

Minutes from Organizational Meeting  
 February 14, 2016  
 6:33 PM to 8:46 PM

1. Role Call (by Organization)

Organization	Person	Present/Fine
Bethlehem Township	Michael Palovich (Rich Sheffer)	Present
Bushkill	Brian Flick	Present
Easton	William Stocker	Present
Forks Township	Ed Nash	Present
Lower Nazareth	Shannon Synder	Present
Northeast	Greg Ehret	Present
Palisades	Bill Heintz	Present
Palmer Township	Paul Cinoa	Present
Pen Argyl	Jen Butzgy	Present
Saucon Valley	Joe Trudnak	Present
St. Jane	Joseph Clymire	Present
UMBT (LMBT)	Ariel Beltrano	Present
Upper Nazareth	Mike DeMasi	Present
Williams Township	Eric Torgerson	Present
Wilson	David Hoff	Present
Wind Gap	Kevin Black	Present
Others:	Dennis Grube	Present

No fines: 100% attendance

2. Minutes

- a. Minutes from January 3rd approved

3. Old Business

- a. Agree to Palisades Territory Description (Basically Palisades Tax Payers)
- b. Approved 9-7 to increase the senior upper age to 21, may not be 22 on July 1 of playing season.

4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. No fines. 100% attendance for last few meetings.
5. New Members
  - a. No new members elected, although a few inquiries were received
    - i. Phillipsburg could be next year
    - ii. Coppersburg/Southern Lehigh has board meeting within the next 2 weeks, they might present at March Meeting.
6. Reminder on Liability Insurance
  - a. Good news, most organizations have already supplied this information
7. Child Abuse Do's and Don't
  - a. Shannon Snyder presented information to the organizational reps.
  - b. Helpful Resources
    - i. <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/>
    - ii. <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home/>
    - iii. <https://epatch.state.pa.us/RecordCheckEntry.jsp?action=new/>
    - iv. Childline = 1-800-932-0313
  - c. Basic Suggestions for you and your coaches
    - i. No touching the body of the player in any way other than a 'high five' or 'fist pump', etc.
    - ii. No inappropriate comments (Nothing Personal, nothing about plans they have coming up, nothing about how their clothing looks.)
    - iii. No DIRECT email/text contact with the player. Always go through the parent. (Keep information public, larger group messages)
    - iv. Do not call a player directly for any reason.
    - v. Do not become friends with them on FACEBOOK/TWITTER/INSTAGRAM
    - vi. Never Transport the player in your car alone, and without the parent's permission.
    - vii. Be careful when you become friends with the parents
    - viii. Do not ask player to come to your practice when they are not on your team.
8. Season Playing Dates
  - a. 4/5, 6/7, 8/9B
    - i. Start around Saturday April 23

- ii. Finish up around June 12, June 13/14 for make-ups
      - iii. Playoffs start June 15
      - iv. 4/5 Championship game, Sunday June 19 at 5:30 pm
      - v. 6/7 Championship game, Monday, June 29 at 6:00 pm
    - b. 2/3 Compleitive and Instructional
      - i. Target around April 30 (Decide at next meeting)
      - ii. Finish up around June 13. No playoffs
    - c. K/1
      - i. Typically starts the end of first week in May
      - ii. Typically ends around June 11.
      - iii. Specially coaches meeting in April to align on schedule.
    - d. 8/9 A and Seniors (10 & Higher)
      - i. More details on start and ending of season to be provide in the up-coming coaches meetings.
9. All-Star Tournament Info
- a. 2/3 tournament at Wilson June 24-26
  - b. 4/5 tournament at Lower Nazareth June 24-26
  - c. 6/7 tournament at Upper Nazareth June 24-26
  - d. 8/9 tournament at Northeast June 24-26
  - e. Easton is the alternate if one of the above comes back and cannot do it.
10. 2/3 Umpire Discussion
- a. Currently Saucon Valley has 3-4 interested kids to umpire, 1 from UN, 2 from UMBT, and 3 from Williams
  - b. Gary will send out weekly reminders to see if we can get another 3-6 interested
  - c. Around the week of April 15 would be the potential umpires meeting to go over the rules. Understand some are in college and may not be available until early May.
11. 4/5 Rule Change
- a. Notes on pitcher circle noted removing entire section and called out Sections 5 and 6. Talked about section 7, this was to be removed as well.
12. Reminder on Forms due to March Meeting
- a. Head Coaches Form for Coach Directory (2/3, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9B (Nationals)
    - i. Provide Team Name

