



## Scappoose Little League Board Meeting Agenda

Date/Time/Location: 1/8/2026 at Ixtapa

General Board Meeting 6:00 pm

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### Regular Board Meeting

Called to Order: 6:04pm on 1/8/2026 by Aaron Lothrop

Attending Members: Aaron Lothrop, Cijay Koler, Jennifer Plahn, Tom Jones, Katie Lothrop, Dash Terry, David Soltero, Beth Rajski, Travis Lovejoy, Kelsea Green, Teia Hoekstra, and Eric Strand

#### 1. General Topics

- a. Approve the November 2025 meeting minutes - Approved

#### 2. Corporate Matters

- a. Treasurer's Report
  - i. Account Balances as of 1/7/2026
    - 1. Checking: \$39,261.89
    - 2. Savings: \$9,059.47
    - 3. Field Improvement Savings: \$6,986.89
    - 4. *Payments in Process: \$15,931.80 (Bashor Spring Hats)*
- b. Budget Proposal – Beth presented
- c. Constitution/ByLaws
  - i. Tabled for another day, may form a committee to handle.

#### 3. Board Updates

- a. Uniform coordinator search
  - i. Aaron asked everyone to please be on the lookout and let us know if you know of anyone willing to do this position.
  - ii. Amanda is also looking, and we are really hoping to find someone no later than the end of May to start training with Amanda by All Stars.

#### 4. Capital Investments

- a. Minors' drainage project update
  - i. We pushed this project to the summer of 26' and are looking for business partners to help with the cost of the project.
    - 1. We are not hosting 26' Allstars.
    - 2. In general, we are never obligated to host Allstars.
    - 3. We would like to look at hosting 27' Allstars.
- b. Veterans field upgrades
  - i. Aaron met with PST, and they gave a proposal identifying the upgrades needed. Many options were given from a major overhaul to the bare minimum.
  - ii. Option 4 is the only realistic option that would prepare us for the Spring 26' season. This includes aerating, seeding, fertilizing, heavy rolling to get rid of lips and make healthier. We are hoping to have this completed at the beginning of March.

- c. Batting cage status and needs
  - i. Justin, Chris, and Aaron made headway on New Years. There are still a few things that are needed including hanging the cables and net. Aaron is hoping to have this up and running in a couple weeks.
- d. Pads and tarps
  - i. Bashers gave new quotes of actual needs instead of previous estimates.
    - 1. Pads
      - a. Backstop #1 – Minors field \$800
        - i. Made up of 3pcs. Each pad 9'8" wide and 2' tall. Colors include black and orange.
        - ii. There is a minor repair needed to the fence prior to pad installation. Aaron is aware and has a simple fix to manage.
      - b. Backstop #2 – Majors field \$1,050
        - i. Made up of 3pcs. Total pad size will be 3' tall and 30ft wide.
        - ii. There was a 2' tall option for \$815, but all felt the 3' option would be best for this field.
      - c. Backstop #3 – Anderson field \$625
        - i. Made up of 2pcs. Each pad 3' tall and 15' 6" wide.
    - 2. Tarps and Mats
      - a. Will proceed with ordering tarps and mats per previous quotes.

## 5. Spring Ball 2026

- a. Equipment and supplies
  - 1. Dick's grant - \$1K gift cards.
  - 2. Gatorade – We will get hydration kits for each team for free.
  - 3. Equipment – Inventory done, no major catchers gear needed. Will need throat protectors for catchers. In a better spot equipment wise than we thought. Will need to purchase some softer indoor balls.
  - 4. Concessions – Will need to purchase a seal kit for Veterans fridge.
  - 5. Disposables – No huge need at this point. Will make ice bags to keep at concessions. This worked well last year.
  - 6. Gear exchange – Use High School youth camps so kids have prior to tryouts.
    - a. Plan for January to collect donations and February to hand out donations.
    - b. Aaron and Katie will take charge but looking for volunteers to help man the station on Sundays.

- b. Gyms and Fields
  - i. Gyms – Lost access to the system as of Jan 26', waiting on insurance cert to regain access.
  - ii. Gym schedules – Still waiting to hear if we will be charged for usage.
  - iii. Fields'
    - 1. Veteran's
      - a. Major's grading – During PST meeting it was recommended to drag the high spots into low spots by end of Jan to ensure it settles during the rain, etc.
      - b. **We will need help doing this.** Aaron will send out a message once he has a firm day.
      - c. Will need to do a deep clean of the Concessions stand at both Veterans and Anderson fields. We will plan to do this as the season gets closer to starting.
      - d. Anderson – Will attempt to gain access to see what is in there and what is needed. A fridge will be the main equipment needed and possibly a hotdog cooker.
- c. Tryouts and Draft
  - i. Tryout schedule, format, and duration
    - 1. 1 ½ hours main tryout and then ½ hour for pitchers/catchers at the field house.
    - 2. Cam will have HS pitchers pitching to catchers, etc. to see how our catchers do.
    - 3. Minors' catchers/pitchers from 2:00 to 2:30pm
    - 4. Majors' catchers/pitchers from 2:30 to 3:00pm
    - 5. Tryout date is Sunday, 3/1/26.
      - a. Minors 12:30 to 2:30pm
      - b. Majors 2:30 to 4:30pm
  - ii. Draft schedule
    - 1. Fulano's from 5:30 to 9:00pm (*Aaron will schedule*)
      - a. Keeping to one night will help to keep rental costs down. *Since meeting CiJay confirmed she can make this work.*
      - b. Minors' teams will draft first and then Majors.
- d. Farm/T-ball/Softball
  - i. Field maintenance day(s) – Still need potholes fixed as the Warran fields are in dire shape.
  - ii. Equipment & supply needs – Nothing major needed, additional soft baseballs are needed.
  - iii. Team division – Registration ends on March 16<sup>th</sup> to allow for an extra week of practice. Dash, Teia, and Kelsea will handle the team division.
- e. Pictures April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>
- f. Parade April 25<sup>th</sup> – Aaron has placed a request for the Hopps mascot to come visit that day.

