



Tri-Lakes Little League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2026

Time: 7:30PM

Location: Google Meet

Members Present

- Chuck Menke
- Marc Walrath
- Jesse Leiker
- Megan Bies
- Chuck Bies
- Kelsey Lenzmeier
- Steve Butler
- Heidi Roche
- Kristen Lockhart
- Bruce Desautels
- Megan Wheatley
- Nicoles Simmons
- Dustin Tupper

Members Absent

- None
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Call to Order

- C. Menke called the meeting to order at 7:31pm MT.
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March 29th Minutes Approval

- Action: C. Menke motioned and C. Bies seconded to approve the March 29th minutes. Motion unanimously approved.
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Observations From Weeks One & Two

- TLLL discussed lessons learned from the first two weeks of practice and games.
 - The Board is targeting the last week in April to facilitate make-up photos.
 - The Board discussed umpire scheduling to assess coverage and additional needs moving forward.
 - N. Simmons provided a scheduling update and notified the Board of a few challenges stemming from modifications to practice schedules once games started.
 - M. Walrath provided feedback from some families about impermissible bats and opportunities for additional communication about approved little league equipment moving forward.
 - M. Walrath recommended including additional communication in the pre-season coaches' orientation to amplify messaging in advance of the next season.
 - B. Desautels reminded the group to inform coaches to regularly input pitch counts for tracking.
 - K. Lenzmeier noted challenges with updating the data in Sports Connect, which she is currently troubleshooting with the vendor.
 - K. Lenzmeier and J. Leiker will continue to discuss solutions to ensure league standings and pitch counts are properly recorded and available, including continued conversations with Sports Connect.
 - Once a solution is identified, the Board will communicate the tracking mechanism to coaches for visibility and required documentation.
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Opening Day Debrief

- H. Roche will create a lesson learned tracking sheet for Board feedback and opportunities for continued improvement moving forward.
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Tournament of Champions Discussion

- The Board discussed an opportunity for 8 & 9 year olds to participate in an end-of-season tournament of champions with other LLs.
 - J. Leiker will connect with the coaches to solicit interest.
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Fundraiser Golf Tournament

- M. Walrath provided an update on registered participants and sponsors.
 - The tentative plan is to send a few more email reminders to solicit additional registrants in the coming weeks.
 - The Board will continue to identify gifts for raffle prizes.
 - B. Desautels is working with USAFA re: base access for participants and guests.
 - The Board will identify a committee to assist with the event.
 - Future meetings will be scheduled once the smaller group is established.
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Division Playoffs

- The Board discussed the need to schedule baseball division playoffs.
 - AA-Minors and above will host playoffs.
 - The tentative plan is to schedule playoffs for the week after Memorial Day.
 - N. Simmons will take a first pass at creating playoff brackets and identifying fields.
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All-Stars Planning

- B. Desautels shared a tentative baseball all-stars schedule for 2026.
 - Desautels recommended action items, including designating an All-Stars Director and naming an All-Stars Committee to assist with planning and execution.
 - B. Desautels will reach out to USAFA contacts for field availability and usage.
 - Action: C. Menke motioned and H. Roche seconded to approve B. Desautels as All-Stars Director. Motion unanimously approved.
 - M. Wheatley shared the potential to facilitate softball all-stars for 10U & 12U.
 - M. Wheatley will continue to contemplate Softball All-Stars needs and the potential structure.
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Supplemental Rules

- B. Desautels shared an overview of the final draft of the Supplemental Rules, which was communicated to coaches last week.
 - C. Menke recommended providing interleague rules to coaches, as applicable.
 - M. Wheatley confirmed that softball coaches were notified of interleague rules.
 - J. Leiker will circulate baseball interleague rules to coaches in applicable leagues this week.
 - TLLL Supplemental Rules and LL Interleague rules will also be posted to the coaches' corner of the TLLL website.
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Roundtable

- B. Desautels informed the group that a new 6-in mound was purchased for use at Larkspur.
 - If there is a need for additional pitching machines, please notify B. Desautels.
 - D. Tupper reached out to the D38 grounds maintenance staff to continue to assess field status and any additional maintenance needs.
 - C. Menke confirmed that the Town of Monument has oversight over Santa Fe Fields.
 - M. Walrath will connect with Scheels on a 2nd promotional date for league participants.
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Meeting Adjournment

- C. Menke motioned to adjourn the meeting. H. Roche seconded. The meeting concluded at 9:08pm MT.
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Next Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 19th

Time: 7:30 - 9 PM

Location: Google Meet