- ii. Please keep name short to fit on schedule
    - iii. Head Coaches form for K/1 will be due in April
  - b. Field Availability
    - i. Also include additional information on location (description or GPS) to update the website, if needed.
  - c. Organization Bad Dates
    - i. Include tournaments, school activities, etc.
    - ii. Coach's Bad date forms will be provide in March meeting
- 13. Reminder of Team Fees due in March meeting
- 14. Comments on future meeting
  - a. Agreed the march Meeting would be 20<sup>th</sup> of March, not March 13.
  - b. The yearly calendar in the Handout Folders we incorrect as it left some March date in that should have been April. This was e-mailed out the coordinators after the meeting.
  - c. Attached below.
- 15. Coaches Code of Conduct Review
  - a. Easton, Palmer, and Wilson will get together between meetings and draft a league approved Coaches Code of Conduct. This will go into each coach's books and reviewed during coach's meeting before the start of the season.
- 16. General Meeting Notes
  - a. UMBT asked Gary for Statistician data on innings pitched last season. Gary will provide by e-mail to organizations providing more than one team to help with evaluations.
  - b. Check out the ELV Softball page on FACEBOOK.

# **EASTERN LEHIGH VALLEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

## **2016 MEETING & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

### **JANUARY**

#### **3 – 6:30 2/3, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9 Levels (ALL ORGANIZATION REPS MUST ATTEND)**

Annual Reorganization, Territory Review, Umpiring Contract, League Fees, Budget Proposal, Protest Committee, Executive Board & Roster Committee Formation, Admission of New Members, Org. Rep Forms, Discussion of Umpires for 2/3 Level

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **14 - 6:30 2/3, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9 Levels (ALL ORGANIZATION REPS MUST ATTEND)**

Championship & All-Star Tournament Hosts & Dates, Stacking Rule Review, Season Playing Dates, Coaches Bad Date Forms, Admission of New Members, Reading of Fines, Distribution of Rosters and Waiver Forms, Committees Vacancies Filled

### **MARCH**

#### **20 - 5:30 2/3 Level, 6:30 4/5 Level Majors, 7:30 6/7 Level and 8:30 National 8/9 Level**

##### **(ALL ORGANIZATION REPS & COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

League Team Forms Completed, League Fees Submitted, Coaches Bad Date Forms Submitted, Organization Dates, Field Location and Field Availability Forms Submitted, Divisional Alignment & Number of Games, Playing Rules Review, Reading of Fines, Stacking Rules Reviewed, Waiver Form Submission

**ALL LEAGUE INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN COMPLETED MODE – NO LOOSE ENDS OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION. NOTE: IF YOU ARE CLOSE TO ADDING A TEAM LET ME KNOW. I WON'T BE STARTING THE SCHEDULES UNTIL MARCH 25 OR LATER.**

### **APRIL**

#### **6 – 6:30 to 7:30 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 Levels Roster Submission**

##### **Lower Nazareth Township Building Parking Lot**

ALL Rosters MUST be submitted – No submission, no 2016 schedule, ALL Rosters MUST be complete and all required info submitted

#### **7 - 6:30 Roster Review**

##### **(Roster Committee – Location TBA)**

All Rosters & Waiver Forms to be submitted, Addresses, Ages, Pitching to be reviewed,

#### **11 – 7:30 Roster Review**

##### **(Roster Committee – Location TBA)**

All Rosters & Waiver Forms Reviewed, Stacking, Ages, Pitching Distribution Checked

#### **14 – 7:00 Stacking Review and Waiver Hearings (Location TBA)**

Organizations & Coaches asked explain team composition; Pitching distribution, age anomalies, number of returning players etc. .Any parents appealing waiver refusals

