

Peabody Little League October Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Start Time: 8:03 p.m. / **End Time:** 9:43 p.m.

Meeting Type: Remote Google Meet

Meeting Attendees:

Sean Rogers, Chad Dossey, Justin Grammer, Eric Smith, Derek Cassista, Diana Ricardo, Gerald MacKillop, James Grocki, Corey Ricardo, Tracy Crocker, Joe Tufo

Review of Minutes from September Meeting

- Motion to approve: *Approved unanimously*
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Financial Report – Presented by Chad Dossey

- Reviewed September financials and provided an update on transitioning accounts to Diana Ricardo.
- Most income came from **Majors registrations** and **banquet-related transactions**.
 - Total Income: **\$9,634.20**
 - Total Expenditures: **\$8,158.47**
 - Net positive balance: **\$1,475.73**
- Balance Sheet as of 9/30/25:
 - Checking: **\$33,215.52**
 - Money Market: **\$100,356.03**
 - **Total: \$133,377.55**
- Discussed categorizing and cleaning up “miscellaneous” transactions for clearer accounting.
- USPS P.O. Box renewal corrected to a 6-month cycle due to prior system issues.

- Board discussed financial reconciliation practices and receipt organization in Dropbox.

Approval of Financials:

- *Motion: Eric Smith Second: Gerald MacKillop: **Approved unanimously***
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President's Update – Sean Rogers

Board Member Transitions:

- Confirmed transitions for Diana (Treasurer), Derek (Equipment Manager), Tracy (Auxiliary Officer), and Joe Tufo (Secretary).
- Discussed onboarding support and communication improvements through shared email access.

Facility Rentals / Winter Clinics:

- Majors winter practices and AAA tryouts to be held at **New England Sports Plex** and **The Grind Factory**.
- Winter clinics begin **November 16** (3–5 p.m. Sundays). Sessions run through March; November sessions sold out within hours.
- AAA tryouts tentatively scheduled for **February 28**, with a potential second session pending confirmation.

Registrations:

- Transitioned registration system to **CheddarUp** to manage family caps and simplify payments.
- Diana to review options for consolidating future registrations within one system for better reporting.
- 30 kids registered for the November clinic; coaches' children attend free in exchange for volunteer time.

Board Vacancies:

- **Info Officer** and **Coaches Coordinator** positions remain open.
- Members are encouraged to recruit candidates before year-end.

Committees Formed:

- **Grievance Committee:** Sean Rogers (Chair), Justin Grammer, Joe Tufo, Diana Ricardo, Gerald MacKillop, Eric Smith (Player Agent).
- **Sponsorship & Fundraising Committee:** To be led by Justin Grammer.
- **Events Committee:** Tracy Crocker (Opening Day, Picture Day, Futures Day, Banquet).
- **Lights & Capital Improvement Committee:** To focus on field lighting and infrastructure upgrades.
- Additional subcommittees to be filled by November.

Fall Ball Recap:

- 150 total players participated.
- Playoffs delayed by weather; final celebration set for **October 19** with pizza, drinks, and ice cream for players and coaches.
 - Estimated cost: ~\$385 for 35 pizzas; drinks and ice cream covered by concession supplies and donations.

Fall Cleanup:

- Scheduled for **Saturday, October 25** at MacArthur and James fields.
 - Gerald MacKillop to lead MacArthur cleanup.
 - Sean Rogers to coordinate James Street.
 - Volunteers needed for both sites (target: 6–7 per field).
 - Focus on organizing trailers, discarding old gear, and consolidating usable equipment.

Parks Commission Update:

- City approved improvements for:
 - **New concrete slabs at Carol Savage Field** (future dugout coverings).
 - **Electrical trenching for the James Street batting cage.**

City Championship Update:

- Revenue and inventory from Peabody West split finalized.
 - Peabody West reimbursed PLL **\$1,995** to settle the balance.
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Fundraising & Sponsorship – Justin Grammer

- Launching **Holiday Merchandise Store** via CheddarUp in November.
 - Features nine new apparel designs (hoodies, hats, magnets, stickers, etc.).
 - Pre-sale model: orders collected in November, fulfilled in December.
 - No upfront inventory; average profit of \$10–12 per item.
 - Planning to **update the PLL website** during the off-season for improved navigation, visuals, and branding consistency.
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Equipment Update – Derek Cassista

- Coordinating with outgoing equipment manager (Jason Corbett).
 - Full inventory to begin after fall cleanup (post-Oct 25).
 - New spreadsheet system to track uniforms and gear.
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Majors / Winter Practice – Gerald MacKillop

- All winter practice slots booked at The Grind Factory and Extra Innings for Majors teams.
 - Each team practices every other week through March.
 - Coaches confirmed commitment for full participation.
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Player Agent / Registration – Eric Smith

- Reported strong turnout for **Majors tryouts** (Sept 28 & Oct 5).
 - Draft completed efficiently; player communication sent the same evening.
 - Unselected players automatically moved to AAA for spring 2026.
 - The next registration wave is expected in November.
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Open Session Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.

Closed Session (8:57 p.m. – 9:43 p.m.)

Uniform Discussion – Gerald MacKillop

- Reviewed condition of Majors uniforms — **Giants** jerseys most worn.
- Explored replacing with **sublimated jerseys** (like All-Star sets) for improved look and reduced cost.
- Discussed licensing considerations and potential use of non-trademark logos.
- Consensus: maintain **Nike two-button jerseys for 2026** to match other Majors teams, revisit full replacement next year.
- **Motion:** Approve purchase of new Giants Nike jerseys for 2026.

- *Motion: Eric Smith / Second: Justin Grammer – Approved unanimously.*

Assistant Coaches – Majors Division

- **White Sox (Mgr: Chad Dossey)** assistants: Justin Grammer, Jay Crocker, Jason Harkins.
- **Giants (Mgr: Gerald MacKillop)** assistants: Eric Smith and Jason Melanson.
- *All approved unanimously.*

AAA Managers – 2026 Season

Approved managers:

- Jason Corbett
- Jason Melanson
- Jim Grocki
- Derek Cassista
- Sean Rogers (if needed to fill final vacancy)
- *Motion: Gerald MacKillop / Second: Eric Smith – Approved unanimously.*

Fundraising and Capital Improvements – Justin Grammer

- Main focus for 2026: **Lights Project at James Street Field.**
- Plan to allocate a percentage of all fundraiser income directly to the light fund.
- Continue smaller projects (Carol Savage slab, James Street electrical).
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
 - Holiday merch store (November)

- Calendar raffle (Winter 2026)
 - Select restaurant nights (Mingos, Land & Sea).
 - **Motion:** Approve CheddarUp Pro Plan (\$120/year) for fundraising platform.
 - *Motion: Eric Smith / Second: Gerald MacKillop – Approved.*
 - **Motion:** Approve \$60 for embroidery logo setup for merchandise hats.
 - *Motion: Eric Smith / Second: Tracy Crocker – Approved.*
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Capital Improvements

- **Motion:** Approve obtaining quotes for electrical installation at James Street batting cage for 2026 season.
 - *Motion: Gerald MacKillop / Second: Tracy Crocker – Approved.*
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New Business

- Discussion on using **WhatsApp** for board communication and quick votes between meetings.
 - Sean to confirm whether bylaw updates or constitutional changes are required to allow electronic voting.
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Closed Session Adjourned: 9:43 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 11, 2025