate, etc.
 - Minors
 - Umpires - need to do a better job getting umpires. Not enough at ELV level - start early with sharing signups - 14yo and up
 - Consider a training course perhaps run by a regular ump (pay)
 - Consider college or high schoolers
 - Have protective gear for umpires available
 - Game length to be discussed with coaches - more light in spring
 - Motion to keep strikes as at bat when stands when coach comes on - motion passes to keep strikes count (not 1-1 start) on 8 yes votes
 - Majors
 - Remind don't stand on base due to collisions and tripping
 - Juniors
 - A Juniors 9th grader can play up to seniors as long as no junior game would be missed
 - Same for 8th graders too
 - Plastic cleats at juniors confirmed
 - Seniors
 - Metal cleats? Vote with seniors coaches to happen or not
- Schedules
 - Minors and majors start around April 22; Tball and Coach Pitch end of April; and, older levels TBD
 - Umpire compensation - increased to \$45 for Minors (from \$40)
 - Consider an ELV sponsored pitching clinic? Pending instructors, but ELV can consider sponsorship

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 6pm at Lower Nazareth

ADJOURN: 7:40pm