



LARCH MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE

Board/Management Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2026 | 6:00pm

ATTENDEES | Board Members: Jairus Rice, Lizzie Hart, Shane Wood, Ryan Ross, Kelsie Moen, Trent Moore, Kyle Rose, Chris MacNeil, Jordan Carlson, Chelsea Miller, Phillip Youckton, Roy Calica, Jessica Warren

UNABLE TO ATTEND | N/A

Open the Meeting, Jairus Motions to approve the January 5th meeting minutes, Trent seconds, all in favor.

Manager Nominations:

Jairus initiates explaining the nomination process that will be carried out by the board for prospective managers and assistants and asks them to introduce themselves. Each prospective nominee gave their names and a short introduction on their history with the league as well as their experience and what division they are looking to manage. The nominees are as follows:

Sharlina Sharp- T-Ball
Josh Hull- AAA, Coach Pitch
Lisa Baldwin- 8u Coach Pitch Softball
Stephanie Warnke- Majors Softball
Mark Heffner- Majors Softball
Brittany Lett- 8u Softball Manager
Kyle Steelhammer- AAA Manager or Assistant
Andrea Knutson- Majors Softball Manager
Charles Gallagher- Majors Manager
Kalen Robinson- Majors Assistant Coach
Brandon Jones- Coach Pitch Softball
Daija Moore- 8u Coach Pitch Softball
Phillip Brodahl- Coach Pitch
Justin Eastman- Coach Pitch Manager/T-Ball Assistant Manager
Jon Holman- Assistant Manager
Jimmy Peterman- TBD
AJ Easley- AAA
Chris Macneil- AAA/Help with Majors
Chelsea Miller- AA/T-Ball
Trent Moore- Majors/Rochester
Phillip Youckton- Minors/Majors Softball, Juniors Baseball
Kyle Rose- Majors Baseball Assistant, Intermediates Assistant
Jordan Carlson- AA



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Shane Wood- Majors/ 8u or 10u Softball

Ryan Ross- Majors "Reds"

Kevin Thomson- Coach Pitch Softball (Contact Chelsea Miller)

Morgen Thomson- Coach Pitch Baseball (Contact Chelsea Miller)

Josh Taylor- Majors (Tenino)

Aaron Huff- Coach Pitch (Prefers Assistant)

Jairus Rice- AAA (Manager)

-Jairus and Lizzie thank the prospective manager nominees for their time and consideration for coming in to volunteer for LMLL.

Last Month Follow Up/Action Items -

- Jessica helped Angie coordinate social media posts for open registration reminders, important upcoming dates, managers needed/managers meeting etc. We will continue to help circulate posts on managers and volunteers needed as well as sponsors needed.
- Chris looked into a 10ft Drybox for Tenino storage, options are still being explored. Lizzie suggests possibly asking RHS to share a corner in the new Baseball/Softball shed that has just been utilized for storage. Chris estimates mid to late march for the D.O field to be completely ready for play.
- Jordan has Player Evaluations equipment ready.
- Trent confirmed a one day only date for upcoming Umpire Clinic 3/1/26 TBD for time and location. Trent is also still fielding volunteer Umpire options for the league.
- Chelsea scripted a list to help provide T-Ball and Coach Pitch managers tips for field equipment essentials and basic processes. Ryan will also continue to organize verbiage to help guide coaches.
- Roy has communicated with the photographer for possible dates to do team photos, waiting for registration numbers to determine if our league will either need one or two days for photos. Roy has also continued to work on background checks through JDP.
- Kendra, Lizzie & Jessica provided information to Shane to get him established with league accounts, website and gmail access for treasurer duties.

Budget Review:

Shane provided the financial reports for the league via attachments to the board. The current account balances are as follows:

KeyBank: \$78,784.10 (Main account)

Obee Credit Union: \$390.91 (Concessions account)



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Registration Updates:

Lizzie- We are within 2% of our numbers for this time last season, currently at 59.27%. There are currently 153 players registered for baseball and 41 for softball. Enumclaw and Willapa Harbor are now considered to be a part of our District 3 League. The board will determine at a later date if they are a viable competitive choice.

Lizzie- We currently have 2 girls registered for intermediate softball. Phillip and Kyle will distribute information for these girls to have other options to play for another league team. Possibly Monte or Capital, Elma is no longer an option.

-Phillip proposes that Lizzie close the “Intermediate Softball” option within registration, Jairus seconds, all in favor.

