



## Scappoose Little League Board Meeting Agenda

Date/Time/Location: 11/20/25 at the Warren Country Inn

General Board Meeting 6:00 pm

### Regular Board Meeting

Called to Order: 6:04pm on 11/20/2025 by Aaron Lothrop

Attending Members: Aaron Lothrop, Cijay Koler, Jennifer Plahn, Tom Jones, Amanda Miller (via GoogleMeet), Katie Lothrop, Dash Terry, David Soltero (via GoogleMeet), Beth Rajski, Travis Lovejoy (Via GoogleMeet), Kelsea Green, Teia Hoekstra, Matt Backus, and Justin Nelson

#### 1. General Topics

- a. Approve the July 2025 and October 2025 Minutes - Approved
- b. Presidents Statement
  - i. Aaron gave a statement as to his thoughts and feelings on being the league President. He gave some historical details on the league as well as shared his vision for the future of the league.
    1. Travis questioned who has voting power and who does not. Currently the voting power lies with the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Players Agent. **We will lay out how this currently looks and report back.** Note, if any changes to the current layout happen, this must be listed in the Constitution and changes must be submitted to Little League for approval.

#### 2. Corporate Matters

- a. Financial Update
  - i. Beth provided the following balances as well as a detailed list of transactions for the past year.
    1. Checking - \$37,692.44 (includes outstanding checks)
    2. Savings - \$9,058.72
    3. Field Improvement Savings - \$6,986.30
  - ii. Budget
    1. **Tabled for another day.**
  - iii. Constitution/ByLaws
    1. **Tabled for another day, may form a committee to handle.**

#### 3. Board Updates

- a. Board Members
  - i. Planning for beyond 2026
    1. Question posed if any current board members were planning 2026 to be their last season.
      - a. Teia may not be here.
      - b. Amanda will be gone after Spring 2026 season, however, she will work to find and train her replacement.
    2. Matt Backus Update
      - a. Matt is onboard and will proceed as a board member and coach. As a side note, he is working to find out the relationship is between the City and SLL along with what is needed to foster the relationship.
    3. Kelsey Porter welcome

- a. Corey unexpectedly left and Kelsey has stepped up and will head up the farm softball program.

#### 4. Capital Investments

- a. Minors drainage project update
  - i. Justin spoke with Adam who is still interested in doing the project. He also spoke with Dave Sukau. It was suggested to complete after All Stars is done, not now, due to the potential damage that may be caused due to the weather.
  - ii. It was decided to postpone the project to the off season, but set a deadline for early spring to get a plan together to finalize for after All Stars in July.
  - iii. Would like plans finalized by March 2026. **Address at the February 2026 board meeting.**
- b. Veterans field upgrades
  - i. Aaron is meeting with the gentleman to make recommendations for field improvements.
  - ii. Melissa Lungberg, President of District 1, is hoping to have a district meeting early December 2025. This will provide information on if we will host the 2026 All Stars. This decision may force us to improve some fields on a temporary basis.
- c. Batting cage status
  - i. Mats are down and cable supplies ordered which should be here in December. Aaron will make arrangements to set up once the components arrive.
- d. Pads and Tarps
  - i. Veterans were approved for both fields to have pads and tarps.
  - ii. We are waiting on Anderson until we receive entry numbers. With projected numbers we may need Anderson more than in the past. If we host All Stars, then we will need to obtain for Anderson as well, despite the entry numbers.
  - iii. Costs were approximately \$870 per field for both pad and tarps.
  - iv. Cijay stated that the HS and MS could print the names and logo on it as a school project. The league would only pay for supplies.
  - v. Aaron will find out lead-time for both pads and tarps, which could force us in a position to order sooner than wanting to for Anderson.
- e. City Championship
  - i. Aaron had an idea of hosting a City Championship.
  - ii. 2 best minors teams and 2 best majors teams at the end of the Spring season.
  - iii. Each would play under the lights. We would publish it to the community, open the snack shack, and make a community event out of it.

