



PLL May 2026 Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2026

Start Time: 8:03 p.m.

Meeting Type: Remote

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Motion to approve: *Approved unanimously.*

Financial Report – Presented by Diana Ricardo

April Financial Review

Diana presented the April financial report.

Income Highlights

- Concession sales: approximately \$953 (not including all Venmo deposits, which posted in May)
- Spring merchandise sales: approximately \$2,800
- Opening Day merchandise sales: approximately \$1,600
- Soak-the-Coach fundraiser: \$328
- Registration income: approximately \$8,222 (primarily players moved from waitlists)
- Sponsorship donation: \$1,250 from Global Tots Academy

Expense Highlights

- Concessions inventory and supplies: approximately \$2,700

- Equipment and supplies: approximately \$14,400
 - Baseballs
 - Hats
 - Speaker system
 - Parade banner materials
- Jersey purchases: approximately \$2,600
- Umpire fees
- Portable restroom rentals
- Storage unit expenses
- Utilities and field maintenance expenses

Discussion included timing differences between deposits and expenses that caused some April figures to appear lower than actual activity.

Calendar Raffle Update

The annual Calendar Raffle generated approximately **\$15,800**, significantly exceeding the league's original goal of \$10,000.

The board recognized the extensive effort involved in securing donations, organizing prizes, and conducting daily drawings throughout the month.

Money Market Transfer

The board reviewed current account balances and discussed transferring excess operating funds into the league's money market account.

Motion

A motion was made to transfer **\$20,000** from the checking account into the money market account.

Motion to approve: *Approved unanimously.*

The board also discussed establishing a future operating balance threshold that would automatically trigger transfers of excess funds into savings.

Opening Day Recap - Sean Rodgers

The board reviewed Opening Day activities and feedback from families.

Highlights included:

- Improved organization and staging at Higgins School
- Team photos taken before the parade
- Increased engagement and participation from players and families
- Positive feedback regarding overall event flow

The board agreed that Opening Day was a significant success and represented an improvement over previous years.

Challenger Division Fundraiser

The dunk-tank style fundraiser raised funds for the Challenger Division.

A total donation of **\$500** was presented to the Challenger program.

Board members reported receiving positive feedback from Challenger leadership regarding the impact of the donation.

Future Opening Day Improvements

Discussion included:

- Improving sound system coverage and testing equipment prior to the event
- Encouraging fewer parents to walk in the parade to improve visibility of teams
- Creating clearer parade participation guidelines for families
- Continuing charitable fundraising as part of Opening Day activities

Potential future fundraising concepts discussed included a Hit-Run-Throw style skills competition.

Red Sox Foundation Grant

The league was approved for a **\$500 Red Sox Foundation grant**.

An additional grant application was submitted on behalf of the Challenger Division and is expected to provide another \$500 in funding.

Red Sox Day at Fenway

Board members reviewed participation in the recent Red Sox Day event.

Feedback included:

- Strong player and family participation
- Positive overall experience
- Some organizational challenges related to player staging and field access

For future events, the board discussed creating clearer meeting points and family communication plans to reduce confusion.

Picture Day Update

Picture Day scheduling was adjusted due to weather and game scheduling conflicts.

The board discussed the importance of ensuring coaches communicate schedule changes to families promptly.

Follow-up communication will be sent directly to affected teams.

Concessions Update

The board reported that concession operations have been running smoothly.

Highlights:

- Consistent volunteer coverage
- No concession stand closures due to staffing shortages
- Strong sales activity during Opening Day and regular-season games

Discussion included:

- Improvements to concession stand cash handling procedures
 - Possible upgrades to cash boxes
 - Maintenance concerns with the MacArthur concession stand service window and garage door system
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Facilities and Field Updates

Welch School Bases

The board discussed the condition of the existing bases at Welch School and agreed replacement was necessary.

A motion was made to purchase new heavy-duty rubber bases for Welch Field: Approved unanimously.

Carol Savage Field Branding

The board discussed ways to further improve the appearance and identity of Carol Savage Field.

Topics included:

- League branding
- Player experience
- Visibility to the community
- Long-term field improvements

A motion was made to purchase and install Peabody Little League banners at Carol Savage Field: *Approved unanimously.*

Scoreboard Concept

The board discussed adding a scoreboard or score display system at Carol Savage Field.

Ideas included:

- Traditional hanging score cards
- Manual scoreboard systems
- Portable electronic scoreboards

No motion was made.

Further research will be conducted before a future vote.

Futures Day

The board reviewed plans for Futures Day.

Schedule:

- Coach Pitch Division: June 20
- T-Ball Division: June 27

The event was intentionally split into two separate days to reduce workload and improve overall organization.

Tournament Update

District tournament planning is underway.

Topics discussed included:

- District tournament staffing requirements
- Official scorekeeping
- Pitch count tracking
- Field preparation
- Concession staffing
- Site administration responsibilities

Additional information is expected following upcoming district meetings.

The board also reviewed participation in:

- Swampscott Tournament
- Jimmy Fund Tournament
- Lynnfield Tournament

- Additional summer tournament opportunities
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Uniform Inventory - Derek Cassista

The board reviewed remaining uniform inventory and discussed collecting unused jerseys from managers.

Older inventory will be evaluated and discarded as necessary, while usable jerseys will be retained as emergency replacements.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

Adjournment Time: 9:22 PM

Executive Portion

Executive Session Start Time: 9:22 PM.

Umpire Coverage and Compensation

The board reviewed ongoing challenges with umpire recruitment and retention.

Discussion included:

- Unfilled AAA games
- Last-minute assignment cancellations
- Competition from neighboring leagues and high school baseball

The board reviewed compensation rates in surrounding leagues.

Current comparison:

- Most local leagues: \$60/game
- Lynnfield: \$75/game

Umpire Fee Adjustment

A motion was made to increase Peabody Little League umpire compensation to \$75 per game, effective May 17: *Approved unanimously.*

Umpire Assignor Review

The board discussed whether to retain the current umpire assignor or move to a new service.

After discussion, the board agreed to continue working with the current assignor while monitoring coverage throughout the remainder of the season.

Registration Fees Discussion

The board held a preliminary discussion regarding potential registration fee adjustments for future seasons.

Topics included:

- League operating costs
- Capital improvement goals
- Fundraising sustainability
- Long-term budgeting

No action was taken.

The board agreed that a full-season financial review and formal operating budget should be developed before considering any fee changes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at: 10:34 p.m.

