

## GLL Meeting 4/8/2025

Attendance: Tami A, Adam B, Sean D, Stephanie Q, Kevin D, Mark, Jeffrey Rice, Michael B, George N, Kate S, Chris F, Meghan L, Tom S, Bill B

### News from Board members

- Kate S - some late registrations have come in. Teams are full.
- Some asking from kids of switches
- Lower levels all have coaches and have reached out to teams
- Discussion of lower level placement.
- Family and coaches are asking to switching days
- Due to late additions with lowers we could have made 2 more teams
- This years families were able to request what days their practices on
- Moving forward we should maybe be more revenue focused in order to improve Bittner.
- More teams at the lower levels will help that.
- Chris F discusses more signs around town to get the word out earlier.
- Jeff Rice brings up we could have sign sponsor
- George N asks if we have ever had enrichment programs at the elementary schools.
- Tami says we tried this in past (with wiffle), had some difficulty with school admin to get them going; maybe now we should try again
- Megan mentions that wiffleball might be a great substitution to reduce legal problems.

AAA is at full capacity. Majors is locked unless someone moves to Guilford

- Kevin gives recap of evaluations.
- Talks about possibilities for next year (numbering the kids et all)
- Chris asks how softball handles evals for possible suggestions.
- Stephanie gives a breakdown how they evaluate.
- Their majors division has two teams and are maxed out.
- Minors also have two teams maxed out.
- 8u they have 3 teams.
- All schedules are good right now but may move due to the middle school team
- Chris uniform ordering breakdown
- It's the first year without Barry at Guilford Sports
- Chris ran the coach clinic last sunday with 10-12 new coaches.
- He stressed having good communications between coaches.
- Tami asks if making the clinic mandatory would help/hurt
- Kate and Chris say that it could scare people away but could be good.
- Megan suggest maybe making 2 sessions.
- Megan asks about how to integrate into calendars
- George suggests chris putting it on youtube.

- Kate does bring up that we have been fortunate with getting lower level coaching numbers this year. There is a big discussion about it.
- George sponsorship update
- He checked on all the banners at Adams today.
- Asked if some can be purchased for a few that are old
- We are finished for the year.
- Tami brings up that George did an amazing job and we are at the same level as last year.
- We can hang banners at Bittner now as well, which will be good for next year.
  
- Tami mentions that work on Bittner C started today. And will be ready for first game
- Adam gives update on Fields
- We have not heard about the mound at Adams.
- The dirt mound has not happened yet.
- The nets have been put up at Adams last weekend.
- Bittner nets will go up this weekend.
- Banners will go up this weekend
- Maybe some banners will be placed at Bittner.
  
- Megan gear swap update.
- Please drop off if you have some
- Maybe add it to the Facebook.
- Bill mentions emailing the coaches
  
- Concessions
- Meeting with the Greenery and the Guilford health dept
- There is a lot of barriers right now but we will build from this year.
- East Haven outsources the management of their concession
- Keep it simple in 2025 and expand in the future.
- Jeff mentioned the possibility of vending machines.
  
- Stephanie mentions that the Adams B storage is impossible to get into right now.
- Tom mentioned that the women's bathroom at Adams A could not be opened
- Megan asks about when Bittner bathrooms can be opened.
- Kate brings up the first weekend in May as the photo shoot day. Hopefully at the Community center. The town is having issues getting Kate the specific dates.
- Chris safety meeting is Thursday
- Bittner C will be worked on before the batting cage happens there
  
- Tom has all equipment ready to go and is coordinating pickup.
  
- Pitching machine came in. It was 100% donated money used for it.

- Chris spirit wear update. And board gear can be picked up from him.
- Should we give a shout out to the family that donated the pitching machine at opening day. George mentions maybe making a banner for them
- Talk about getting grants from RedSox, Yankees, Mets.
- Jeff R asks if we have applied to the Guilford Foundation.
- Adam asks if there is a clinic for using the pitching machine.
- Tom talks about the current state of the machine.
  
- We need to decide if we want to host districts. Softball 12, 10 and baseball 12,11,10. We will discuss at the next meeting.
- Kate mentions that we will maybe need to address concessions and Megan explains the difference.
- Megan reports food trucks are fine for Bittner.

8:24 Tami ends meeting