#### 5. Spring Ball 2026

- a. Uniforms
  - i. Amanda will need to know all information to **order jerseys no later than 3/4/26** to receive on time to hand out prior to
- b. Registration costs
  - i. 2025 Fees
    - 1. T-Ball \$65
    - 2. Farm Ball \$75
    - 3. Minors/Majors \$100
    - 4. \$20 donation fee (in lieu of fundraising for all levels)
    - 5. Discussion to increase \$10 per player and roll donation fee into the registration fees. Will need to review uniform costs to ensure \$10 will cover the increased material costs.
  - ii. 2026 Uniform Costs
    - 1. Tball/Farm – **\$95 for T-Ball and \$105 Farm per player**
      - a. Spring hats at \$24.00 (pre-promotion)
      - b. DriFit shirts at \$12.95 (price may change)

- c. Total uniform costs for Tball/Farm \$36.95
- iii. Minors/Majors – \$150 per player
  - 1. Spring hats at \$26.95 (pre-promotion)
  - 2. Uniform shirts at \$26.95
  - 3. Patch at \$5.00
  - 4. Belts at \$4.19
  - 5. Socks at \$2.89
  - 6. Total uniform costs for minors/majors \$65.98
- iv. **2026 Spring Registration fees** will be as follows. This will be an all in one fee, no longer doing a donation fee.
  - 1. TBall - \$95 per player**
  - 2. Farmball - \$105 per player**
  - 3. Minors/Majors - \$150 per player**

- c. Games will tentatively begin the week of 3/30/26.
- d. Pictures are tentatively scheduled for April 30th and May 1st.

## 6. Equipment and supplies

- a. Dick's grant
  - i. \$1,000 grant received in the form of Gift Card to a supplier w/discounted supplies.
- b. David and Aarron are taking an inventory of league equipment on Sunday, 11.23.
- c. Equipment and Disposable Needs
  - i. Lock box for 6<sup>th</sup> street field for softball
  - ii. Port a potty at 6th street field during the season.
  - iii. Could potentially move one box from Warren to 6<sup>th</sup> Street since we cannot play 3 games at Warren due to parking restrictions.
  - iv. First aid kits
  - v. Balls
  - vi. Ice packs.

## 7. Gyms and Fields

- a. Gyms
  - i. Gym fees – Aaron still waiting for credentials to be able to use the gym scheduling program.
  - ii. We will reserve March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 30th, Monday thru Friday from 4 to 8pm as we are unsure what weather will hold.
  - iii. \$625 per gym per month (Otto Peterson and Annex).
    - 1. Annex could technically host two teams at once with a divider.
    - 2. Beth stated they can waive fees, she will reach out to her contact at the District to see if they will waive costs,
    - 3. Aaron can reserve now and payment will be later.
- b. Fields
  - i. Currently showing as no cost - Aaron will reserve for spring and fall seasons.
    - 1. Veteran's
    - 2. Anderson – Need to plan a field day.
    - 3. Warren – SE corner of lower lot (grass corner) is a drain field, will never be parking. Realistically the only parking possibility is to lose a field. Looking for help to expand parking, may have to go to the district to see future plans. They may look at expanding due to the school needs. The first field is in horrible shape, huge pot holes etc. In the past Teia said they were not allowed to work on the fields since it is school property. Aaron will speak with Jeff about the pot hole issues.
    - 4. Grant Watts – In good shape, the school mows it regularly.

- 5. 6th Street – Need to plan a field day.
- 6. Field by the field house at HS - Should not need any work, but will need to coordinate with the school for use.
- ii. Looking at possibly scheduling two field days or one day throughout all fields.
  - 1. Field day dedicated to Anderson and 6<sup>th</sup> street in addition to Veterans.
    - a. 6th street dugouts will need to be painted. Kelsey will meet with Aaron to make a list of things that need to be done.
    - b. Will go into field days with lists and tasks. Have to relay information that is needed to be done on school property prior to the field days in case permission is needed.
  - 2. Currently working to improve softball and make it better, maybe connect more with Lindsey (HS softball coach). Aaron has met with Brian Houge who is the assistant.

