

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

1. **Call to order:** 602pm
Roll call-Present: Ben Zusan, Lisa Pankratz, Jennifer Czerniak, Phil Anderson, Ryan Bratz, Laura Whiteside, Amanda Schenk, Matt Bartz, Chris Nolan, Blue Aldridge, Tony Battisti, Jared Adam, Brad Fiedler, Amy Meyer, Katlyn Pella.
Absent: Allie Koster, Pat Last, Dave Kmetz, Tom Solofra.
2. **Citizen comments:**
 - a. Morgan with Experience Burlington would like to be part of a ribbon cutting ceremony at the updated Rollie Bouman Batting Pavillion. Date TBD. Possibly opening day?
3. **Approval of the minutes:** Motion to approve February 4, 2026, meeting minutes made by Jen, seconded by Tony. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.
4. **Presidents report-Dave Kmetz-Absent**
5. **Vice Presidents report-Ben Zusan**
 - a. Updates to the Burlington Little League Constitution reviewed and discussed. Jen made a motion to approve the updates to the Constitution as discussed, Phil seconded the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.
 - b. Ben discussed purchasing cameras for inside the Pavillion as well as one for outside the Pavillion. Safety of the players and equipment. The cost will be approximately \$3,900. Chris made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of 2 cameras for inside the Pavillion and one for outside the Pavillion, seconded by Katlyn. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.
 - c. Brief discussion regarding player substitution when Titans teams are short players. Will discuss more in detail at April meeting.
6. **Chief Operating Officer/Safety-Tom Solofra-not present**
7. **Treasurers report -BLL and Titan's-** Jen Czerniak, Amanda Schenk
 - a. BLL \$138,545.92. Lights: \$22,393.01. Titan's \$31,330.72. Motion to approve budget report made by Ryan, seconded by Phil. Approved unanimously, motion carried. Tony made a motion to approve the budget report, seconded by Jared. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.
 - b. Jen filed the Domestic Non-Stock Corporation Annual report with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.
8. **Director and coordinator report-**
 - a. **Registration-** Laura Whiteside
 - i. Update on numbers of players registered for each division.
 - b. **Baseball Scheduler/Pictures-** Chris Nolan
 - i. Working on opening time slots for additional practice
 - ii. Discussed date for last scheduled game of the 2026 season.
 - iii. In-house All-Star potential dates
 - c. **Building and Grounds-** Ryan Bratz
 - i. Need to create a pre-season task list; discuss with Dave.

- d. Equipment/Uniforms-Jared Adams**
 - i. Discussed options for vendors of balls and equipment.
- e. Marketing and Communications- Katlyn Pella**
 - i. Continues to keep posts updated on Facebook for upcoming season.
 - ii. Suggested a donation for the Burlington High School baseball fundraiser being held March 7, 2026, at Low Daily.
Matt made a motion to donate a gift certificate for 1 hour of Hit Trax at the Rollie Bauman Batting Pavillion for up to 10 participants along with a winter BLL hat and decal to the Burlington High School fundraiser. Motion seconded by Jen. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.
- f. Team-Sign Sponsorship-Tony Battisti**
 - i. Interested sponsors continue to reach out.
 - ii. Tony will work with player agents regarding teams and sponsors.
 - iii. New metals signs needed for the inside of the Pavillion recognizing sponsors of the Pavillion, and signs for the outside of the Pavillion and surveillance signage. Ryan will check with LDV to see if they would be willing to donate signs for inside the Pavillion. Chris made a motion for the BLL to purchase new metal signs for outside of the Pavillion and for the Concession stand with a budget of up to \$2000.00. Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.
- g. Umpire in Chief-Phil Anderson**
 - i. Sent out an email to past umpires asking about their interest for the current season. Will continue to work on acquiring new umpires and once the schedule is finalized, will set up a meeting with the umpires.
- h. Concessions-Amy Meyer**
 - i. Waiting for the finalized team schedule. Will work on hiring.
 - ii. Milwaukee Pretzels will now be supplying the pretzels.
 - iii. The concession stand needs new cabinets. The metal doors/windows need some type of an anchoring system so they do not slam shut with wind gusts. Ben, Phil and Ryan will investigate anchoring options.
- i. Titans Director- Amanda Schenk-no updates**
- j. Coaching Player Development Coordinator-Matt Bartz**
 - i. Addressed the significance of monitoring and maintaining pitch counts to ensure the protection of players arms.
 - ii. Discussed adjusting the schedule so that Minors games are converted into practice sessions to enhance skill development.
 - iii. Possible clinics mid-season to improve players skill development.
- k. Player Agents: Hintz/Brannen-Blue Aldridge and Pat Last**
 - i. Showcase discussion and what to potentially change for next year. Felt it went smoothly; draft was a little long.
 - ii. Feedback on the showcase: Should all 11 years olds be placed on Majors teams, with a few exceptions? Further discussion to follow at next meeting when reviewing/editing the Hometown rules.
 - iii. Updated assistant coaches requiring approval from the board:
Majors- James Howe and Jesse Marshall
Minors- Ben Puffer and Troy Volbrecht
Chris made a motion to approve James Howe, Jesse Marshall, Ben Puffer and Troy Volbrecht as assistant coaches for the 2026 season, seconded by Katlyn. All in favor, approved unanimously. Motion carried.

I. Fundraising Coordinator- Brad Fiedler

- i.** BLL Fall Classic Golf Outing, Saturday, October 24, 2026. Browns Lake Golf Course, Dinner at Shooters Tavern.
- ii.** Brad proposed allowing local downtown businesses impacted by the road construction to set up at the field for free. Need to check on the legal liability.

9. Old Business: Ben is making a mockup of a special jersey for a player.

10. New Business: A WWII plane will fly over on opening night, May 4, 2026

11. Announcements (5 minutes each): None

12. Next meeting April 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm

13. Adjournment: Lisa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laura. All in favor, approved unanimously.

Adjourned at: 854 pm

Submitted,

Lisa Pankratz, Secretary Burlington Little Board of Directors