

Guilford Little League — Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, October 13, 2025 · 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Chris Frey · Kevin Dennehy · Megan Lucas · Adam Bernard · Mark Ashby · George Norden · Mike Bizzario · Kate Sharf · Tom Sharf · Jeff Rice · Josh Blau · Nick Balsamo

1) Call to Order & Opening Remarks

- **Acknowledgment:** Chris recognized the recent passing of Lori Hahn. A donation was made to Masonicare on behalf of Guilford Little League.
- **Budget:** FY budget is in development; **target** is to present and vote at the **next meeting**.

2) Bylaws & Constitution

- **Baseball Bylaws:** A recent deep-dive review was completed. No objections were raised to the updates.
- **Softball Bylaws:** Review **in progress**. Chris proposed a small committee if need be. **Action:** *Chris Frey, Stephanie, and Mike Bizzario* to connect; open invitation to others to join.
- **League Constitution:** To be submitted after bylaws are finalized. **Action:** *Chris Frey*.

3) Facilities

- **Parks & Rec:** Replaced a home plate at one field following a reported issue.

4) State Redistricting (FY26 Season)

- State has announced little league **redistricting**.
 - **In-season impact:** Not expected.
 - **Postseason impact:** Possible, as Districts **2 and 7** will be dissolved; potential implications for **District 9 (Guilford)**. Further details TBD.

5) Volunteer Opportunities

- **Yard Goats Game (2026):** Coordination needed; confirm dates and avoid holidays (e.g., Mother's Day).
Lead: *George Norden* (to reach out to **Tami** for prior details).
- **GHS Mentor Program:** A Guilford High School player proposed a mentorship initiative; plan to host **free pitching clinics**.
 - Prior program support noted by **Kate Sharf**.

- **Venue:** Consider **Sportsplex**.
Lead: *Kevin Dennehy*.

6) Spring Player Evaluations (Sportsplex)

- Schedule needs to be set.
- **Conflicts to consider:** Guilford basketball playoff dates (last year conflict).
Action: *Check with Guilford Basketball* (Chris) and **travel basketball** dates (provided by *Josh Blau*).

7) Program Updates

7.1 Baseball (Fall)

- Season going well. Challenge: loss of assistant coaches mid-season, increasing load on head coaches—especially **AA**.
- **Suggestion:** Add day-preferences to volunteer signup forms. Constraint noted: inter-town scheduling often limits exact day requests.
- **Communication:** Emphasize spring expectations so volunteers understand time commitments.
- **Sponsor Addresses:** Needed for photographer. **Action:** *Kate Sharf* to request; *George Norden* to help provide.

7.2 Softball (Fall)

- Season going well despite lower numbers; joint play with **Madison** working well.
- **12U Recognition:** Explore ways to memorialize the team's summer success (include player names).
Ideas: Field plaque/engraving or a **banner** to hang at fields in the spring.
Action: *Mike Bizzario* to research options.

8) Fields, Equipment & Storage

- **Field Breakdown:** To be scheduled.
- **Sponsor Banners:** Still up at **Adams** and **Bittner**.
 - Keep banners mounted **high on backstops** (access difficulties).
- **Cages:** Breakdown noted as a to-do.
- **Storage:** *Josh Blau* to sturdy storage shed.

9) Sponsorships & Communications

- **Sponsor Outreach:** Reminder to go out **earlier** this year.
Action: *George Norden* to send a reminder; *Megan Lucas* to post on Facebook.

- **Thank-You Note: Action:** *Chris Frey* to send a thank-you email to sponsors ahead of George's outreach.
- **Payments:** Aim to **eliminate checks**; George to evaluate processing fees.
Action: *George Norden* to report back with fee implications.

10) Fees & Registration

- **Fee Schedule:** Bring prior year baseball fee schedule and gather softball fee schedule.
Action: *Kate Sharf* (and connect with *Stephanie* for softball).

11) Gear Swap

- **Reminder Email: Action:** *Chris Frey* to send gear-swap reminder; explore aligning with softball.

12) Elections (per bylaws: eligible voters present—**Kate, Mike, Megan, Kevin**)

- **Board President:** Outgoing *Tami Armster* → **Chris Frey — PASSED**
- **VP of Operations:** Outgoing *Chris Frey* → **Bill Bodin — PASSED**
- **Treasurer:** Outgoing *Bill Bodin* → **Mark Ashby — PASSED**
- **Secretary:** Outgoing *Sean Donnelly* → **Nick Balsamo — PASSED**
- **Coaching Coordinator:** Newly assigned → **Jordan Reinhold — PASSED**

Thanks extended to departing members **Tami Armster** and **Sean Donnelly** for their service.

13) Next Meeting

- **Target:** Monday, **November 3, 2025** · 7:00 PM (first-Monday tradition).
- **Venue:** Community Center.
Action: *Nick Balsamo* to coordinate booking.

Action Items Summary

#	Action	Owner	Due
1	Convene softball-bylaws review (with Stephanie & Mike)	Chris Frey / Stephanie Quarato / Mike Bizzario	Next meeting
2	Submit League Constitution post-bylaws	Chris Frey	Upon bylaw finalization
3	Coordinate 2026 Yard Goats game; contact Tami; avoid holiday dates	George Norden	Next meeting update
4	Lead GHS mentorship pitching clinics; confirm venue (Sportsplex)	Kevin Dennehy	Next meeting update
5	Bring last year's baseball fee schedule; gather softball fees from Stephanie	Kate Sharf	Next meeting
6	Provide sponsor physical addresses for photographer	Kate Sharf / George Norden	ASAP
7	Research 12U softball recognition options (plaque/banner incl. player names)	Mike Bizzario	Next meeting
8	Schedule field breakdown; plan cage breakdown	Adam Bernard / Josh Blau	Before winterization
9	Send sponsor thank-you email	Chris Frey	Before sponsor outreach
10	Send sponsor reminder & evaluate payment processing fees (reduce checks)	George Norden	Next meeting update
11	Send Gear Swap reminder	Chris Frey / Megan Lucas	ASAP
12	Book Community Center room for 11/3 meeting	Nick Balsamo	ASAP

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