## 8. Tryouts and Draft

- a. Tryout schedule, format, and duration
  - i. 1 ½ hour tryout for minors/majors with an additional ½ hour at the end for pitchers and catchers.
  - ii. Front and back sticker for each kid to easily identify.
  - iii. Create a better form to evaluate the players.
- b. Draft schedule
  - i. Most coaches requested an extra day to put notes together prior to the draft.
  - ii. The new format will be tryouts Sunday and then the minors draft on Monday and majors draft on Tuesday.
- c. Draft venue
  - i. Currently in Byrd's classroom.
  - ii. Looking at using Fultano's back room moving forward.
- d. Draft attendees
  - i. Limit attendees to of the draft to only the following, no exceptions without approval by the board:
    - 1. Head Coaches
    - 2. President (If the President is acting as a coach the VP will be in attendance. If both President and VP are acting as a coach, another non coach board member must be in attendance)
    - 3. Players Agent

## 9. Coaches

- a. Coach training in January
  - i. Cam at the HS is paying for our league coaches to get trained at the Airport in January at a 1 day coach training clinic.
  - ii. Will need 12 people minimum, no limit.
- b. Assistant coach rule change
  - i. Aaron's proposal at the Oct. meeting was that we no longer allow coach pairs.
  - ii. Historically head and assistant coach go in as pairs then it is debated as to what draft pick they will get for being a pair.
  - iii. Anticipating high numbers, but no change in the amount of coaches, Aaron is concerned that we will have a lack of coaches this year that will be amplified by the coaching pair system.
  - iv. Aaron proposes no more built in pairs. Only allow for head coaches this year. All head coaches will have a list of all volunteers for coaching, in order to get the assistant coach you want you will need to draft the assistant coaches child.

- v. If we continue paired coaching combined with our growth, we will have new coaches with no experience and it would be better for our players to spread the experience over the teams. This would naturally implement a training system for new coaches as well.
- vi. Aaron proposed the non-pair coaching system on a trial basis for the 2026 spring season and then to vote again at the end of the 2026 Spring season to either keep the one coach policy or go back to two coach policy as previously done.
- vii. This was voted on and approved for the one season trial to this newly proposed system.

## **10. Miscellaneous**

- a. Spring 2025 misprint hats
  - i. Found the misprinted hats. We will reassess and utilize them for the Spring 2027 season.
  - ii. Amanda stated that we still paid \$8.50 per hat for the misprinted hats and all are youth sizes.
- b. Future of softball
  - i. Dash and Kelsey are going to begin working on this. Look at additional softball teams even if not in the little league organization. Seeking additional teams to play against. Building the relationship building with the HS.
- c. PCYBL tournament hosting
  - i. PCYBL reached out to Cam about hosting a huge tournament and using the HS and Veterans fields. This has the potential to make a lot of money with concessions, swag, etc. No real details, just on the radar currently as a possibility.
- d. Sluggers
  - i. There will be one (1) tournament prior to the spring season and then possibly tournaments after the season.
  - ii. This would have the potential to allow our top kids to practice together all season long.
  - iii. Lothrup in for 10U, McCartney may or may not be in for 10U.
  - iv. Karl is in for 12U.
  - v. Justin feels it would be beneficial to have an 11U team as well, but this would be at the discretion of JBO (Ryan M.), but would need a coach as well. Justin agreed to coach if there was an 11U team. Aaron will discuss it with Ryan.
  - vi. Aaron would like to see coach rotations for Sunday practices for all kids to get more perspectives and practices and knowledge as opposed to one set of coaches every Sunday. The goal is for the kids to be able to play together all season to be able to have a good competitive team, well rounded players training for All Stars.

## **11. Open discussion**

- a. Justin asked if we would be able to start a summer league.
  - i. Aaron mentioned that Sluggers has the potential to be that, but maybe look at something more. This would require a point person to run and manage it. Sluggers could go all summer and then pick and choose tournaments they want to play. Veterans will have limitations for summer reservation.
- b. Amanda discussed deadlines for uniform orders. See notes in that section of minutes for details.
- c. Cijay discussed draft details. See notes in that section of minutes for details.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm***