

# WPLL BoD Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 @ 6:33 PM    Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:** ( \_13\_ of 15) Chris Hurtado, President. Lindsay Hloska, Vice-President. Mike Linares, Equipment. Doug Mercurio, Sponsorship. Mike Shihadeh, Umpire-in-chief. Amanda Demarest, Player Agent. Dan Tipton, Treasurer, Heather Way, Secretary. Justin Hooten, April Sterner, Brian Roakes, Anthony Sanders, Kyle Wood. **Not Present:** Jon Watson, Mark Kistler

## **GENERAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

\_N/A - CLOSED MEETING\_\_\_\_\_.

**Meeting Minutes:** Dan Tipton made a motion to approve the prior Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Linares. Discussion: None. All board members were in favor and none opposed. Prior Meeting Minutes are approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** WPLL bank account is at \$86,700. Discussion: Fall field reservations paid. Balance of account reflects registration monies without the cost of jersey and hats for 2025 Fall. April Sterner made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Brian Roakes. All board members were in favor and none opposed. The WPLL Treasurer's report is approved.

**Special Business:** CLOSED DOOR MEETING. THE PURPOSE TO WALK PINE HILL PARK AS A BOARD AND NOTE ANY ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED BY PCPRNR ON FINAL PUNCH LIST WITH CONTRACTOR.

## **Meeting Agenda:**

### **Old Business:**

- Pine Hill Park renovation update
  - Review the most recent updates provided by PCPRNR
  - Share onsite pictures, if able on projector
  - Questions submitted by a WPLL general member at 8:16 PM on May 12th are awaiting a response from the County pertaining to the prolonged delays to Pine Hill Park construction project.
  - Privacy fencing and field 5 dug out to be completed provided by PCPRNR
- Spring 2025 update
  - Ended w/ 424 registrations or +15% over 2024 Spring. Tee Ball = +51% (37 players). Minors = +40% (29 players). Only 50/70 & Juniors were down -13% (3 players) and -26% (9 players) respectively.
  - A success despite losing approximately 10-15 players due to remaining at Veterans Memorial longer.
  - All but 2 tee ball teams had a local business sponsor. A total of \$13,200 raised. Thank you!
  - Remained at 1 scholarship request. No request for NPR Rotary request. Received \$750 from Publix Charities. Previously mentioned \$3,866 in payment plans is down to \$311 to date. One payment of \$113 expected tonight. Another this week. \$153 was due on April 1 and awaiting parent response.
  - Starkey did send 2 of 3 waivers. 1 registered with WPLL. Both were rejected by SE Region.
  - WPLL submitted 5 waivers. 5 already approved by SE Region. 2 awaiting DA acknowledgement.
  - No team went undefeated in in-house games. Only 1 team, AAA, went winless. April did another outstanding job of balancing teams and having a very competitive season.
  - Minor Iron Pigs made it to the Dunedin semi-finals, Major Braves made it to the D12 In-Season Championship, Juniors tourney is going on this evening, and Senior tournament begins this weekend.
  - 1 junior division player ejected in an umpires judgement call of avoiding physical contact. No

