

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 5

Call to order: 6:31 PM; Adjourned: 8:09 PM

Next meeting:

1. Secretary & Communications Report

- **Approval of minutes:** 11/17/2025 BOD Agenda minutes were reviewed and approved.
 - Motion by Matt Ferris, seconded by Matt Galuski
 - Result: Approved.
- **Communication:** Nicole Cleary to coordinate upcoming emails and social media posts regarding registration, coaching clinics, and volunteer requirements.

2. President's Report & Bylaws

- **Bylaw Language:** Ashley Higgins noted the need for clearer language regarding coaches and the drafting process.
- **Attendance Requirement:** It is officially noted that Majors coaches are required to attend board meetings.
- **Appeals Process:** Discussion held regarding whether a coach or spectator can personally appeal their own disciplinary actions.
- **Sibling Rule:** Discussion regarding "protected players" and scenarios where younger siblings are not picked up by a specific coach. Christian Mills will draft a formal suggestion for the board to review.
- **All-Star Voting Updates:** This year, the Board will vote on managers (instead of players).
 - For the 10-11-12 division, players will still vote.
 - Tryouts will remain in place for the 8-9 division.

3. Coaching Clinics

- **Schedule:** Clinics begin this Sunday at Friedman Gym, led by Steve Ferroli
- **Requirement:** All coaches are expected to attend at least one clinic.
- **Format:** Clinics are open to everyone. If coach turnout is low for a specific session, it will pivot to a player-focused clinic.
- **Action Items:**
 - Christian Mills to reach out to Majors coaches
 - Nicole Cleary to send league-wide communications.

4. Mohegan Sun Baseball Tradeshow

- **Motion:** To use league funds to sponsor three coaches for entries/passes to the January tradeshow (raffle entries earned per clinic attended).
- **Vote:** Motion by Nate Berry, seconded by Matt Ferris. Result: Approved.

5. Registration & Finance

- **2026 Season Rates:**
 - Majors: \$250
 - AAA: \$175
 - AA: \$120
 - T-Ball: \$50
 - *Family Max: \$450*
- **Approval of rates:** (Motion: Ashley Higgins, Second: Matt Galuski). Result: approved
- **Action Items:** Nate Berry to set up the online portal; Nicole Cleary to handle promotion.

6. Player Agent & Manager Submissions

- **Current Submissions:** AAA (9 coaches), AA (3 coaches), T-ball (1 coach).
- **Action Item:** Nicole Cleary plan for follow-up email will be sent to recruit more volunteers for AA and T-ball.

7. Safety Officer Report

- **Compliance:** Jackie Ferreira-Lopez and Christian Mills will coordinate with managers to ensure all background checks (CORI) and Abuse Awareness training are completed.
- **Action Item:** Jackie Ferreira-Lopez to reach out to managers individually.

8. 2026 indoor practices

- Grandslam practices same for Majors begin January 11
- AAA Grandslam availability some week nights 5-6:30 or Sunday 7-9
 - Other option: infield / outfield clinics at the school
 - Action Item: Christian Mills reach back out to Grandslam

Attendance:

Christian Mills	P ▾	Ashley Higgins	P ▾	Matt Haggerty	P ▾	Greg Corey	A ▾
Nicole Cleary	P ▾	Jackie Ferreira' Lopez	P ▾	Shannon Thomas	P ▾	Matt Galuski	P ▾
Eric Santos	A ▾	Christopher Coute	A ▾	Nate Berry	P ▾	Kari Coute	A ▾
Kasi Finn	P ▾	Carmen Hannant	P ▾	Matt Ferris	P ▾		

Others in attendance:

Chris Freitas	P ▾	Austin	P ▾	Colleen Ferris	P ▾	Chris	T... ▾
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