



# PLL April 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 14, 2026

**Start Time:** 8:02 p.m.

**Meeting Type:** Remote

**Meeting Attendees:** Sean Rodgers, Eric Smith, Joe Tufo, Derek Cassista, Justin Grammer, Tracy Crocker, Jim Grocki, Gerald MacKillop, Diana Ricardo

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## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by Joe Tufo.
- No additional corrections were noted.

**Motion to approve: Approved unanimously.**

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## Financial Report – Presented by Diana Ricardo

### March Income

Income for the month primarily consisted of:

- Player registrations received through March 20
- Winter clinic revenue (~\$1,187)
- Sponsorship and donation income (~\$9,700)
- Spring merchandise fundraiser Venmo payments
- Charitable matching donation from a sponsor employer
- Interest income from league savings accounts

Diana reported the league money market account interest rate was increased from approximately 0.15% to roughly 2%, resulting in projected monthly interest earnings increasing to approximately \$170 per month.

### March Expenses

Expenses included:

- PO Box renewal
- Parade banners and supplies
- Facility rentals for clinics
- Spring fundraiser expenses
- Storage unit rental
- Initial umpire retainer fee
- PLL patches
- Utilities for Mac & James field

## **Account Balances**

- Checking account balance increased from approximately \$43,000 to over \$53,000.
- Total league funds currently stand at approximately \$159,000.

**Motion to approve financial report: Approved unanimously.**

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## **Field & Facilities Update**

- Mac & James fields were resurfaced.
- The City covered one field; PLL paid for the second field at approximately \$3,000.
- Additional work this season included laser grading and mound rebuilding.

Additional updates included:

- The Coaches meeting completed successfully.
  - One lower-level coach missed due to National Guard activation.
  - Uniform exchanges are being coordinated for teams needing alternate sizing.
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## **Volunteer & Background Check Status**

- Approximately 85 volunteers have completed registration requirements.
- Current compliance rate is approximately 97%.
- Roughly 60% of volunteers have completed abuse awareness training and CORI requirements.

Sean noted the league is significantly ahead of prior seasons and ahead of many neighboring leagues regarding compliance completion.

Additional reminder emails will be sent to remaining volunteers.

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## **Opening Day & Parade Planning**

Justin provided Opening Day and parade updates.

### ***Parade Logistics***

- Parade banners have been completed and organized.
- Final volunteer coordination is underway.
- Additional volunteers with trucks/trailers are needed for transportation support.
- Banners will be distributed on parade day rather than during coaches meetings.

### ***Opening Day Announcements***

- Justin will handle field announcements and team introductions.
- Additional support for on-field coordination will be provided as needed.

### ***Water Access / Field Preparation***

Discussion included water access and hose setup for Opening Day activities and concession operations.

- Existing field hose remains available as backup.
- Plumbing connections near concessions are expected to be restored by the city before Opening Day.

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## **Calendar Raffle Fundraiser**

The board reviewed current calendar raffle progress.

Current totals:

- Over \$10,000 raised to date
- 36% of players have sold at least one calendar
- 387 total raffle orders submitted

Additional discussion points:

- Average purchase values have increased this season.
- Several teams have minimal or no participation.
- Calendar sales will continue through parade day.

The board noted overall fundraiser performance is significantly ahead of last season.

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## **Sound System Purchase**

Justin presented details regarding the new sound system purchase.

### ***Approved Equipment***

The league purchased a JBL wireless battery-powered speaker system including:

- Five linked speakers
- Speaker tripods
- Two microphones
- Protective carrying bags

Benefits discussed:

- Wireless operation with minimal setup
- Ability to reposition speakers throughout events
- Reduced theft/vandalism risk
- Approximately \$1,000 under the original sound system budget

The existing sound system will continue to be utilized alongside the new equipment for larger events.

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## **Equipment & Uniform Update**

Derek provided an equipment update.

### ***Uniform Distribution***

- Uniforms have been distributed to nearly all teams.
- Remaining items will be delivered shortly.
- Additional baseballs still need to be delivered to select fields.

### ***Coach Hat Inventory Issue***

An issue was identified involving missing Cardinals coach hats.

Discussion included:

- Possible distribution error
- Potential duplicate player distribution
- Remaining inventory review

Derek will inspect storage inventory and coordinate replacements if necessary.

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## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned.

**Adjournment Time:** 9:10 PM

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## **Executive Portion**

**Executive Session Start Time:** 8:25 p.m.

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### **Player Placement Discussion**

The board discussed a AAA player placement request involving safety concerns raised by the player's father.

Discussion topics included:

- Player fear and inability to adequately protect himself during practices
- Concerns regarding defensive play and reaction to batted balls
- Player confidence and developmental readiness
- Historical precedent regarding safety-based requests to play down a division

After discussion, the board agreed the request appeared to be a legitimate safety concern rather than a competitive issue.

### ***Motion***

A motion was made to allow the player to move from AAA to AA for the current season.

**Vote:** Approved.

The board noted this approval applies only to the current season and future eligibility would need to follow standard division requirements.

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### **Uniform / Hat Policy Discussion**

The board discussed an incident involving a player not wearing a team hat during a game.

Topics discussed included:

- Little League uniform policy requirements
- Potential cultural sensitivity concerns
- Communication between coaches and parents
- Clarification regarding enforcement expectations

The board agreed:

- Coaches should address uniform expectations respectfully.
  - Escalated disputes should be referred to league leadership rather than debated at field level.
  - Additional clarification will be requested from District leadership regarding official Little League enforcement standards.
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## **Parent Conduct & Communication Concerns**

The board discussed ongoing concerns involving parent interactions with coaches and league volunteers.

Topics included:

- Communication conflicts involving language and translation concerns
- Prior incidents involving coaches and parents
- Expectations for respectful communication
- Impact on volunteers and team operations

League leadership reiterated support for coaches and emphasized that inappropriate conduct toward volunteers will not be tolerated.

The board may revisit the matter if additional incidents occur during the season.

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## **Concession Stand Update**

Tracy was recognized for successful concession stand operations during Opening Day activities.

The concession stand performed well during its initial event operations.

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## **Tournament Update**

Sean noted an upcoming district tournament meeting would provide additional details regarding:

- Tournament hosting assignments

- Game scheduling
- Field usage requirements

Further updates will be provided during the May meeting.

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## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

**The meeting adjourned at: 9:08 p.m.**