- 3 players from Oakville get approved by the board to come play with our league (Michael Bonifer-9, Theodore-12 & Wallace Cundy-8)
- 1 player from Tenino gets approved to play for Capital, Lizzie will follow up for the reason behind the switch. (Rohr-10)
- A mother inquires about wanting to let her two sons play together, the oldest brother is of Majors age, and the league agrees that the players will get drafted how they get drafted. Final decisions fall on the board but the parents are able to request and ask questions. Lizzie will follow up with the mother. Clause allowed with caveat of skill level. (William & Henry Ayers, ages 9 &11)
- 1 player has played T-Ball, the parent believes they are ready to move up to Coach Pitch, the board approves. (Thomson)
- Chelsea requests her son Stetson move up to Coach Pitch, board approves, her son Colt will be drafted to AA. (Stetson-5 & Colt Miller)
- 1 player’s mother requests that her son with learning needs stay down in Coach Pitch, the player is AA age, Jordan approves, Shane seconds, unanimous board decision to have the player continue to stay down with Coach Pitch to continue developing skills. (Trooper Wachter-Parent-8)
- 1 player’s mother would like her son to stay down in Coach Pitch. The child is AA age. Jairus disapproves, Roy seconds, unanimous decision amongst the board to have the player continue to move up to AA to continue to develop skills. (Weston Harris-8)
- 1 player’s father, Aaron Huff requests his T-ball aged son get moved up to Coach Pitch, board approves. (Everett Huff-5)



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- Kyle will follow up with a parent for more information that emailed about their player being between age 5-6 move from T-Ball to Coach Pitch. (Marloe/waiting on possible registration)

Player Evaluation Planning

Lizzie proposes we allow the Softball girls tryout first for Player Evaluations since the registration numbers are lower than the baseball players. It would begin at 8 am, Jairus seconds, all in favor.

- Lizzie will run numbers for returning players/age groups to plan times for the evaluations day
- Jairus asks Lizzie if we can possibly run 10 & 11 baseball tryouts at the same time, Lizzie will run numbers after registration closes to see if it will work.
- Lizzie- The number of players on each team that have returner rights (Must be signed up before 2/15/26 or forfeit returning rights)

Softball: (24)

Valkyries-5

Huskies-9

Cyclones-9

Baseball: (23)

Pirates-4

Padres-8

Reds-6

Mariners-5

Note: A redraft will be considered depending on registration numbers.

- We will have final #'s by February 15th for the Player Evaluations to prepare for the draft. Jairus will send out a proposal a couple days before for how many majors teams we will have this year.

Roundtable:

- Phillip- We need to make sure By-Law verbiage will be clear and easy to understand for softball players when it comes to drafting to help create league consistency.
- Kelsie- Suggests we update By-Laws before commencing the draft.
- Shane- Asks the board about using Venmo or other possible options for concessions and merch, Lizzie suggests Zeffy, Shane will look into it.



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- Lizzie will inquire with Merch vendors for collaboration/kick back, such as Real Busy Mommy Designs out of Tenino or Five K designs from Rochester. Lizzie will also research their prices vs. turnaround time for merchandise.
- Lizzie asks Shane if he has heard any information on another possible youth night with the Rainiers. Shane agreed to look into the topic more.

NOTE: Chris sent out an update for the City of Tenino via text message, the ground work will happen after the season. The City of Tenino is currently working on other items such as dugouts, fences and hardscape. The field should be well prepared by the start of practices in early March. Chris let Jessica (Tenino contact) know our planned start date and she agreed to reach out to the grounds crew to set a March deadline so there won't be any issues using the field.

Adjourn

Action items

- The board will wait until registration is closed to look at division numbers in order to determine inner league play, managers/assistants needed per team in each division and follow up with a possible mid month zoom meeting to discuss options before the Player Evaluations.
- Chris will continue looking into storage options for the Tenino field and the grant/field status as well as checking on dates to get the DO field sprayed.
- Jordan will check the bins in the Conex for the jersey & hat samples needed for the Player Evaluations.
- Roy will wait until registration is closed to get a better idea on team #'s to plan the picture day and figure out whether we will need one or two days for photos.



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- Phillip and Kyle will distribute information for the two intermediate softball players pertaining to what their options are for playing in an alternate local league.
- Chelsea will wait for registration to close to start on team schedules. Practice schedules should come out one week before practices begin.
- Kelsie will look into more information regarding another possible “Larch Mountain Little League Night Out” with the Tacoma Rainiers.