

Biddeford Little League Board Meeting - April Minutes

April 7th, 2026. Biddeford Community Center

Attendees: Kathryn Lagasse, Lisa Waddel, Joe Blais, Parker Lowell, Teila Norris, Christine Morin, Elizabeth Welch, Carly Scott, Heather Thyng, Paul Perreault, Kristen Perreault, James Gallant, John Dunphe, Elizabeth Leblanc, Holly McCarthy, Brian Dunphe,

Meeting started at 6:06 pm

Teila motions to approve last meeting minutes, Joe 2nds, all in favor.

Liz Welch will take over as head canteen manager. Holly McCarthy as assistant canteen manager. Both will share the roles at both locations.

Teila motions to approve Liz and Holly as canteen and assistant canteen manager. Parker 2nd. All in favor.

Liz Welch will receive a debit card from the canteen operating account at peoples choice credit union.

Canteen startup money is \$5,000.00.

Heather can help with video how to's for volunteers on social media.

May St toilet in the canteen is broken. James will fix and get a new one installed. -- Thank you James!

Opening Day Saturday, April 26

Hill St 8:00 am T-Ball, Majors

May St 10:00 am Coach Pitch, Minors, Challenger

with Challenger having a game right after opening day ceremonies on May st Field 1.

T-Ball games to follow opening day ceremonies -- first game 9:30.

First Pitch - Cecile Laverriere East Little League

Mayor? James brought up a great idea of the new sponsors of the new scoreboards for both Hill St and May st. James will reach out to the sponsors to coordinate

April 13th Fan appreciation nigh at the mariners.

Sea Dogs May 10th & August 3rd.

Head coach of the varsity baseball team at the high school Keith Leblanc and his teams will host a baseball clinic on Saturday April 19th at St.Louis Field from 9-10:30 for both minors and majors teams.

Treasury report

Money in the bank \$63,919.30

Nothing has been separated with softball as of yet.

Safety Officer

Safety meeting will be done via zoom. Zoom link will be sent out, One representative from each team is required to attend. Teila will send out the invite.

Fundraising and sponsorships

Calendar money is due in for May 10th. giving enough time to tally and count, and get ready for the drawings which start on June 1st.

If you need additional calendars, see Liz.

Scheduler-

black out dates, band concert, BPS family day, etc.

Massabesic coach pitch is interested in playing with our teams. Carly suggested Saturdays would work best for timing and traveling purposes. Joe agrees.

Brad from Saco will be in charge of the Majors schedule.

Potentially extending the coach pitch season for a few more weeks into mid June.

Field Manager

Score board at May St is all set up. Hill st should be in next week.

Hill st field is all set up. just needs some banners and last minute clean ups.

May St going to take a little longer, waiting to dry up.

Field Set Up dates

Friday April 18 5:30- May st

Saturday April 19th 8:00 - Hill st.

Rain Dates:

Mon May st April 21st 5:30

Tuesday Hill St. April 22nd 5:30

Pest control will be taken care of.

Joe & Paul asked about Mosquito and tick treatment, especially Hill St. James will look into it.

Marcus Crowell wants to run some clinics at on plane.

Brady Screen print, our online swag store not doing well. only had 3 orders. the store is now closed.

Bronze/brass post for memory of volunteers of Cecile Laverrier

Player Agent-- pool players

Carly brought up issue with the numbers of roster sizes. Majors at the time of evals had 26 kids signed up. Also to take into consideration of late sign ups, we should have had 3 teams. Upon looking further, the coach pitch teams have 63 players signed up, on 5 teams, 3 of them had 13 kids per team, the other 2 teams having 12. Per our bylaws our goal is to have 8-10. With 63 players in that division, we should have at least 6 teams. With bigger rosters, we increase the risk for more incidents, accidents and unwanted behaviors. Harder to get the kids to focus, they will get bored and lose focus. Harder to keep them engaged and teach them the fundamentals. With too many kids on the roster, there's less playing time for them on the field.

Majors --

Majors wants to do a double practice at hitters count for batting cages. \$100 for 4 cages 1 hr. Joe asking for board to pay. Kristen motions, Teila 2nds. All in favor.

We have a 12 year old who wants to join late, despite numerous times reaching out to sign up prior to evals. We do not turn kids away to play. All in favor for allowing him to join.

Minors-

Tryouts went good. practices start this week,

Parker went on little league.org and purchased new umpiring gear and would like the board to reimburse him for new pants, shirts, shoes, and mask. for a total of \$425.95. Christine motions, Joe 2nds.

Coach Pitch

Evals went good. Struggling to find quality coaches for an additional team.

T-Ball

Super excited, currently have 60 players signed up. currently dividing the teams right now. looking like 8 teams.

Challenger-

Some players were recruited from the unified basketball team, they are excited to join us this season.

a gym practice on Wednesday the 23rd for them? Paul will look into booking a gym.

Maybe play against other teams from other towns?

Brian Dunphe went to coach pitch evals and was concerned with the number of children on his child's team. His coach last year didn't return this year. He knows a few of the children on the team and concerned with the big personalities, and not enough coaches to help make this a successful season for the kids. Getting more coaches will definitely help with the rosters sizes.

Liz makes motion to adjourn, Joe 2nd. All in favor

Meeting ended 7:44.