

Minutes
Burlington Little League Board of Directors Meeting
516 N. Pine Street, Burlington, Wi.
January 7, 2026

1. Call to order: 605pm

2. Roll call (Present/Absent):

Present: Ben Zusan, Tom Solofra, Lisa Pankratz, Jennifer Czerniak, Phil Anderson, Ryan Bratz, Laura Whiteside, Amanda Schenk, Amy Meyer, Katlyn Pella, Matt Bartz, Dave Kmetz, Chris Nolan (via phone), Blue Aldridge, Tony Battisti, Jared Adam

Absent: Allie Koster, Tom Solofra, Pat Last

3. Citizen comments: Carina from the City of Burlington would like to attend a meeting and/or an annual report

4. Approval of the minutes: Jen made a motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2025, seconded by Tony. Approved unanimously, motion carried.

5. Presidents report-Dave Kmetz

- a. Insurance update. A lot of work has been done to make sure the BLL is insured properly.
- b. District 6 meeting in Oak Creek January 13, 2026. Both Dave and Ben plan to attend.
- c. Executive Board: the purpose/intent of the Exec board.
- d. Dave would like to update the roles and responsibilities of each board position, helping each board member know what they are responsible for. Plans to work on that after the application for the Charter is completed.
- e. Background checks. Ensuring all volunteers have done the correct process and have passed the background check. Lisa Pankratz will assist Dave.

6. Vice Presidents report-Ben Zusan

- a. Allstars update: more details after the District 6 meeting on January 13, 2026. Will send out an email.
- b. Showcase dates: pushed to the end of February. Date will be February 22, 2026, at the Rollie Bouman Batting Pavillion. Majors 8-10, Minors 4-6, draft at conclusion of the showcase.
- c. Fundraising committee: Brad Feilder in attendance to discuss his interest and previous experience in fundraising for non-profit organizations.
- d. Jen made a motion to approve the addition of Brad Feilder as the Fundraiser Coordinator-committee member. Ben seconded the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously. (Brad Feilder will report to the executive board as stated in the Burlington Little League constitution, Section 16, 7).
- e. Pavillion Open House: January 31, 2026

7. Chief Operating Officer/Safety-Tom Solofra-not present

8. Treasurers report -BLL and Titan's- Jen Czerniak, Amanda Schenk

- a. BLL \$86,762.48. Lights: \$30, 538.79. Titan's \$33,292.01. Motion to approve budget report, Tony. Seconded by Phil. Approved unanimously, motion carried.
- b. Jen presented the BLL budget for the 2026 season, reviewed by those in attendance. Ryan made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget. Lisa seconded the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

9. Director and coordinator report-

a. Registration- Laura Whiteside

- i. Numbers of players registered as of meeting

b. Baseball Scheduler/Pictures- Chris Nolan

- i. Schedule has been updated for Titans tournaments
- ii. Will work on finalizing the schedule once the official start date confirmed
- iii. Intermediate

c. Building and Grounds- Ryan Bratz- no updates

d. Equipment/Uniforms-Jared Adams- no updates

e. Marketing and Communications- Katlyn Pella

- i. Christmas parade went well
- ii. BLL website needs to be updated/cleaned up. Will work on with Dave
- iii. Adobe- working on getting password

f. Team-Sign Sponsorship-Tony Battisti

- i. Continue looking into new sponsoring signs options/costs

g. Umpire in Chief-Phil Anderson

- i. Possible sign-up app for umpires? More to follow.

h. Concessions Amy Meyer

- i. Brannen refrigerator needs to be moved
- ii. Hintz complex needs a new menu/price sign. Ben will research options

i. Titans Director- Amanda Schenk

- i. Uniforms try on 75 kids-went well
- ii. All but one tournament has filled up
- iii. Update on Titan's coach. Angela Aldridge will take the place of Craig K on Titans 10 Black
- iv. Amanda made a motion to approve Angela Aldridge as an assistant coach for the Titans 10 Black team. Seconded by Tony. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

j. Coaching Player Development Coordinator-Matt Bartz

- i. Possibility of open hitting on Saturdays. More to follow
- ii. Camp dates to be finalized
- iii. Working on Superbowl squares

k. Player Agents: Hintz/Brannen-Blue Aldridge and Pat Last

- i. Majors and Minors showcase to be held at the RB Pavilion February 22, 2026

10. Old Business:

- a. Amy drafted the college scholarship application form for the Michael S Church scholarship for high school seniors at BHS and CCHS in the amount of \$1,000.00 per student. Lisa made a motion to approve the application form, seconded by Jen. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

- b. Clarification: There are 2 scholarships: the BLL registration scholarship and the Michael S Church scholarship for high school Seniors at BHS and CCHS.
- c. Papa Murphy's fundraiser. February 25th and February 26th.

11. New Business:

- a. There will be a table at the open house and the showcase for players to donate their gently used items for others to have
- b. Kingfish date: Ben will reach out to the Kingfish to ask about dates

12. Announcements (5 minutes each): None

13. Next meeting: February 4th at 600 pm

14. Adjournment: motion to adjourn made by Ryan, seconded Jen , approved unanimously

Adjourned at: 827pm

Submitted,

Lisa Pankratz, Secretary Burlington Little Board of Directors