

# WPLL BoD Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM    Approved: January 12, 2026

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:** ( \_12\_ of 13) Chris Hurtado, President. April Sterner, Vice-President. Dan Tipton, Treasurer. Heather Way, Secretary. Amanda Demarest, Player Agent. Mark Kistler, Safety. Mike Linares, Equipment. Doug Mercurio, Sponsorship. Mike Shihadeh, Umpire-in-chief. Chris Hitchcock, Lindsay Hloska, Brian Roakes. **Not Present:** Jon Watson.

**GENERAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

\_Josh Claxton, Jesse Guthrie, Tyler Reyes, Rick Way \_\_\_\_\_.

**Meeting Minutes:** \_Dan Tipton\_ made a motion to approve the prior Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by \_Mike Linares\_. Discussion: \_N/A\_. \_All\_ board members were in favor and \_None\_ opposed. Prior Meeting Minutes are \_approved\_.

**Treasurer's Report:** WPLL bank account is at \_\$88,655\_. Discussion: \_This includes registration monies received for 2026 spring season thus far\_. \_Mike Linares\_ made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by \_Lindsay Hloska\_. \_All\_ board members were in favor and \_none\_ opposed. The WPLL Treasurer's report is \_approved\_.

**Special Business:** N/A.

## Meeting Agenda:

### Old Business:

- 2025 Annual General Membership Meeting.
- Closed door meeting following the 2025 AGMM to nominate and vote on 2026 WPLL BoD's.
- DISCUSSION: Ratification of the 2025 AGM WPLL BoD elections
  - \_Mike Linares\_ made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by \_Brian Roakes\_. Discussion: \_N/A\_. \_All\_ board members were in favor and \_none\_ opposed. The ratification of the 2025 AGM WPLL BoD elections is \_approved\_.
- 2026 WPLL Constitution approved by SE Region and has been posted on WPLL website.

### New Business:

- Welcome 2026 WPLL Board of Directors
- DISCUSSION: Approval of the 2025 WPLL Fall slate of volunteers
  - \_Lindsay Hloska\_ made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by \_Mark Kistler\_. Discussion: \_N/A\_. \_All\_ board members were in favor and \_none\_ opposed. The 2025 Fall volunteer slate is \_approved\_.
- 2025 WPLL Fall - Review
  - A rushed but successful move back into Pine Hill - thanks to the help of many.
  - Did Senior night prior to Opening Day. Did a 2nd due to fun and appreciation those players had.
  - Opening day at Pine Hill was a phenomenal experience on 9/13/2025.
    - Concession did nearly \$4k in sales.
    - No issues aside from some minor parking frustrations.
    - Recognized the 2024 WPLL Spring All-Stars due to no opening day at Veterans (2025).
  - 430 registrations compared to 344 the prior fall (a 25% increase), a total of 42 teams.
    - Continued emphasis and need for quality head coaches and assistant coaches.
  - Staff & junior staff umpire numbers continue to grow steadily.
    - Had absolutely no issue providing coverage except for some select Saturday's.
    - Mike Shihadeh discussed a staff & junior staff appreciation banquet. \_Mike Linares\_ made

a motion to \_approve a \$200 budget to hold an umpire appreciation banquet prior to the start of the spring program.\_ The motion was seconded by \_Chris Hitchcock\_. Discussion: \_N/A\_. \_All\_ board members were in favor and \_none\_ opposed. Motion is \_approved\_.

