



## ***Academy Little League Board Meeting Agenda***

June 18, 2025  
8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order: 8:00pm
- II. BOD Members Present: Nick Uptain, Jodi Bourquin, Jacob Larkee, Matt Menendez, Adam Wilson, Kameron Geering, Rich Bourquin; Stephanie Hunter; New Board Members - Sara Nelson, Matt Lubbes, Mallori Cording
- III. Approval of Previous Minutes: Jacob made motion to approve May minutes. Matt made motion to second approval of minutes. No dissenting votes.
- IV. President's Update: Jacob Larkee
  - a. Parks & Recs is doing a 10-year master plan for parks. It's the best opportunity to get on the list for new fields.
    - i. Need a lot of voices saying what the priorities are – baseball fields in Northern Colorado Springs.
    - ii. Partnerships are worked on in the fall.
    - iii. Meetings on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 at Briargate YMCA; June 25<sup>th</sup> in southern Colorado Springs; July 9<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting.
  - b. Michelle appeared in court again. Has a new attorney (Public Defender). Sentencing hearing in September.
- V. Vice President of Baseball Operations Update: Kevin Dawson – not in attendance – nothing to report.
- VI. Vice President of Admin Update: Vacant
- VII. Treasurer Update: Nick Uptain



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## Executive Summary

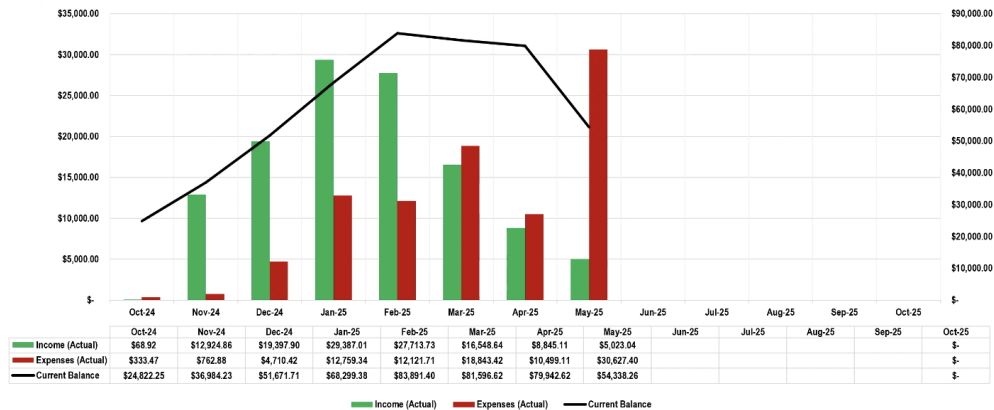
- **Current Balances (17 Jun 2025): (\$87,255.51)**
  - Checking: \$51,207.02 (-\$25,843.91)
  - Savings: \$ 4,963.75 (+\$0.00)
  - CDs: \$31,084.74 (+\$180.24)
  - PayPal: \$0.00 (-\$5,016.20)
- **Data is current as of 31 May 2025 ANB Bank Financial Statements**
- **May Highlights:**
  - All Stars Registration Fees (+\$3,599.22)
  - All Stars Sponsorship (+\$683.00)
  - Fundraising (+\$547.38)
  - Expenses (-\$30,727.40)
    - Fields & Dbats (-\$14,952.75), Umpires (-\$4,840), EoS Awards (-\$490.15) , District Fees '24 (-\$2,645)
    - All Stars (-\$6,587.95)
- **Finance Committee Approved Finances | Pending Audit Committee Approval**

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## Checking Account - Actual 2025 Revenue vs. Expenses



- **Net Monthly Balance Change: Decrease of \$25,604.36**
- **Positive variance: Current balance is \$37,101.83 higher than projected.**

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## *Upcoming Expenses | Talking Points*

