

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR COLUMBIA LITTLE LEAGUE

May 4, 2025

An in-person meeting of the board members of Columbia Little League was held in the clubhouse May 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM pacific time.

Board Members present: Chris DiPalma, Lauren DiPalma, Tim Melcher, Kirstyn Griswold, Machel DeLeon, Celina Thompson, Joella Neubauer, Dan Piovesan, Dale Robertson, Kindra Christian, Wynne Hurly, Tanya Cardoza

Board Members absent: Celine Negrete, Joe Huffman, Justin Cvitkovitch, Doug Single, Brittany Christ

Guest Present: None

Call to Order

Chris DiPalma President of Columbia Little League called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM Pacific Time. Lauren DiPalma Secretary of Columbia Little League recorded the minutes.

Reports from Board Members

- Reading of the March meeting minutes was waived. Motion to approve minutes as written by Machel, Dan 2nd. All in favor.
- President's report was provided by Chris
 - Parking in no parking area continues to be a problem. Thank you to Dan P. for painting the parking lot
- Vice President's reports
 - Softball report was provided by Joella. Joint pitching practice with minors/majors players occurred and was a success.
 - Baseball report was provided by Dale.
 - Proposed purchasing GC setups for home games. Celina motioned for purchase of 2 setups. Tanya 2nd. Dan P against. All others approved.
 - Requested additional trash cans be placed at minors and big field. Would like to purchase additional lids.
 - Tee ball and coach pitch report was provided by Chris on behalf of Joe. Looking into Quickball for fall.
- Treasurers report provided by Celine
 - As of April 30, 2025, the bank balance is \$49,577.62
 - Upcoming expenses: (previously approved)
 - Bench covers - \$3,500-\$4,000
- Concessions report was provided by Celina.- Want to count petty cash. Looking into filtering oil.
- Sponsorship report was provided Chris in Wynne's absence. Best Hit-A-Thon yet! Putting it with picture day was a success. ~\$28K raised with 50% participation rate.
- Safety report was provided by Kindra. Nothing to report.
- Player Agent report was provided by Kirstyn. Working through all star commitment forms. Voting scheduled for week of May 12. Count the votes prior to meeting on 5/18.
 - Refund requests:
 - Jack Faught – \$115 (92%) received T-Mobile grant
 - Ellie Overbee - \$138 (92%) injured before season started
 - Leonal Resendiz - \$115 (92%) requested transfer to Fort Vancouver
 - John Stafford-Miller - Registered out of boundary. No refund due to chargeback being

initiated.

- Tucker Roberts - \$25 lapse in early bird discount
- Presley Rakoz – \$138 (92%) no team in division
- Colton Jones – \$138 (92%) requested transfer to Fort Vancouver
 - Tim motioned to pay all refunds requested aside from chargeback. Kindra 2nd. All in favor.
- Coaching report was provided by Chris. Emailed all coaches and managers at minors and above requesting written all star manager interest.
- Umpiring report was provided by Tim. Scheduling continues to be challenging. Will be more diligent about identifying Adult umpire volunteer ahead of the game.
- Equipment report was provided by Chris. Athlete's corner backordered hats came in. Would like to order new all star hats. Celina is working on a design.

Old Business

- 8-10 softball state tournament is confirmed on 7/12-7/18.
- Tee ball and coach pitch bleachers completed. Bench covers being constructed soon.
- Backstop pads and supports are being installed soon.
- Important Dates:
 - T-Mobile kid HR Derby – Friday June 6
 - Closing ceremonies & adult home run derby: June 7

New Business

- All star baseball – Chris proposed some changes to how all star teams are selected. The 11-12 team would be selected first, the 9-11 next, then the 8-10.
 - Dan motioned to reject the proposal and keep our process in place. Kirstyn 2nd. Yea – Dan, Kirstyn. No – Dale, Machel, Kindra, Joella. Abstain – Celine, Celina, Tanya, Lauren. Motion fails.
 - Joella motioned to create Columbia policy not to place 9 year olds on 9-11 all stars, Dan 2nd. All in favor.
- Field / Clubhouse projects (upcoming) – Skipped for time
- Kirstyn motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:16 pm. Joella 2nd. All in favor. Next meeting is Sunday May 18, 2025 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren DiPalma

Columbia Little League Secretary