

Guilford Little League

Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Chris Frey, Bill Bodin, Josh Blau, Jeff Hahn, Adam Bernard, Megan Lucas, Stephanie Quarato, Kevin Dennehy, John Jagielski, Tom Scharf, Kate Scharf, Nick Balsamo

1. Opening Updates (Chris Frey)

Opening Day & League Events

- Opening Day was viewed as a success overall.
- Board discussed the possibility of honoring aging-out players during Opening Day ceremonies next season.
- Idea received positively and will be revisited during offseason planning.

Softball Updates

- Softball ceremony held on April 30 was well received.
- Board acknowledged and appreciated Stephanie Quarato's efforts organizing the event.
- Softball All-Star planning updates:
 - 12U team will merge with Coginchaug for the upcoming All-Star season.
 - Minor division All-Star participation remains under review.
 - League may explore a waiver option if enough players are not available to field a full roster.
- Softball scheduling is tracking well.
 - Teams have already completed approximately nine games.
 - Umpires have been flexible and supportive with scheduling.

Baseball Updates

- Competitive balance has improved following this season's redraft process.
- Board noted strong parity in AAA and Majors divisions.

- Baseball scheduling generally remains on track.
 - AAA division may require makeup games.
- Evaluation dates for All-Stars are being planned.
- Jeff Hahn will attend the district meeting.
 - League priority is to host the 12U tournament if possible.
 - 10U hosting will be pursued if 12U is unavailable.

Rules & Umpires

- Jeff reported positive feedback regarding umpire performance this season.
- Board approved several rule adjustments:
 - Mercy rule changed to:
 - 15-run lead after 3 innings
 - 10-run lead after 4 innings and beyond
 - Changes align with All-Star tournament rules.
- Games will no longer end in ties except:
 - After dark conditions
 - When reaching the 2-hour time limit

2. Sponsorships & Fundraising

Sponsorships

- Chris noted sponsorship levels remain strong this season.
- George Norden continues coordination efforts related to the Hartford Yard Goats partnership weekend.

Fundraiser Updates (Nick Balsamo)

- League fundraiser is progressing well.
- Additional promotion efforts are expected following the Yard Goats event.

3. Uniforms & Equipment

Uniforms

- GSG uniforms have been well received by players and coaches.
- Final round of uniform add-ons has been completed.
- Board discussed the possibility of offering parent shirts next season.
- Coaches shirts have received positive feedback overall.
 - Sizing appears accurate.
 - No major complaints reported.

Gear Swap & Concessions (Megan Lucas)

- Gear swap event was successful.
- Additional concession donations continue to come in.

4. Fields & Facilities

Field Maintenance

- Board discussed beginning offseason planning for future field improvements.
- Softball requested additional chalk supplies for Adams and Lakes fields.
- Bittner C remote requires repair.
- Bittner B shed will be cleaned out.
- Bathroom codes will be changed at the end of the season to help prevent ongoing issues.

Parking Reminder

- John Jagielski reminded coaches and families not to park in the circle at Bittner.

5. Communications & Coaching

Senior Spotlight

- Former league president Greg Aulenti reached out regarding a potential Senior Spotlight feature.
- Many graduating seniors identified Little League as one of their favorite baseball memories.
- Board viewed the idea positively as a potential promotional and community-building initiative.

Coaching Communication

- Bill Bodin requested a consolidated list of coaching contacts by division.
- Positive feedback was shared regarding recent coaching expectation emails sent to AA coaches.
- Board discussed potentially posting coaching resources publicly, including:
 - Practice plan guidance
 - Little League International coaching materials and resources

6. League Operations

Photos

- League photos are scheduled for May 30–31.
- A weekday makeup date will also be scheduled.

Action Items Summary

Action Item	Owner
Set Baseball All-Star evaluation dates	Board
Attend district meeting and pursue tournament hosting opportunities	Jeff Hahn
Continue fundraiser promotion following Yard Goats event	Nick Balsamo
Explore parent shirt options for next season	Board
Replenish chalk supplies at Adams and Lakes fields	Facilities Team
Repair Bittner C remote	Facilities Team
Clean out Bittner B shed	Facilities Team
Change bathroom codes at end of season	Board
Compile coaching contact information by division	Bill Bodin
Explore posting coaching resources online	Board

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