- **Upcoming Large Expenses:**
  - City Fields, D20 Fields, Umpires - ~\$13,000
  - UCCS Clinic - \$1,600
  - Fall Ball 2025 Uniforms ~\$2,808
- **Request Investment Committee support (3-4 Board Members)**
  - Initial brainstorming / surveys
  - Assign project leads to bring proposals back
  - Build rack and stack to board for vote and execution
- **Discussion with Shane at CageRats, need to lock in our assessment dates if we want to take an entire weekend in the Spring. Can we pick one?**

- a. Adam Wilson, Jacob Larkee, Sarah Nelson, and Matt Lubbes are interested in Investment Committee. Kameron made motion to approve committee. Matt Menendez seconded the motion to approved committee. Nobody opposed.
- b. Assessments on February 21 & 22 at Cage Rats
- c. Jacob Larkee made motion to approve financials. Rich seconded the motion. Nobody opposed.
- d. Nick presented Fall Ball Charts:
  - a. No draft needed because it's not an official season.
  - b. Added Wedgewood to the practice fields
  - c. People can pick practices when they register. Games will be on weekends.
  - d. Nick made motion to approve structure. Jacob seconded the motion. All BOD approved.
  - e. Jodi will start working on registration.



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## Fall 2025 Season Summary

Division	Players	Teams	Registration	Regular Season Games	End of Season Tournament	Projected Age Range	Player Level	D-Bats Practice During Pre-Season	Pre-Paid and Coordinated Practice Fields	Uniforms	Draft
T-Ball	40	4	\$ 59.00	8	No	4-6	T-Ball Beginner - Developmental	No	Yes (9)	Jersey, Hat	No
Rookies	40	4	\$ 79.00	8	No	5-7	Machine Pitch Beginner - Developmental	No	Yes (9)	Jersey, Hat	No
AA	48	4	\$ 79.00	8	No	7-9	Kid   Coach Pitch Beginner - Developmental	No	Yes (9)	Jersey, Hat	No
AAA	48	4	\$ 89.00	8	No	9-10	Kid Pitch Experienced - Competitive	No	Yes (9)	Jersey, Hat	No
Majors	48	4	\$ 89.00	8	No	10-12	Kid Pitch Experienced - Competitive	No	Yes (9)	Jersey, Hat	No
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>20</b>									

- Tee Ball (4-6) – 4 teams of 10 = 40 players
  - Practices at CTES
  - Games at AEES
- Rookies (5-7) – 4 teams of 10 = 40 players
  - Practices at AEES
  - Games at AEES
- Minors AA (7-9) – 4 teams of 10-12 = 40-48 players
  - Practices at Garden Ranch
  - Games at MRMS
- Minors AAA (9-10) – 4 teams of 10-12 = 40-48 players
  - Practices at Fremont Park
  - Games at TVMS
- Majors (10-12) – 4 teams of 10-12 = 40-48 players
  - Practices at Ford Frick
  - Games at CTMS

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## Uniform Summary

- Denver Athletics Special – Keep it Simple
  - \$12 Shirts – Dri-fit (Red, Blue, Gray, Black) – Academy Logo (Single Color like All Stars)
  - \$12 Hat - PENNANT SNAPBACK CAP (HC4) – ALL Logo
  - \$2 – Shipping (est)
- Total Uniform Cost / Player - \$26.00



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## Budget Assumptions

- **Budget Assumptions:**
  - Nine (9) Practices – Fields Provided – City Fields - \$25-\$35/hr totaling \$3,960
  - Eight (8) Games – Fields Provided – CTES - \$30/hr | D20 - \$45/hr
  - Umpires for AAA and Majors
  - Restrooms on Site
  - Coaches Hats – Two (2) per team
  - No Sponsorships | No Sibling | No Early Bird
- **Budget Enablers:**
  - No league insurance needed for Fall Ball
  - Spring 2025 covered full annual expenses
- **Final Fees:**
  - 2% Sports Connect – Bake it in, don't show in registration
  - 5% Equipment Fee – Actual was 7% from Spring 2025
  - 1% Office Fee – Actual was 0.8% from Spring 2025
  - 1.5% Management Reserve
  - 1.0% Scholarship Fund Contribution