- suspension issued. WPLL umpire ejected one GHLL coach during majors in-season tournament.
  - Currently in the final week of the 2025 season. All-Star selections will be announced May 15th.
  - Tee Ball night tomorrow evening. Come by and watch the future of WPLL play their final game.
- New 3-year co sponsorship agreement signed with Pasco County. Have a signed electronic copy. All local leagues must sign. Discussed level 2 background checks. Explain.
- Ability to assign a member to assist with social media postings. Please let me know if you are interested.
- Update on financial outlays thus far on expenditures previously approved for return to Pine Hill.
  - \_\$2,290.16\_ in concession supplies, \_\$762.70\_ in field equipment, Previously approved fence fee saved (\$2500) and field signage cost \$4,264 (\$5000 approved previously). Discussion about reallocation of the saved monies.
- **DISCUSSION:** Full slate of 2025 volunteer slate needing BoD approval. Speak to 4 added managers and any prior concern expressed regarding a specific minor manager. Image shared with the board electronically for review and discussion. **Note:** A couple of hopeful volunteers were not permitted this season to be an approved volunteer due to prior season issues, just as some head coaches are not reselected. Spoke with Eric Pearson after he was contacted and provided his full support. Also, note that only those who move to green and then remain in good standing will have voting rights at the next general election meeting along with those approved in 2024 Fall season.
  - April Sterner made a motion to remove Mike Mehring. Discussion: Board discussed removal; BoD agreed. The motion was seconded by Brian Roakes. All board members were in favor and none opposed. Slate of volunteers were approved with the exception of Mike Mehring.
- **DISCUSSION:** WPLL has 3 players that suffered injuries during the course of the 2025 spring season who would like All-Star eligibility. In addition, there are several players in our 50/70 and Junior Division who were short a game or two due to not returning to Pine Hill Park and several games being canceled due to no field. In all of these instances there is no fault of the player and we as a board do have the right to make a motion to approve eligibility due to extenuating circumstances to approve eligibility for the 2025 All-Star tournaments.
  - \_Mike Shihadeh\_ made a motion to approve the 3 players. Discussion: \_Sandlin, Elliott and Minton each discussed.\_ The motion was seconded by Jon Watson. \_All\_ board members were in favor and \_none\_ opposed. \_Players eligibility is approved for All-Stars.\_
- **DISCUSSION:** To host or not to host any All-Star tournament age groups, if it becomes an option with completion expected in early June at this current moment.
  - Mike Shihadeh made a motion to keep the park closed for all-star tournaments. Discussion: Open fields for league teams only. The motion was seconded by April Sterner. All board members were in favor and none opposed. Hosting All-Star tournaments is NOT approved.
- Once permitted to Pine Hill Park assistance from this board as well as other volunteers will be needed to properly set up Pine Hill Park. Information will be shared to plan with adequate notice.
- Had a meeting with Tank Pro for information on leasing an AI device to chalk fields. Explain. Discussion about the AI operated device, cost of paint, current person who paints lines; TABLED pending demo.
- Short summer program being considered in the event the fields become available, since no field rest is required, if time permits between All-Star tournament practices, and the start of the 2025 Fall.
  - In the event a summer program is not offered WPLL will at the very least intend to offer positional clinics through our coaching coordinators and/or established/trusted head coaches for the benefit of those registered with WPLL during the 2024 Fall or 2025 Spring programs.

### **New Business:**

- Annual General Membership Meeting
  - Need to know who is planning to run for reelection. Anyone else stepping down?
  - Up for reelection are: Mike Linares, April Sterner, Heather Way, Dan Tipton, Mike Shihadeh, Anthony Sanders, Jon Watson, and Kyle Wood.
- Mamba registrations

- None will be head coaches. Thoughts on assistant head coaches, if selected by that respective team's head coach?
- Mike Shihadeh made a motion to approve the Mamba coaches as assistant coaches. The motion was seconded by Mike Linares. Discussion: Concerns of their coaches recruiting to future Mamba teams. Chris reassured that those discussions have been had with the two head coaches of Mamba 11U and 10U teams and if caught those individuals have been informed they will be released from their registration. All board members were in favor and none opposed. Decision to allow Mamba coaches to be assistant coaches, not head coaches is approved.
- April to take over uniforms for 2025 Fall
- Umpire Clinic dates set
- Opening Day Event
  - Planned for September 13th
  - Committee members - Lindsay to lead, multiple volunteers to assist
  - Secured: 2 bounce houses, 1 dunk tank, Kona Ice
  - Discussed: No food trucks as new concession can be open and focus on new variety
  - Fall 2025 honor 2024 All-Stars; Spring 2026 honor 2025 All-Stars

### **General Member Questions:**

N/A - Closed door meeting

### **Board of Director "Around the Horn":**

April - Discussion of Senior night; Senior Sand lot/Friday Night Lights; before opening day; discussion about insurance liability, opening up to WP alumni

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

- September 4, 2025
- Annual General Membership Meeting - TBD
- October 2, 2025

### **Adjournment:**

Mike Linares made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Tipton. The WPLL BoD meeting was officially adjourned at 7:01PM on August 13, 2025.