#### **17 – 5:30 4/5 Level, 7:00 6/7 Level, 8:30 8/9 Level (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Distribution of Schedules, Scorebooks, Rulebooks, Game Cancellation Rules, Score Reporting Procedures, Review of Umpires Contract, Code of Conduct Review, Playing Rules

Review, Liability Insurance Forms MUST be Submitted, Reading of Fines, Final Day for League Fee submission, **8/9 B ROSTERS & WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED**, Organizations notified of stacking review and waiver disputes

**19 - 7:30 2/3 Advanced Level (ALL COACHES ABSOLUTELY MUST ATTEND Location TBA)**

Coach's books will be distributed and reviewed. Umpires contract and game cancellation And reporting rules will be covered. Game procedures, General rule review. **ROSTERS & WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED**

**20 - 6:30 K/1 Coaches (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND – Location TBA))**

Coach's Information & Bad Dates Submitted, Field Info and Availability, Rules Reviewed, Start & Finish of Season, Number of Games, Playing Procedures & Equipment, Reading of Fines. **ROSTERS MUSTT BE SUBMITTED.**

**7:30 2/3 Instructional Level (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND – Location TBA)**

Coaches Information & Bad Dates Submitted, Field Info and Availability, Rules Reviewed, Start & Finish of Season, Number of Games, Playing Procedures & Equipment. **ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED.**

**24 – 6:30 Seniors (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND – NE Fieldhouse))**

Organizational Meeting, Length of Season, Number of Games Etc., Rules Review, Territory Review and Approval, Statistician Selected, Playing specified weeknight's discussion

**MAY**

**1 – 7:00 8/9 A Level Organizational Meeting & Roster Submission (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND – Location TBA)**

Schedule, Game Procedures, ALL **ROSTERS & WAIVERS DUE**

**8 – 6:30 Seniors Schedule Night (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Making of 2016 Schedule- Any Team Not Represented **WILL NOT** be Eligible to play this Season, Playoffs, Rosters Distributed & Received before first game.

**12 - 8:30 All-Star Tournament Committee Meeting (COMMITTEE MEMBERS- Location TBA)**

Initial Formation Meeting, Discussion of Last Years' Experience, and This Year's Plans Presentation for June Meeting, Rules & Fees

**15 - 5:45 2/3 Level, 6:30 4/5 Level, 7:15 6/7 Level (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Make-Up Game Review, Score Reporting, Reading of Fines, Distribution of Fall Sign-Up Forms, All-Star Tournament Discussion, Rule Interpretations, Umpiring

**8:00 8/9 B (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Review of Make Up Reschedules, Score Reporting, Season Progression, Reading of Fines, Distribution of Fall Sign-Up Forms, All-Star Tournament Discussion

**25 - 8:30 All-Star Tournament Committee Meeting (COMMITTEE MEMBERS- Location TBA)**

Implementation of Game plan, Contacts of Member Organizations, Final Plans, Rules

## **JUNE**

### **\*1 – Coaches All-Star Tournament Meeting**

**8:30 2/3 Level, 4/5 Level (ALL Teams MUST Attend – Location TBA))**

Tournament Set-Up, Rules, Rosters, Fees, Shirt Sizes Reviewed

### **\* 2 - Coaches All-Star Tournament Team Meeting**

**8:30 6/7 Level & 8/9 Level (ALL Teams Must Attend-Location TBA)**

Tournament set-up, Rules, Fees, Shirt Sizes Reviewed

### **5– 5:30 2/3 Level, 6:30 6/7 Level, 7:30 4/5 Level, 8:30 8/9 Level (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Compilation of Standings, Make Up Games, Playoff Review,  
Reading of Fines – All Fines Have to be Submitted Prior to Start of Playoffs, All-Star  
Tournament, Fall Ball

### **\*8 – Coaches All-Star Tournament Meeting**

**8:30 2/3 & 4/5 Levels (ALL Teams MUST be Represented – Location TBA)**

All Fees, Rosters & Shirt Sizes Submitted, Colors, Draw will be held

### **\*9 – Coaches All-Star Tournament Meeting**

**8:30 6/7 & 8/9 Levels 9 (ALL Teams MUST be Represented – Location TBA)**

All Fees, Rosters & Shirt Sizes Submitted Shirt Colors, Draw will be held

### **19 - 8:30 Seniors (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND – Location TBA)**

Rescheduling of All Make-Up Games, All-Star Team Composition, Playoffs

### **24, 25 & 26 – All-Star Tournaments Played**

Games Played Friday Evening, Saturday and Sunday (Sites to be Determined)

