

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

16 September 2025 / 7:00 PM / Elmwood Community Center

Attendees: Joslyn Austin, Mike Talbott, Mike Moran, Sarah Winiarski
Aaron Lyles, Amy Bieniek, John Colonese, Lisa Lansger

Start Time: 7:10pm

Board Updates: Since Spring Season

- Evaluating our 10 year plan last updated in June 2023. Will work to establish new goals and schedule time with Town Manager, Leisure Services and Equity Director
 - 10 year plan can be found on the West Hartford Girls' Softball website
 - Attendees are encouraged to review it and give feedback

Election for the next EBO

Mike Talbott working with Lindsey Leung (former elections attorney)

- 2 year term from Jan 2027 - Dec 2028 (Pres, VP, Treas, Sec)
- 10/1: announcement with descriptions of roles, submissions open
- 11/30: submissions close
- 12/1: list of candidates released to candidates and voting members
- 12/10: Polls open
- 12/15: Polls close
- 12/16: Results announced at Annual Board Meeting
- Elected EBO will learn the job over the next year from existing EBO

Fall Ball Registration Update:

- Season underway with 7 teams; Juniors (1), Majors (2), Minors (3) and Training (1)
- Need for new umpires being explored
- Add practice day option and general game time options to fall ball registration to ensure that teams have enough players for practices and games

Year	Total	Trainin g	Minors	Majors	Juniors
2025	80	11	31	27	11

Treasurer Report

Total Funds (as of 8/18/2025): \$79,156.23

- Checking Account: Bank of America: \$24,683.20
- CD: Bank of America: \$50,773.23
- Cash: \$852.00
- Venmo: \$1,159.00
- PayPal: -
- Online Registration: StackPay: \$1,688.80

Money Market Account

Total Funds (as of 9/16/2025): \$76,146.87

- Checking Account: Bank of America: \$23,211.37
- CD: Bank of America: \$50,934.50
- Cash: \$892.00
- Venmo: \$1,109.00
- PayPal: -
- Online Registration/StackPay: -

Money Market Account

- Moved \$50,000 from BOA Checking to high yield CD; 7-month term, interest rate of 3.74% APR (3.80% APY). Interest earned to date: \$934.50
- CD expires 9/26/25, discuss renewal options at meeting
 - Board voted in favor to renew CD
 - Will explore potential endowment funding

Reports/Updates: By Committee

- **Food & Entertainment:**
 - No update
- **Scholarship:**
 - Checks sent for Mattingly Ford (Conard) and Samantha Shifrin (Hall)
- **Fundraising & Sponsorship (Amanda Moras Chair):**
 - Spring Sponsor Plaques delivered by Marianne Esposito

- **Fields & Facilities: (Mike Talbott Chair - Seeking replacement)**
 - Flagpole at Norfeldt - **COMPLETED**
 - Hang District 7 Banners - **ORDERED, AWAITING PROOFS**
 - Parent signs at fields - MT to explore

- **Communications (Mike Moran - Chair):**
 - Continuing to do more social media
 - or programs and accomplishments; i.e. fall ball beginning with WH teams playing each other
 - Followers are up to 155, +25 net new in the last 90 days
 - Facebook Group has 264 members, +19 in the last 90 days
 - Discuss other ideas for growth or improved communication. Feedback from surveys?
 - Added new banners to the website for accomplishments, programs and seeking volunteers
 - Will do a campaign for the pending elections in October to promote interest

- **Equipment & Uniforms (Jess Bula/Beth Hamilton Co-Chairs):**
 - Most team bags in storage space behind Snack Shack
 - Fall bags distributed
 - May need some new catchers gear for spring
 - Fall Equipment Bag organizing and inventory

- **Player & Coach Development (Donna Fish Chair):**
 - U-Hartford clinics; MM to reach out to revisit with coach
 - Bay Path to do Fall clinic
 - Amy looking into coach manuals - Chat GPT
 - Female Coaches on every team
 - 24 hour rules - parent expectations to sign/click agree pre-season.
 - Canned email for coaches to send out to parents by coaches at the start of the season
 - Amy will reach out to DBat to schedule winter clinics February/March
 - Winter spaces for training- UHart, USJ. Lisa Lansger will reach out to UHart for space.
 - UHart- utilize gym space for assessments?
 - Coach Development-MM & Amy will explore online coach training

- Develop a ½ day training for coaches to review drills, rules, etc.

- **Best Practices & EDC (Open Chair):**

- No Update

- **Rules & Competition (Matt Danziger Chair):**

- Realignment of the Divisions and ages a possible open item for this fall

- **Travel Committee (Joslyn Austin NCGSL Chair/Matt Danziger Little League Chair)**

- Summer season (Approx 75 players)
- 10U and 12U All Stars (10U All Stars D7 Champs)
10U and 12U D7
12U Fury 2 teams
- 15U Fury- NCGSL Tournament Champs
- 18U Fury
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- **Redistricting D7 Matt D update**

- CT will be losing 2 districts. WH has asked to move to District 6 in order to keep travel time minimal for families

2025 Important Dates/Information

- Next Meeting - Tuesday, 10/21 at Elmwood Community Center
- 10/1 - Nominations for EBO 2027-28 positions opens

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25pm