- Some issues with teams covering concessions but more not doing umpire shifts to be addressed.
- End of season tournament highlights/info
  - Sadly did have ejections which were handled & rule infractions having to be addressed.
  - Major Red Sox made it to the North Pool Championship in the D12 Majors tournament
  - Rookie Championship set for Thursday and Majors/Minors set for Friday.
- District 12 Leadership
  - Primarily absent in many arenas - currently.
  - Upper division scheduling issues.
    - No end of season tournaments scheduled without prior communication.
    - Improper scheduling or allowing too many leagues to participate without true commitments.
  - DA communications/responses lacking.
  - Have been contacted by a couple of ADA's about hosting Seniors SE Region but not by DA.
- PCPRNR - Pasco County Parks Recreation & Natural Resources
  - Uncommunicated change in structure recently.
  - Feeling is truly now we are merely renting the space - will continue to work to change this
  - Currently working on these opportunities:
    - Parking
    - Tee Ball lighting
    - Use of space vs. purchase of an outdoor shed to place on the grounds
    - Installation of window for concession
    - Installation of speaker system
- WPLL Financials
  - Sarasota LL recently experienced theft of over \$100K. Many in this room were around when Tarpon LL and Holiday LL had similar theft, thankfully significantly less, none the less it devastated their program. To those new or newer to the board who are not as familiar with WPLL financials we welcome any inquiries to Dan or myself. To our members in attendance today and those not rest assured we have practices in place to protect the monies entrusted to us by WP families.
  - Concessions sales were down \$7K vs. 2024 due to restrictions at Veterans vs. Pine Hill.
    - Mitigated the reduction in sales through a decrease in supply costs of \$11k less than 2024.
    - Our approach is currently and will continue to be, unless proven unstable, that registration fees cover uniforms, insurance, reservations, charter fees, district fees, season needs, etc. & concession sales cover in season daily operational expenses such as concession supplies/product, umpire reimbursement, and other daily/weekly operational costs.
  - Concerns expressed in meetings of potentially significantly depleting accounts or over spending in the return to Pine Hill were mitigated through a careful approach without sacrificing league needs.
    - However, given that there was no real dent in WPLL financial stability it is my full intent to continue to pass along to WPLL families via the lowest the registration fees around, covering the significant majority of costs for the initial impact of level 2 background checks, and spending with the same careful approach on purchases for the program and the continued success of WPLL and training and development of those in the program.
  - \$30K received from business sponsorships in 2025 vs. \$15K in 2024.
  - \$5K received from a WPLL family which is likely to be put towards a WPLL owned golf cart, if able to groom fields (primarily on Saturday).
- ASAP Plan
  - Change starting January 2026.
- Level 2 background checks
  - Does not replace JDP background checks but is in addition.
  - Expected cost is no less than \$45 per volunteer but covers multiple years.

- 2026 WPLL Spring
  - \$7K generated from 2026 spring registrations thus far. Pricing does escalate on 12/15.
    - \$70 less for tee ball/coach pitch, \$40 less for rookie, and \$70 less for others than SLL.
    - Same for tee ball/coach pitch, \$10 less for rookie, \$75 less for minors/majors, and \$90 less for 50/70 and older than GHLL.
  - New questions added to the registration flow expecting will make the early season process easier.
  - Has generated approximately an additional \$1K thus far in fees collected.
  - Tank Pro demonstration will be set up for the board to consider that investment.
  - Have already paid the 2026 Little League Charter/Insurance invoice.
  - Pine Hill reservations already submitted.
  - Registration limits are beginning to creep into the picture.
  - “Rookies Coach Pitch” or “A” division being placed between tee ball and rookies.
    - Intention is to improve both the rookie and minor division experience.
    - Primary concern is ensuring an adequate number of head coaches are available.
  - First field use dates permitted moving forward is January 15th. Expecting to begin major tryouts on 1/15 and 1/16. Other divisions will be spread between 1/15 - 1/18.
  - Head coach meeting tentatively set for 1/20 or 1/22 depending on tryout/evaluation process.
  - Will be restructuring the team requirements for umpire & concession needs slightly.
  - Umpire Clinics & Field Clean Up Days to be set at the next BoD meeting.
  - Opening Day tentatively set for 2/21. May have majors/minor games during the week prior to 2/21.
- Coaching Clinics and/or Player Positional Clinics
  - Coaching Coordinator task with the help of willing and able volunteers.
  - Confirm dates available prior to putting information out to ensure no issues.
- D12 Travel Baseball Program
  - WPLL Select is the team name for WPLL in the D12 travel baseball program through LL.
  - Participated in 1 tournament in 2025 Spring but none in 2025 Fall due to scheduling.
  - Leagues did a great job communicating, in advance, dates for 2025 Fall but some other travel schedules made it very difficult and thus never attempted to put teams together. However, WPLL will seek to become more involved during 2026 Spring and beyond; in addition WPLL also will look to host some of these tournaments which will require volunteers.
  - Spoke with some coaches and will continue to have more conversations over the next month as we prepare to get much more involved in offering this to WPLL families for a variety of reasons.
- Ensure proper email/contacts will send link to register as BoD, Abuse, and CDC certificate
- (TABLED) State of Florida Tax Exemption Certificate - expires 7/31/2026 - auto review 60 days prior?
- (TABLED) League Website URL - expires 11/20/2026

### **General Member Questions:**

Jessie Guthrie (Requested Time) : Introduced himself to the board. Jessie, representing Prospect Performance, is a travel ball program geared for 8u to 12u. Wants to partner with WPLL and support in any capacity they can.

### **Board of Director “Around the Horn”:**

April Sterner: Discussed the Mehring family. WPLL has posted the fundraiser on Facebook, not managing it.

### **WPLL Board of Director meetings are potentially next set for:**

- Monday, January 12, 2026
- Thursday, February 12, 2026

### **Adjournment:**

\_Mike Linares\_ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by \_Chris Hitchcock\_. The WPLL BoD meeting was officially adjourned at \_7\_: \_25\_PM on December 9, 2025.