## **JULY**

**26 - 6:00 Fall Ball 4/5 Level Evaluations (ALL GIRLS & EVALUATORS MUST ATTEND)**

**27 – 6:00 Fall Ball 6/7 Level Evaluations (ALL GIRLS & EVALUATORS MUST ATTEND)**

**28 – 6:00 Fall Ball 8, 9 & 10 Level Evaluations (ALL GIRLS & EVALUATORS MUST ATTEND)**

**31 – FALL BALL Makeup Evaluations**

**6:00 4/5 Level (All Girls who DIDN'T EVALUATE)**

**7:15 4/5 Level Pitching Evaluations**

## **AUGUST**

**1 - FALL BALL Makeup Evaluations**

**6:00 6/7 Level (ALL Girls who DIDN'T EVALUATE)**

**7:15 6/7 Level Pitching Evaluations**

**2 - 6:00 8, 9 & 10 Level Fall Ball Make Up Evaluation (All Girls who DID NOT EVALUATE)**

**3 - 6:00 Fall Ball 4/5 Level Draft (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Teams Drafted, Expectations Discussed, Minimum Practice Requirements

**8:00 Fall Ball 6/7 Level Draft (ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND)**

Teams Drafted, Expectations Discussed, Minimum Practice Requirements

**4 - 7:00 Fall Ball 8, 9 & 10 Level Draft (All Coaches MUST Attend)**

Teams Drafted, Expectations Discussed, Minimum Practice Requirements

**20 - 9:00 Fall Ball SHIRT, SCOREBOOKS & BALLS Handout**

**21 & 28 - Fall Ball Games**

**SEPTEMBER**

**11, 18 & 25 - Fall Ball Games**

**OCTOBER**

**2 - Fall Games**

**9 - Make Up Games or Playoffs**

**16 - Playoffs (If not completed on the 11<sup>th</sup>.)**

**NOVEMBER**

**6 \$ 20 - 7:00 Rules Committee Meeting (Location - TBA)**

Review Rules discuss Rule Change Proposals for 2017

**DECEMBER**

**\* 4 - 7:00 Rules Meeting (ALL ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE REPRESENTED)**

Discussion and Approval of Rules Changes and New Rules for 2017 Season

***All dates with an asterisk (\*) are tentative and may be changed. All involved parties will be notified 1 week in advance of changes.***



Rich Sheffer handed out flyer on Legends Academy. The full color flyer will be posted to the ELV Site. Text information from the flyer below.

## FACTS

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## OFFERINGS

Individual Instruction

Group Instruction

Custom Programs (ex: Coach the Coaches)

Partial Facility Rental: Batting Cages, Tee Stations, Pitching Lanes

Team Rental

## ALL PHASES OF THE GAME

Hitting, Pitching, Catching, Fielding

Hitting: Ron Perio, Ann Kostura, Rich Sheffer

Pitching: Denny Hollinger

Catching: Kate Smith

Fielding: Tony Grundhauser, Ed Stinner

## ELV SPECIALS

\$40 per hour for facility rental. Standard rate is \$75.

Normally you would need a 48 hour commitment to get a rate around \$40.

Batting Cage: \$30 per hour \$25 per hour when asking for the ELV Special

Pitching Lane: \$20 per hour \$15 per hour when asking for the ELV Special

Hitting Station: \$20 per hour \$15 per hour when asking for the ELV Special

## INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

\$60 for an hour long 1-on-1

Pack of 6 hour long lesson for \$270

\$40 for a 30 minute lesson\*

Pack of six 30 minute lessons for \$180\*

\*ideal for younger players/beginners

Intro Hitting Package 4 lessons for \$140. Must be completed within a 6 week window. Other conditions apply.

Pitching Pairs – 2 kids, 6 week (or more) averages to \$33 per lesson.