

Minutes of Bergen County American Legion Baseball League's 1st meeting Monday Jan 11, 2016 at Lyndhurst Post 139.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM, in attendance were, Frank Calandrillo, Mike Carroll, Jerry Sparta, Mike Voza, Kurt Geisler, Tom Zambito, Dan Laviola, Wayne Briggs, Mario Lembo and Bob Salvini.

Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their position, etc.

Bob Salvini, made note that Mario Lembo would be League Chairman and that the BCAL executive committee would make all non-play related decisions, i.e. financial, suspensions, etc.

Bob mentioned that the League website is up and if anything needs to added, etc. to let him know. The url is <http://bcnjal.org/american-legion-baseball/>

There was a review of the league rules and the need to rework the Umpire section (a meeting is scheduled between Mike Carroll, Bob Salvini and Jon Levinson to hammer out the details on Thursday 2/4. Bob also stated that any issues that arise during the year should be addressed to the League Chairman Mario or Bob himself.

Mike Carroll made a pitch to continue play after the league ends and before the District starts, Mike Voza added it would be good to have them all played at Breslin Field. The coaches present agreed and the idea was put on hold till the final league teams are identified.

The 2016 age eligibility chart was reviewed and Frank provided the difference for 13 year olds per NJ rules.

It was discussed to use wood bats for league play only and this was also put off till the final league teams are identified and all get to input. It was again stated that we would follow National American League rules and that it allowed for both type bats wood and that any non-wood bat needed to carry the BBCOR certification code on the barrel.

At this point we project the league will have 6 teams, BCAL Lodi Rams (at this point questionable), BCAL Ridgewood Rebels, Rochelle Park Post 170 Bears, Lyndhurst Post 139, Wayne Cardinals, and Passaic Tigers

It was also discussed the managers and coaches participation in the BCAL MLB pitch, hit and run contest to be held in April for boys and girls ages 7-14. A follow up meeting for this will be schedule as soon as the kits are available to discuss. This has been run for 2 years in Rochelle Park and Bob would like to expand to other towns using the home fields of league teams.

Wayne mentioned that he has additional players from St Joe's that are interested and they would need a coach. He also mentioned the possibility of Glen Rock and Tom was going to reach out to the coach.

Bob outlined what Bergen county would pay for, for County sponsored teams (at the present Ridgewood Rebels and Lodi Rams).

Bob requested that all Bergen County teams provide their team logo and font so that banners could be made since the teams are sponsored by various posts and not just 1.

Those present decided that the cutoff for teams to enter the league would be the March meeting which will be March 14th.

The next two meeting dates were set for Feb 8th and Mar. 14th starting at 7:30 PM at Lyndhurst Post 139.

The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM