

FLAA Board Meeting Agenda
September 11, 2025

Start 7:34

Present	Not in Attendance
Matt DeTerra - President	Andy Burnap - Registrar
Justin Varricchione - Vice President	Justin McCarthy - Director of Sponsorship
Kristen Pishkin - Secretary	Eddie Raser - Majors Director
Laura Vieira - Safety	Andrew Jasper - Fall Ball Director Tournament
Jennifer Lewis - Treasurer	Non Board Member in Attendance
Katey Besse - Community Relations & Website Director	Alex Muse
Shawn Pishkin - Equipment	Ryan Raymond
Sean Cruise - Director of Minors	Jeffery DeTerra
Kevin Lombardi - Co-Concession Director	Courtney DeTerra
Katie Calheta - Co-Concession Director	Chris DeLisle
Tim Souza - Director of Rookie	Open Board Positions
Mark Sass - Director of Field Maintenance	Tournament Director
Tyler Cyr - Director of Babe Ruth	
Carlos Lopes- T-Ball Division Director	
Brian Adams - Director of Baseball Operations	

Review Previous Meeting Minutes and Approve

- Review and approve previous meeting minutes from July 15, 2025

Board Members

- Open Positions
 - Tournament Director
- Elections
 - Elections were proposed to be moved until October
 - Any upcoming open positions we know about now?
 - Equipment will be open for next year

Financial Update – Jen L

- Financial update
- Tournament numbers breakdown - Hopefully Jen can get more detailed info on how we did for each particular tournament
- Waiting for Middleboro to cash \$1200 check from not attending a tournament
- Still some field crew checks
- Still some uncashed umpire checks
- Upcoming Expenses
- World Series Fund - Balance of Zero now
- CStand - 10% increase over last year
- Jen Lewis - set up a separate account to see what goes in the cstand in terms of tips

- Cardinals Fees received for 92, 10s, 11s, 12s, and 14s
- Cardinals Softball Tournament
 - Is the money going to the league or to the team?
 - Justin proposes that the cardinals are allowed to use the cstand and provide their own food and that all revenue goes to the cardinals
 - All In Favor: 14
 - Abstained: 1

Safety

- Status update
 - Fall Ball - since practice is held at our fields we are working on getting a CORI at a minimum for all coaches
 - Everyone that is coaching already had a CORI
 - There were three people who did not have a CORI
 - One has done it, one hasn't gotten back, one will email him
 - Even if they are a Fairhaven-Acushtnet coach
 - If you have anyone who you are coaching with please have them get in contact with Laura

Fall Ball

- Teams have been created and practices/games have begun
- How are things going so far?
 - CStand has been open
 - Bathrooms - are they open?

Events /Field Usage

- Freetown Movie Nights
 - Dates
 - Friday, September 26th 6-9 PM
 - Volunteers
 - Having a few volunteers from FLAA there would be great
 - Comments
 - Bathrooms need to be cleaned and the trash needs to be emptied
- Freetown PTO - Fall Festival for October 18th (rain date October 19th) time TBD
 - The Town is requesting to use the fields, bathroom, and possibly c-stand
 - Smaller fall activities like a small maze or candy hunt may be requested on the fields
 - No issues foreseen, but just requested to keep heavy traffic/items off of the grass areas of fields
 - Any other thoughts or concerns?
 - If they are requesting bathrooms - when would we shut everything off
 - Water typically doesn't get turned off until the end of October

Hosted Tournaments

- States
 - A request was put in to host States for 12U in 2026
 - They will not be allowing anyone to host two events at the same time for the foreseeable future

Fundraising and Sponsorships

- Justin M. - prep/plan for next year to get an earlier start
- Apparel and Blanket Sale for Christmas Sales
- Start in November
- File in the Sponsorship File
 - Will reach out to the photographer for plaques
 - Kristen will reach out to Justin M and Mark Sass

C-Stand

- Katie and Kevin - updates
- Plan in place for the end of the season?
- Shelves upstairs
- Plan after Cardinals
 - Deep clean to winterize it
 - Countertop where the warmer sits
 - Keith would like to put in stainless steel countertops as a donated item
 - Next year - want to invest in cleans and filters the oil
 - Currently very expensive to fill the fryer with oil (\$250 everytime we clean it)
 - Too much stuff on the stairs
 - Bigger food warming box
 - More freezers - hosting two tournaments
 - Freezers to store ice cream and purchase more
 - More freezers could kept in the basement
 - Could order more from Gordons ahead of time
 - Look into getting a more reliable wifi
 - Call up LiveBarn
 - They will do it all for free
 - Carlos can talk to the town about getting it