## Budget Details

### Projected Costs

Practices - City Fields	\$ 3,960.00
Practices - CTES	\$ 1,080.00
Jerseys – Rookies, Tee Ball	\$ 520.00
Jerseys - AA, AAA, Majors	\$ 624.00
Hats – Rookies, Tee Ball	\$ 520.00
Hats - AA, AAA, Majors	\$ 624.00
Umpires	\$ 3,360.00
Game Fields – Rookies, Tee Ball	\$ 960.00
Game Fields - AA, AAA, Majors	\$ 2,160.00
Coaches Hats	\$ 520.00
Toilets	\$ 1,080.00
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>\$ 15,408.00</b>
2% Processing Fee	\$ 385.20
5% Equipment Fee	\$ 770.40
1% Office Fee	\$ 154.08
1.5% Investment/MR	\$ 231.12
1.0% Scholarship	\$ 154.08
<b>Total Overhead Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,694.88</b>
<b>Total Projected Season Cost</b>	<b>\$ 17,102.88</b>

### Projected Revenue

Division	Registration Fee	Players	Revenue
Tee Ball	\$ 59.00	40	\$ 2,360.00
Rookie, AA	\$ 79.00	88	\$ 6,952.00
AAA, Majors	\$ 89.00	96	\$ 8,544.00
<b>Total Project Season Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 17,856.00</b>

**\$753 in Budget Margin Projected**



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## Key Dates

- **Now – Pre-Order Hats | Additional to be Sold as Merch**
- **June 23rd – Registration Opens**
- **July 16th – Registration Closes (Could hold open to 23<sup>rd</sup> if registration is low)**
- **July 16-17– Teams formed, and uniforms ordered**
  - Two weeks for shirt orders, give ourselves three. Uniforms ready to hand to coaches by 9 Aug
- **August – 9<sup>th</sup> – Coaches Meeting / Equipment Handout**
- **August 11th – ALL Fall Season Begins – Practices Only**
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup> – First Game**
- **October 11<sup>th</sup> – Last Game**
- **October 18<sup>th</sup> – Equipment Return**

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## Questions to Answer

- **No Draft – Buddy Request Process?**
  - (Idea) Add a question to the registration form
- **T-Shirt Size and jersey number process?**
  - (Idea) Add question to registration form
- **AA – Confirm Kid | Coach Pitch rules as the last third of Spring 2025**
- **Confirm Porta-Potties locations to include City Fields (Garden Ranch, Fremont)**
- **Refunds: Only allowed under extenuating circumstances....injury, relocation, etc.**

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- e. Nick presented idea on pitchers/catchers clinic. Nick made motion to approve. Matt made motion to second. All in favor.
  - a. Jodi suggested making it directly through Cagerats, versus ALL in case parents are not happy with services.



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## ***Pitcher/Catcher Fall Training Session with CageRats***

- In conjunction with our Fall Ball program, I've begun exploring a dedicated Pitcher/Catcher training session with CageRats. Shane has proposed the following during our call today:
  - Start Date: 15 August
  - End Date: 3 October
  - Schedule: Fridays, 6:00–7:00 PM (possibly until 7:30 PM depending on group size)
  - Cost: \$200 per player for 8 sessions
  - Minimum Size: 20 players required to make it viable; no cap on registration
  - Coaches: Shane (Pitchers), Cole (Catchers)
  - Session Format: Individual skill drills followed by bullpen work
  - Coach Participation: Academy Little League coaches are encouraged to attend and learn drills to bring into Spring training
  - Payment/Contract: To be finalized after our BoD vote; Shane is flexible on payment handling

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### VIII. Registrar Update: Jodi Bourquin

### IX. Player Agent Update: Matt Menendez

- a. Planning assessments for next year.
  - i. Eliminating baserunning. Do timed run instead
  - ii. Conduct pitching and catching assessments
  - iii. Wants to fully digitize the draft – Bravara is no longer free.
  - iv. No make-up day.
- b. Travel Ball Issues
  - i. Discussed a stricter policy – suggested if a player misses a Little League game for another League's game, they would not qualify for All Stars. Discussion arose that this would be a punishment to players who choose to play year-round. Practicing year round improves skill, and in turn benefits the league and other players.
  - ii. Discussed doing a bye weekend for the one weekend where there is a tournament in town in May.

