

July 2025 Meeting

July 16, 2025, 6:30-8pm, Zoom ([Link](#))

- Present: Wayne M., Michelle L., Steve I., Evan R., Ed R., Diane F., Marion F., Mike S., Dave J., Carl B., Sheniquia M.
- Absent: Edwin L., Lynair W., David M., Shawn D.

Agenda

- Called to Order at 6:40pm
- WPS 2024-25 Rollcall
 - Evan called roll
- President's Update
 - Wayne commented on the season generally, noting weather limitations, post-season issues
 - Wayne reviewed incident from July 9, 2024
- Incident: July 9, 2025
 - Board discussed and reviewed an instance of physical abuse that occurred between an adult (parent of a registered player and former volunteer) and a child (registered player)
 - Emphasis on the sensitivity of the matter and the importance of confidentiality.
 - Clarification from Steve that it is not necessary to inform LLI because the perpetrator was not an enrolled/registered volunteer
 - The board recommends suspension of the individual from all league activities and contact with players for 3 years, starting July 16, 2025 and continuing with a decision to revisit the matter at that time.

- Wayne will inform the individual of his suspension
- A board member will reach out to the New Haven Police to understand the legality of suspension and/or restraining order
- Board discussed the background check process and noted that an improved system and protocol of following LLI and WPSLL standards
- Financials update
 - Steve presented the financials for year to date; \$15,000 surplus
 - Additional fundraising payments from Yardgoats outing and Krispy Kreme
 - Decision to refine the process of receiving payments, eliminating all other mechanisms besides the league's Square account.
 - Decision not to reapproach sponsors for fall ball 2025
- Solicitation for new board members and officers
 - Decision to send out a notice inviting all active users to consider running for the board of directors and becoming an officer
 - Notice will be sent with sufficient time before the Annual meeting (see below)
- Constitutional amendments
 - Any amendments or bylaws under consideration must be ready before the general meeting in September
- Annual meeting
 - Regular Board meeting will occur on the first Wed
 - Annual meeting will occur between September 20 and 30, 2025
- End of Season Plans / Closing Day
 - What, when, and where
 - Consideration move the closing day ceremonies to another location
 - Decision to plan Closing Day ceremonies for August 10
 - Sponsor Plaques—Sheniquia asked about whether we have sponsor plaques ready, as promised.

- Concession stand update
 - Steve has been in touch with the City to finalize the installation of the new concession stand, which is supposed to commence in July 2025.
- Fall Ball
 - Registration will open on August 1, with a decision to cut off registration when necessary
 - We are potentially interested in participating in Orange's league again
 - Consideration of alternative fall ball models
- Community Day
 - Sheniquia requested support for planning
 - Educational training event
- Baseball programming / Player and Coach Development
 - Mike suggested that the league improve the balance of administrative vs gameplay programming and development
 - Steve suggested that meetings for gameplay development occur outside of regular board meetings
 - Wayne suggested that Mike form and lead a committee to develop Coaches and Players.
- Adjourned 8:04pm