

Guilford Little League

Board Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2026

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Chris Frey, Mark Ashby, Mike Bizzario, Kevin Dennehy, Meg Lucas, Jordan Reinhold, Kate Scharf, Tom Scharf, Stephanie Quarato, Nick Balsamo

1. Opening Updates (Chris Frey)

Player & League Support

- Baseball cards have been received and will be distributed to all registered players.
- Page Hardware offered to donate branded buckets for league use.
- A Durham law firm is interested in providing a **scholarship for Guilford Little League families**.

Grants & Funding

- Grant applications submitted to:
 - **Red Sox Foundation** (\$500 request for baseball and softball)
 - **New York Mets** (inquiry sent)
 - **New York Yankees** (cannot find info yet, more research needed)

Fields & Facilities

- Chris reached out to Tony regarding **additional clay for the Lakes batting cage area** and is awaiting response.
- Guilford Little League is willing to contribute toward improvements if needed.
- Parks Department indicated **April 1 as the anticipated field opening date**.

League Operations

- Charter update in progress and will be finalized once teams are confirmed.
- League expressed willingness to **host the 12U All-Star tournament**, pending district selection.

- **Free CPR training** for coaches scheduled for **March 29 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the YMCA.**
- Chris working with Mike B. and Stephanie Q. on **recognition for last season's softball run.**

Website

- League website domain expires **March 28.**
 - Chris and Kate reviewing domain ownership and potential consolidation.
 - District uses GoDaddy; older domains may be retired with redirects implemented if appropriate.
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2. Baseball Evaluations (Kevin Dennehy)

- Evaluations scheduled for **March 11 at 5:30 PM.**
 - Parents asked to **arrive by 5:20 PM.**
 - Kate will bring a **sign-in table.**
 - Kevin will print and bring **evaluation scoring sheets.**
 - Baseballs and equipment will be confirmed; Tom supplied these last year.
 - High school players may assist with evaluations (coordination with Tami and Jordan).
 - Prior-year coaches may be consulted to help ensure **balanced team drafts.**
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3. Softball Update (Mike Bizzario / Stephanie Quarato)

- Approximately:
 - **30 players registered for AA**
 - **20 players registered for AAA**
 - Stephanie working on **evaluation structure and logistics.**
 - Registration numbers appear stable.
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4. Baseball Registration Update

- Current baseball registrations: **281 players**.
 - Some earlier **registration website issues** were noted.
 - Expected structure:
 - **5 teams per division**
 - Potentially **6–7 teams in T-Ball and Minors**
 - Overall registration is **slightly down year over year**.
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5. Additional Board Updates

Safety (Bill)

- Safety plan updates underway.
- Coordinating with **Guilford Police Department for Opening Day safety support**.

Spirit Store

- Spirit store planning underway for the season.

Sponsorships (George)

- Sponsorship outreach continuing.
- Several **new sponsors secured this season**.
- George will explore potential collaboration with the **Hartford Yard Goats**.

Safety Meeting (Jordan)

- Safety meeting to be coordinated with **Chris Dill** and conducted via Zoom.
- Chris Frey will share contact information to facilitate scheduling.

Treasurer (Mark)

- No updates from treasury.
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6. Fundraising / Raffle (Nick Balsamo)

- Nick presented plans for a **league raffle fundraiser**.
 - Board members expressed support for piloting the raffle this season.
 - Nick will confirm with **Guilford Police Department** that the raffle can proceed as planned, including the proposed **virtual format**.
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7. Gear Swap & Concessions (Meg Lucas)

Gear Swap

- Meg will create a **survey to coordinate gear swap requests** among families.

Concessions

- Board discussed **normalizing concession operations**.
 - Plan to focus on **pre-packaged food items**.
 - Volunteers will be solicited, including **high school students seeking community service hours**.
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Next Meeting

Anticipated: **Monday April 6, 2026 (subject to change)**

Action Items Summary

Action Item	Owner
Confirm raffle requirements with GPD	Nick Balsamo
Continue sponsorship outreach	George Norden
Coordinate softball recognition plans	Mike B. / Stephanie Q.
Print evaluation scoring sheets	Kevin Dennehy
Bring sign-in table for evaluations	Kate Scharf
Confirm baseballs/equipment for evals	Kevin D. / Tom S.

Action Item**Owner**

Coordinate safety meeting with Chris Dill

Jordan Reinhold

Update safety plan and coordinate Opening Day support

Bill

Review and manage website domain renewal

Chris F. / Kate S.

Create gear swap survey

Meg Lucas

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