### X. Coaching Director: Bob Yingling – Not present

### XI. Scheduler Update: Rich Bourquin -





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a. Presented number of games player per team:



## Scheduler Update – Games Played



Division	Team	Scheduled	Played
Juniors	Cubs	14	13
Intermediates	Mets	15	15
Intermediates	Orioles	15	14
Intermediates	Phillies	15	14
Majors	Braves	15	12
Majors	Dodgers	15	14
Majors	Orioles	15	13
Majors	Pirates	15	13
Majors	Rockies	16	13
AAA	Bats	15	14
AAA	Bulls	15	14
AAA	Iron Pigs	15	14
AAA	Mudhens	15	14
AAA	Red Wings	14	13
AAA	Tides	14	13

Division	Team	Scheduled	Played
AA	Chiefs	14	13
AA	Emeralds	15	14
AA	Hooks	14	12
AA	Lugnuts	15	14
AA	Marauders	15	15
AA	Patriots	15	14
AA	Rockhounds	14	12
AA	Storm	16	15
Rookies	Ironbirds	12	12
Rookies	Lugnuts	12	12
Rookies	Timber Rattlers	12	12
Rookies	Tin Caps	12	12
Tee Ball	Bulls	10	9
Tee Ball	Marauders	10	9
Tee Ball	Mudcats	10	9
Tee Ball	Patriots	10	9
Tee Ball	Storm	10	10





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## Scheduler Update – Home Fields Used



Field	Home Games
Academy Endeavor	37
Bear Creek	1
Chinook Trail	37
El Pomar	16
Ford Frick	16
Leon Young	3
Mountain Ridge	46
Palmer Park	1
Timberview	37
UC Health	3
Wasson	4



## Scheduler Update- Fields Used



Division	Field	Home Games	Division	Field	Home Games
Juniors	Wasson	4	AA	Mountain Ridge	46
	UC Health	1		El Pomar	4
Intermediates	Ford Frick	16		Leon Young	3
	El Pomar	2		Chinook Trail	1
	Palmer Park	1	Rookies	Academy Endeavor	18
	Bear Creek	1		Chinook Trail	4
Majors	Chinook Trail	31		El Pomar	2
	El Pomar	3	Tee Ball	Academy Endeavor	19
AAA	Timberview	37		El Pomar	2
	El Pomar	3		UC Health	2
	Chinook Trail	1			



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## Scheduler Update – Lessons Learned



- **Weather was significant factor in loss of scheduled games**
  - Recommend continue to schedule more games than needed for All-Star eligibility
  - Ensure coaches understand All-Star eligibility requirements (8 games player, 12 games league)
  - Need to decide how much to accommodate coaches, there were some that weren't that interested in additional games; resistance to play weekday games across town
- **Continue to consider league field options**
  - Ford Frick availability was inconsistent
  - El Pomar was generally responsive and helpful
  - Leon Young seemed to have good availability; can we time share that field more with CSLL?
- **Overall, interleague play was very challenging**
  - Initial scheduling was ineffective and inefficient
  - Other leagues often hard to work with...coaches, boards, etc.
  - Probably a necessary evil, but may want to consider how to make this better; with fewer teams and limited field availability, we have little leverage to drive these relationships

XII. Safety Officer Update: Adam Wilson - Nothing to report

XIII. Equipment & Field Coordinator: Mike Mersman:

- a. Still collecting bags from coaches; 3 outstanding.

XIV. All Stars Director Update: Kameron Korte

- a. Kameron and Jacob met with District to review paperwork. No real issues. A few forms to correct.

XV. Social Media Coordinator Update: Devin Lane - Not present

XVI. Fundraising Coordinator - Stephanie Tyler

- a. Stephanie reviewed recent fundraisers and upcoming fundraisers

XVII. Next Meeting: July 16 at 8:00pm

XVIII. Adjournment: 9:37pm