

Oll Executive Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting
January 26, 2025

Attendees:

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| Adam Dinihanian | Joe Smeraglino | Alex Biro | Mike Marchetti |
| Jeff Silverman | Bryan Terlizzi | BJ Palumbo | Jennifer Esposito |
| Tara Grutkowski | Matt Bruder | Mike Dolan | Jeremy Virgil |
| Jenn Schempp | Dino Guerra | | |

Call to meeting by Adam Dinihanian at 7:05pm

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Adam Dinihanian

Seconded by BJ Palumbo

All in favor

PRESIDENT: Adam Dinihanian

- 1) Approve minutes from 12/18/25 meeting - approved
- 2) Next Meeting: week of 2/23 – District meeting the night of 2/26
- 3) Keys – Jenn and Dino working on key handover. Tara and Mike D. need a key. Maria’s key will go to Mel
- 4) Spam Email Alert! – Continue to ignore and check email address before responding
- 5) Timeline/Calendar and roles/responsibilities – be specific with when things are planned for future positions
- 6) District updates
 - Upcoming meetings: 2/26 (zoom); 3/19 w/safety officers (High Plains)
 - Don Lawrence (Branford Little League) – Passed away recently, was a member of Little League for 45 years. He has done a lot for Branford and Little League in general.
 - Background checks (all); Abuse Awareness training (all); Diamond Leader Training Program (District/Seabreeze) – covered forever (for now); First Aid Awareness; Safety Awareness – First Aid Awareness and Safety Awareness are not required as of right now but encouraged to take it.
 - Pine tar is allowed, can’t cover the USA bat logo
 - Flyers have been printed and handed out at Racbrook and Turkey Hill. Will be passed out to Peck and MLT soon. Flyers will go out to daycare centers too.

SECRETARY: Alex Biro

- Timeline is set
- Practice schedule will be worked on in March for Old Tavern fields to start March 30th (will check with Chris Small if timing is ok)
- Game schedule will be completed last week of March/first week of April
- Will continue to check town dates for school events to try not to conflict with games

VP HARDBALL: Joe Smeraglio

- Updates on registration, opening day, meeting, etc.
- Last year at this point 142, we are at 161 at this time. Biggest surplus is tball and coach pitch
- 70% of the way there, registration will close February 28th
- Softball is at 75, last year it was 45. Biggest surge is at coach pitch and majors
- Posts all this week for early bird registration
- Sunday Special Games (replaces district travel program) – counts toward 8 games
 - Can put a pool of players together and have games with local towns in district 4
 - Opportunity for kids that don't play travel ball and want to play additional games
- House rules revisited with BJ, Adam and Joe

VP SOFTBALL:

- Updates on registration, opening day, etc
- Pre-season workouts
- Opening day ceremony ideas in the works. There is a person from Yale NH Hospital interested in speaking to softball/hardball parents and coaches. Will be geared towards injury prevention, recognizing a serious injury and when/how to seek treatment.
- Preseason workouts at Softball U. Looking through dates to do the workouts and evaluations. Potentially March 2nd will be the evaluations after 6:00pm

TREASURER: Jenn Schempp

- Budget needs by position
- Send Jenn your address and will get equipment shipped to homes if needed
- Grant from Disney for \$2000 and will be going to field improvements
- 1099 forms are complete
- Year end report (submit to Becky Bassett)
- Federal Taxes due by February
- Picture day will be either May 2nd or May 9th. Will coordinate raffle sales and apparel with picture day
- Scholarships - \$1000 for softball and \$1000 for hardball, committee will be formed for voting process

HB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: Jeff Silverman

- Equipment/baseball pre-season orders; uniform timeline
- Request for smaller catcher gear, will order 2 more sets of that. Will order 2 more tees.
- Looking through vendors for pricing
- Balls and uniforms ordered through Nantucket

SB EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: Matt Bruder

- Equipment/softball pre-season orders; uniform timeline; samples for eval night
- Will take inventory, need 11 inch balls, have plenty of 12 inch balls
- Need a couple of smaller sets of catcher gear

HB PLAYER AGENT: BJ Palumbo

- Possibly a new player from West Haven – waiver needed
- Timeline: manager interviews, player evals, drafts, etc
- February will start looking over teams for tee ball and coach pitch
- Will keep teams low per player to account for anyone that comes in late
- Will start looking at managers next month to see if interviews are necessary
- Early March will be the majors/minors draft
- March 15th will post all the teams
- Safety meeting will be early April

SB PLAYER AGENT: Tara Grutkowski

- Timeline: manager interviews, player evals, drafts, etc
- Access to reports granted
- Won't need any manager interviews

SB FUNDRAISING: Mike Dolan

- '26 Fundraising plans; sponsorship updates
- New sponsor potential: Yale New Haven hospital (TBD)
- Anthony sent over sponsors from previous years
- Any specific sponsors for softball, let us know so we can assign them to the softball jerseys

VP COUNSEL: Jeremy Virgil

- OLL constitution – link for new format from LL (fill in the blanks)
- Sent over constitution to Adam for the year to sign and send in

FACILITIES/FIELDS DIRECTOR: Dino Guerra

- Clean up day prep (email communication and list of jobs)
- Upcoming/requested projects
- Clean up day will be March 21, rain date will be March 22. Following weekend open if needed
- Need to do a walk through next month to see what needs to be done

SNACK STAND DIRECTOR: Jennifer Esposito

- Transition with Nickie; Plans for '26
- Schedule deliveries for the week of April 13th so it is ready for opening day
- Stick to what we have for now and maybe survey what else kids would like to see for 2026
- Baseballism.com fundraiser currently going on. 25% of sales goes back to Orange Little League with whatever is purchased

SAFETY OFFICER: Mike Marchetti

- Charter new SAFE report (replaces ASAP)
- Background checks
 - Joe will send over the current list of manager/coaches/dugout parents

- Coaches safety meeting (Apr)

COACHING COORDINATOR: Bryan Terlizzi

- Coaching resources/recruiting
- Coaches info meeting update
- Master list of all managers/coaches
- Past Thursday had the Q&A session at High Plains
- Contact Bill at The Core for coach pitch coaching clinic

Motion to adjourn by Adam Dinihanian

Seconded by Alex Biro

All in favor

Meeting end time 8:20pm