

## **Guilford Little League**

### **Board Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2026 at Alexander Lounge, Guilford Community Center**

#### **Attendees**

Chris Frey, Mike Bizzario, Josh Blau, Tom Scharf, Nick Balsamo, Steph Quarato, Kevin Dennehy, Meg Lucas, Mark Ashby, Bill Bodin

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#### **1. Opening & Administrative Updates (Chris F.)**

- Brief introductions
  - **Bylaws / Constitution**
    - Bylaws approved via proxy
    - Constitution uploaded and resubmitted with bylaws removed
  - **Budget**
    - Budget approved via proxy
  - **Registration**
    - Registration is open and trending normal
  - **Charter & Insurance**
    - Charter insurance paid
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#### **2. Registration, Outreach & Marketing**

- Registration levels are trending normal
- Kevin D. suggested highlighting swag/gear provided as part of marketing and outreach
- Yard signs
  - George designed yard signs
  - Chris F. reached out to the Superintendent to request permission to post signs at schools

- Signs will also be posted in other high-traffic areas
  - School communications
    - Question raised about inclusion in school newsletters
  - PTO coordination
    - Meg L. to disseminate list of PTO presidents
    - Board members to help crowdsource yard sign placement
    - Explore use of social media
  - Facebook
    - Ownership of the league Facebook page has been transitioned
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### **3. Finance & Administration**

- **Credit Card Processing Fees**
  - Current model includes a flat ~\$3 fee
  - Board discussed whether a percentage-based option used by other programs may be more cost-effective
- **Banking**
  - Mark A. added to bank accounts to facilitate payments
  - All transitions completed from Bill B. to Mark A.
- **Sponsors**
  - Sponsor payment form updated (Chris F. & George)
  - Sponsors have committed to return
  - At this time, there is no standard receipt template for sponsor payments and no official letterhead
- **Corporate Status**
  - Bill B. working to re-establish corporate status
  - Expected to be finalized by next meeting
- **Scholarships**

- Inquiry received by Steph Q.
  - Handled on a case-by-case basis
  - Goal remains to ensure all interested players can participate
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#### **4. Fields & Facilities**

- All facilities winterized at Adams and Bittner
  - Plumbing issue resolved
  - Synthetic turf project (Bittner lighted field)
    - Project has not started
    - Discussions remain in progress
  - Batting cage at Lakes
    - Site access currently uneven
    - Awaiting Parks & Recreation feedback
  - Signage requested to keep people off Bittner Field C
    - GPD and Parks & Recreation are aware
  - Balls frequently lost at Bittner and Lakes
    - Exploring whether nets can be installed
  - Adams soft-toss nets
    - Nets are ripped and currently unusable
    - Repair or replacement needed
  - Fence curling at Bittner Field C
    - Josh B. to inspect and assess
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#### **5. Communications & Recognition**

- Chris F. to update Wall of Champions on the website to reflect recent successes
- Mike B. working on signage to honor the softball team

- Estimated cost: \$800–\$1,000
    - Proposed locations: Adams, Lakes, and Bittner
    - Ceremony discussed, but timing may be challenging
  - Gifts for baseball and softball All-Stars
    - Bill B. to coordinate (example: banner)
  - Gear Swap
    - Meg L. to send reminder to Chris F.
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## 6. Scheduling & Programs

- Evaluations
    - Baseball: 3/11
    - Softball: 3/10
  - Opening Day
    - *Projected* for April 25 (week after Spring Break)
  - Potential softball clinic
    - Question raised regarding insurance requirements, particularly if held at the high school
  - Kevin D. noted GHS internship will not proceed
  - Kevin D. to work with Mark A. on Sportsplex payments
  - Tom S. reminded the board of upcoming need to purchase gear, particularly for softball
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## 7. League Structure & Districting

- Redistricting update
  - League is no longer in District 9
  - Removed: East Haddam, Saybrook, Westbrook
  - Added: Glastonbury, Cromwell, and others

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## 8. Next Meeting

- **February 2, 2026**
- **8:00 PM via Zoom**
- Zoom link will be disseminated in advance

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## Action Items Summary

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Disseminate PTO presidents list	Meg L.
Explore alternative credit card processing options	Chris F. / Board
Inspect fence curling at Bittner Field C	Josh B.
Update Wall of Champions on website	Chris F.
Coordinate All-Star gifts	Bill B.
Send Gear Swap reminder	Meg L.
Finalize corporate status	Bill B.
Confirm insurance requirements for softball clinic	Board
Coordinate Sportsplex payments	Kevin D. / Mark A.

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*Minutes prepared by Nick **Balsamo**, Secretary*