



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

### **GLLL Board Meeting – 11/10/24**

Opening of Meeting: 6:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call/Attendance: Becky Murphy, Greg Feathers, Matt Morgan, Julie Terpening, Jenni Pant, Mary Beckman, and Matt Zerilli
2. Approval Of Meeting Meetings: Julie Terpening motioned to approve minutes, Matt Morgan seconded to approve October 2024 Meeting Minutes
3. Board Member Updates:
  - a. President (Becky Murphy) -
    - i. Township Update
      1. The township will maintain the current rate for the contract. Registration fees shared from other districts – lowest Delton (\$75) and most expensive South and West Portage. Additional fees (volunteer, sponsor, etc.) vary between other districts. Board agreed to keep registration fees the same this year.
        - a. One player: \$95 tee ball and coach pitch, \$105 little minors and up
        - b. Two players: \$165
        - c. Three players or more: \$45 per child
      2. Maintenance versus improvements – wind screens, toppers, fencing, grounds. Quality of grounds has been an issue in the past. We will try and get this to add back into the contract as previously removed.
      3. Julie motioned and Matt Z seconded to change code to door every year (has not been changed to date).
    - ii. Little League Awareness Course Status
      1. Reminder to complete. Completion certificate (either confirmation e-mail or screenshot) is to be sent to GLLL email.
    - iii. Background Check Status
      1. Background check email not sent prior to meeting. Julie will be sending out prior to the next meeting to complete.
    - iv. Facility Usage
      1. Gull Lake will no longer let us rent out indoor facilities for anything for baseball or softball.
      2. Possible alternative locations: Sherman Lake Y (\$50-75 per hour), Haven Church (availability very limited, Saturday 4:30 pm and after).
        - a. Matt M. motioned and Julie seconded to go with Sherman Lake Y for evaluations.
          - i. Jenni will confirm availability and reconvene via

email if needed dates are not available.

3. Bust the Rust this year? No, due to facility availability
  - v. Early Registration
    1. Matt M. motioned and Julie seconded to raise the discount from \$10 to \$25 for the month of December.
    2. Greg motioned and Mary seconded to \$25 late registration fee with option as a league to waive the late fee.
      - a. Little minors and above: Fee applies after 1/31/25 (2/1/25-2/15/25)
      - b. Tee ball and coach pitch: Fee applies after 2/28/25 (3/1/25-3/15/25).
  - vi. Picture Update
    1. Alan with Main St Portraits will speak to the school and churches to try and find an indoor space.
    2. If adding a third picture day, Alan would like a place to keep equipment onsite.
    3. Tries to keep a two week turnaround time for pictures.
  - vii. Finalize Dates
  - viii. Social Media
    1. Goal for two posts per week. Becky has been posting within the last month.
    2. Consider sharing posts to personal pages to advertise more/spread the word.
    3. Matt M. motioned and Mary seconded promoting posts via Facebook (small fee associated with promoting a post).
    4. Will add to Peachjar flyers.
    5. Email blasts through Sports Connect. Going to try and use the texting feature (can opt out).
  - ix. Team Mobile App
    1. Examples: Sports Connect app, Group Me.
    2. Becky will research what is available prior to the next meeting.
  - x. Website Updates
    1. Notify Becky if any information is incorrect/needs updated on the website.
  - xi. District Board Meeting
    1. Scheduled on 11/12/24.
  - xii. Gull Lake Baseball Sponsorship
    1. \$500 for four years.
    2. Concern expressed that would be singling out one team to support. Unclear if softball is doing a similar thing. If so, it would make sense to support both.
    3. Becky will clarify what can be put on the banner.
  - xiii. Waving Registration Fees for Board Members
    1. Parchment waves fees for board members.
    2. GLLL bylaws do not specifically state not allowed; however, do state "no salary or compensation."
    3. Majority agreed to table and readdressed closer to the annual meeting in Spring 2025 since the season has already started and should be in place prior to board members elections.
- b. VP Baseball (Open) – Not present.

- c. VP Softball (Sarah McCray) – Not present.
  - d. VP Coach Pitch/T-ball (Greg Feathers) – No updates.
  - e. Player Agent - Baseball/Softball/T-Ball (Geneva Blocker) – Not present.
  - f. Treasurer (Matt Morgan) – Financial Update
    - i. Income statement/annual statement e-mailed to GLLL email.
  - g. Scheduler (Joe Pant) – Not present.
  - h. Safety Officer (Julia Terpening) – Background Checks
    - i. Refer to above. Goal to send out in the next couple of weeks.
  - i. WebMaster/Information Officer (Luke Reames) – Not present.
  - j. Sponsorship/Uniforms (David Blocker) – Not present.
  - k. Fundraising Coordinator (Jenni Pant) – Fundraising Ideas/Plan
    - i. Dine to donate – Unable to solicit outside the location on the day of the event. Recommended to stay in the local area. Consider one per month starting in January 2025.
    - ii. Food trucks at Opening Day – Each player gets a \$5 coupon for example to spend versus supplying pizza like in the past. A percentage of proceeds go back to the vendors. Will continue to evaluate.
    - iii. Raffle license in progress.
    - iv. Kalamazoo Growlers – Interested in supporting the league. Jenni will be meeting with them in the near future.
  - l. Secretary (Mary Beckman) – No updates.
  - m. Equipment Manager (Matt Zerilli)
    - i. Spent some time reorganizing equipment/shed.
    - ii. Needs to talk with Geneva and David about storing the golf cart during the winter.
    - iii. Part broken on the pitching machine. Matt will confirm the pieces are not in the equipment shed.
    - iv. Sponsorship plaques from last year are still in the shed. Will bring to the next meeting to have David disperse.
    - v. Will be getting key today to transfer bags to shed.
    - vi. Inventory list.
  - n. Umpire In Chief (Lance McCray) – Not present.
4. Old Business: No Update
5. New Business/Items to be discussed during next meeting
6. Open Forum:
- a. Next meeting - Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Jaspere's

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. Julie motioned to adjourn, Jenni seconded, board approved.

Minutes taken by: Mary Beckman