Fall Cleanup

- Choose Dates - November 15th and 16th
 - Closure of c-stand/bathrooms and water
 - Any other big ticket items?
 - New rep for RADD
 - Working on a date for edging and fall (mid November)
 - Trying to get quotes on infield maintenance
 - Quick estimate is per field
 - Start with Alison – every four years, each year is a different field

Investigation - Justin V

- Update given on the formal complaint filed from the parent.
- Next steps:
 - Formal Hearing scheduled for September 29, 2025 at 7:30pm

New Rule Proposal related to Parent Code of Conduct

- Proposal of a new rule to keep parents from contacting the coaching staff for a minimum of 24 hours for issues that pertain to any “negative” game or practice situation
 - If approved, place this rule into the Code of Code, Parent/Player All-Star contract and anywhere else applicable leaguewide

End of Season Surveys

- Rec Season Reviews
- All Star Season Reviews
- Kristen will put together a summary of the suggestions and comments to share with division directors
- Overall: League is feeling more of an All Star League, Closing Ceremonies, favoritism, holding more practices
 - Travel Ball and All Stars gets mixed together
 - Rec Ball has to be the focus on this part of the season
 - Has been part of our mission for a while, but this needs to be our focus
 - We don't have control over when Districts will start
 - Minors want to rewrite the rules
 - Kevin: suggestion to make a coaching handbook with requirements

Majors

- List interested parties and allow them to state why they are qualified to be a coach. If any coach is not present, but sent an email or letter, it should be read in their absence
 - Selection Process
 - Select managers per the process defined in the Bylaws
- Evaluations
 - Choose date(s) for Majors evaluations
 - Monday: October 27th 5:30pm
 - Tuesday: October 28th 5:30pm
 - Volunteers to run evals
- Coaches who are interested: Justin Varricchione, Jeffery DeTerra, Chris DeLisle, Matt DeTerra, Matt Besse, Carlos Lopes, Matt Kerr, Pete Fasal
 - Coaches Present: Justin Varricchione, Jeffery DeTerra, Chris DeLisle, Matt DeTerra, Carlos Lopes
 - Coaches who wrote in request: Matt Besse
 - Coaches not in attendance: Matt Kerr and Pete Fasal
 - Jeff DeTerra fine being an alternate if there are other coaches who are interested and want to be head coach

- Final Decision on coaches:
 - Head Coaches: Justin Varricchione, Chris DeLisle, Matt DeTerra, Matt Besse, Carlos Lopes
 - Alternate Coach: Jeff DeTerra

Equipment

- Equipment Status

Misc Field Maintenance Update

- Field/Team Responsibilities
 - Men's Bathroom needs to be redone
 - Working with the town for grants and waiting on quotes
 - Plan - renovate everything floor to ceiling
 - Water Heater replaced after it exploded
 - Well was hit during movie night
 - They did fix it
 - Scoreboard on Little Fenway
 - Does need to be replaced
 - We need to get some sponsorships to help cover the cost like we did with the other scoreboards
 - Scoreboard is currently 22 years old
 - Looking to get proposals on that
 - Shed for Bullock area for liner and game saver and pitching machines
 - Jake R - has a batting cage net for free, a mound (50/70 regulation), and an electronic pitching machine
 - Ted Williams - want to do away with the flat rate that we get and they want to triple the rate
 - This could increase our cost (they want it to be per player)
 - Matt talked to Carlos and there is a joint meeting already scheduled
 - One of the new Selectman in town is not happy that we could be charged this
 - Tyler propose to put together a small, coordinated, committee to work on relations with the town of Lakeville/Ted Williams
 - We need the fields, we don't want lose the relationship
 - Tyler Cyr will head it, Brian Adams and Justin V., Sean Cruise, Matt DeTerra, and Mark Sass (information only)
 - Motion to form a committee to discuss working with Lakeville and our relationship with Ted Williams
 - All in Favor - All.

Meeting adjourned: 11:25pm

Next Meeting: October 16, 2025 - 7:30pm

Hearing Date: September 29, 2025 -