g. Scholarships

- i. Previous policy – In the past there has been no more than 5 that have requested. When requests come through, it has been kept to a small group to know who's requesting.
- ii. Currently, we have received two scholarship requests for the 26' Spring Season. The requests are for a total of 4 kids.
- iii. Policy changes – The league would like to update and make a set policy to handle these requests.
  1. David stated that there have been times where he collected money from sponsors specifically for children's families who cannot afford the fees.
  2. We will review at our next meeting as we see more numbers coming in. We would like to establish a policy that covers what the league is willing to take on or possibly offer a tiered policy. As an example, if a family has 2 kids, maybe they can pay for one and then we pay for one.
  3. Allowable quantity of scholarships is TBD

6. Coaches

- a. Coach training January 25<sup>th</sup> – Paid for by HS for all SLL coaches. Need minimum of 12 people to go. The training is from 9am to 2pm (could possibly end earlier) at the Airport Sheridan Hotel.
- b. Required training (board members too) – All board members, coaches, and assistant coaches need to go through little league international mandatory league training sessions. They are revamping now but will notify us when ready.
- c. Background checks – Dash oversees background checks. Jessica previously took care of and then Dash tracked the progress to ensure everyone had completed. We are not sure the exact process needed to complete everything.
  - i. Will need to review to ensure everything is completed prior to working with the youth.

7. Miscellaneous

- a. PCYBL tournament hosting – No new updates yet. April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- b. Sluggers
  - i. This does not look like it is going to happen for our age groups in the Spring 26' season.
  - ii. Travis said Ryan mentioned at the 7/8 grade meeting that there will probably be a younger age range as well.
  - iii. It sounds like the coaches must choose their own tournaments to play in.
  - iv. How much work is needed as we may not have the volunteer capacity to fully manage at our level.
  - v. If JBO can handle everything except coaching, then we could make it happen.
  - vi. Eric will reach out to Ryan to get more details and report back.
- c. Coach decks – A company that makes decks of cards. Each card has a baseball drill on them. The drills run from basic to advanced.

- i. Aaron has a sample deck.
- ii. This may be helpful for new coaches as well as experienced coaches that haven't planned for the day. The cost is \$20 per pack.
- iii. Dash mentioned that we could potentially get some drills from Cam at the HS that we can print and give to the coaches.
- iv. Are there other options and/or could we maybe get a sponsor to pay for either option? If we print ourselves, maybe Paulson's or Remis Printing would donate the cost to print and laminate for the coaches?

## **8. Open Discussion**

- a. District One Updates
  - i. No Allstar tournament date yet but would like to finalize the season by 7/4.
  - ii. St. Helens league will have a new President, Dean Moore.
  - iii. February leadership conference for Oregon League at 7 Feathers, if anyone is interested please let Aaron know.
- b. Tom
  - i. Working to set a date for the Umpire Clinic. Will coordinate w/Nick Byrd to see what date works as they use his classroom. Aaron will reach out to Nick and then coordinate time and date w/Tom.
- c. Kelsey
  - i. Met with the SHS Softball coach who has the same sentiments of growing the league. Discussed the upcoming winter clinics.
  - ii. They are working together to have a little league girl throw the first pitch for home games.
  - iii. There will be two little league nights. One against St. Helens and one against Astoria.
- d. 2026 Spring Current Enrollment Numbers
  - i. Softball – 6 players
  - ii. All other divisions 14 and 16 players.
- e. Coaches' responsibility vs. League responsibility
  - i. Goal is to establish clear guidelines between coach and league responsibilities. Travis and Eric will work on this and discuss it at the next meeting.
- f. Gamechanger
  - i. Historically the players agent is supplied with an upgraded version which costs \$15/year.
  - ii. While the paid subscription is an option, we feel that if the players agent is a staff member for each team, they should see all the pertinent information without needing a paid version.
  - iii. Each team's staff members to include SLL President, SLL Players Agent, Head Coach, and Assistant Coach.

Meeting called to close at 7:27pm by Aaron.

