

Minutes
Burlington Little League Board of Directors Meeting
516 N. Pine Street, Burlington, Wi.
February 4, 2026

1. **Call to order:** 602 PM
2. **Roll call-Present:** Dave Kmetz, Ben Zusan, Tom Solofra, Lisa Pankratz, Jennifer Czerniak, Phil Anderson, Ryan Bratz, Laura Whiteside, Amanda Schenk, Matt Bartz, Chris Nolan (via phone), Blue Aldridge, Tony Battisti, Jared Adam, Pat Last, Brad Fiedler.
Absent: Allie Koster, Amy Meyer, Katlyn Pella.
3. **Citizen comments:** none
4. **Approval of the minutes:**
Jen made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2026, seconded by Tony. Approved unanimously, motion carried.
5. **Presidents report-Dave Kmetz**
 - a. MOU with the City of Burlington updated.
Amanda made a motion to approve the most recent MOU with the City of Burlington for the Hintz complex and Sunset Park. Jared seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Dave provided an update from the District 6 meeting that he and Ben attended.
 - c. The roles and responsibilities of each board member to be discussed at a future meeting.
 - d. Dave will attend Burlington City Council meetings and provide the city with an update.
6. **Vice Presidents report-Ben Zusan**
 - a. Kingfish game fundraiser will not work this year due to a busy BLL schedule.
 - b. Golf outing fundraiser discussion at next month's meeting.
7. **Chief Operating Officer/Safety-Tom Solofra**
 - a. The gas for the pavilion heater will hopefully be installed by February 14, 2026.
 - b. There is a possibility of having air conditioning in the pavilion.
 - c. Provided a showcase update. Review of safety with happen with Majors and Minors after the showcase on February 22,2026.
8. **Treasurers report -BLL and Titan's- Jen Czerniak, Amanda Schenk**
 - a. BLL \$112,177.67. Lights: \$22,390.43. Titan's \$30,372.54. Motion to approve budget report made by Ryan, seconded by Phil. Approved unanimously, motion carried
9. **Director and coordinator report-**
 - a. **Registration- Laura Whiteside**
 - i. Provided the numbers of registered players
 - b. **Baseball Scheduler/Pictures- Chris Nolan**
 - i. Looking into Verizon as a carrier to provide Wi-Fi at the Hintz complex. Will provide specific details at next meeting.
 - ii. Utilization of the pavilion. Adding time slots

- c. Building and Grounds- Ryan Bratz**
 - i. Spring clean up date: April 11th at 0800 with the rain/makeup date April 18.
 - ii. Quite a bit to do to get the fields ready. Will work on list.
 - iii. Discussion regarding drain tiles
- d. Equipment/Uniforms-Jared Adams**
 - i. Burghardt will supply the uniforms this year.
- e. Marketing and Communications- Katlyn Pella (not present)**
 - i. Dave presented data Katlyn obtained regarding the BLL Facebook page and the amount of traffic the page receives. Discussed options to reach a larger audience.
- f. Team-Sign Sponsorship-Tony Battisti**
 - i. New metal signs for sponsorship are a go for this year. Tony will send out more information once it is available.
- g. Umpire in Chief-Phil Anderson- no updates**
- h. Concessions Amy Meyer-not present**
 - i. Ben is looking into new pricing signage for the concession stand.
- i. Titans Director- Amanda Schenk**
 - i. Titans assistant coaches for board approval:
Brad Eckola 10U orange, Jay Fay and Sean Weinfurter 11U. Jen made a motion approve Brad Eckola as an assistant coach, seconded by Phil. All in favor, motion carried. Laura made a motion to approve both Jay Fay and Sean Weinfurter as assistant coaches for 11U, seconded by Jen. All in favor, motion carried.
 - ii. Tournaments continue to fill up.
 - iii. Discussed the need to update registration. Titans players must be registered as BLL players
- j. Coaching Player Development Coordinator-Matt Bartz**
 - i. Items purchased for the pavilion
 - ii. Coach's clinic to be held after the draft for major and minors. Rookie and Tball will be later in the Spring.
 - iii. CODE OF CONDUCT – Coaches must follow the code of conduct; violations may lead to suspension from current and future coaching.
- k. Player Agents: Hintz/Brannen-Blue Aldridge and Pat Last**
 - i. Coaches and assistants to be voted on for Majors:**
Coaches: Matt Bartz, Ben Zusan, Terry Daubner, Jared Adams, Brian Uhen, Shaun Kring, Matt Pella, Blue Aldridge

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Koldeway, Jay Fay, Phil Anderson, Bert Pieters, Joe Valen, Jeff Rueter, Cory Weithaus, Dave Ketterhagen, Brad Eckola and Angela Aldridge
 - ii. Coaches and assistants to be voted on for Minors:**
Coaches: Dave Kmetz, Dan Derler, Jessie Last, Justin Reich, Phile Anderson, Andrew Harpke, Collin Abbott.
Assistant Coaches: Brad Fiedler, Jess Smolik, Tom Solofra, Ryan Bratz, Jordan Koster, Sam Vos

Amanda made a motion to approve all the Majors coaches and assistant coaches, seconded by Tom. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Jen made a motion to approve all the Majors coaches and assistant coaches, seconded by Ben. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

10. Old Business:

- a. Bylaws reviewed for the 2026 season. Ryan made a motion to approve the 2026 revised Bylaws; Tom seconded the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

11. New Business:

- a. Brad presented options for future fundraising opportunities.
- b. Ben and his family won the BLL registration fee waiver and donated it back to the BLL for a family in need of help paying for the registration fees.

12. Announcements:

- a. Phil announced there are two sponsors who will donate new scoreboards for the Hintz complex.

13. Next meeting March 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm

14. Adjournment: Jen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jared. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at: 9:22 pm

Submitted,

Lisa Pankratz, Secretary Burlington Little Board of Directors