

# Taunton West Little League

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 12, 2026

**Time:** 6:37

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### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

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### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve [March 10](#) meeting minutes: Matt G.
  - Second: Jacky
  - **Vote:** Approved
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### 3. Steve Ferroli fall tournament

Steve Ferroli presented a proposal to introduce a Ted Williams-style youth tournament.

Key points:

- Adjusted field dimensions and scaled equipment for youth players
- Use of three plate sizes: 14", 15.5", and 17"
- Slightly modified base paths
- Smaller baseball (8.5 inches, lighter weight) to improve throwing
- Wooden bats provided
- Reported benefits include fewer strikeouts, fewer injuries, and fewer hit batters
- Focus on increased player reps and development

Discussion included potential interest from players and whether this could tie into a summer camp offering.

Motion to continue discussion: Nate B

Second: Jacky

Vote: Approved

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#### 4. Account balances as of April 12, 2026

- Business checking: \$13,630.55
- Business checking (secondary): \$885.99
- 6-month certificate: \$13,179.22
- 12-month certificate: \$7,994.02
- 6-month certificate: \$8,082.23

#### 5. Opening Day planning

- Agenda and overall flow will remain the same as last year
- T-ball teams will move directly into photos
- No schedule changes planned
- Taunton High School is unavailable due to an away game
- Police color guard confirmed
- Mayor and City Council expected to attend
- Exploring attendance from Bridgewater State baseball team

Operational notes:

- Field duty: 8:00–9:30 a.m.
- Concessions: fully staffed
- Raffles: Shannon
- Swag: Kasi

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#### 5. New business / other

##### Umpires

- Junior umpire app is active; umpires and parents can self-assign games
- Strong mix of returning and new umpires
- AA division will have two umpires per game
- Payment structure: cash for youth umpires, checks for adults
- ABUA president approved payment approach
- Weekly umpire pay will take place Saturday mornings (post-pay)
- Matt, Greg, and Matt E. to manage payments

##### Concessions

- Strong first week with smooth operations
- Three volunteers per shift
- Revenue: \$2,100 with limited games and no labor costs
- HVAC issue: mini-split cannot run off current compressor
  - Quote received: \$6,800
  - Alternative option: floor unit (~\$1,000) under consideration

## **Tournament update**

- Three teams participating, all from the same league

## **Fields and grounds**

- Strong volunteer turnout
- Mowing schedule to begin soon

## **Fundraising**

- Sponsorships: \$34,625 (as of Friday)
- Golf tournament: 20 teams registered (goal: 26–28; max: 44)
- D'Angelo's fundraiser: \$74.73
- Home Plate fundraiser: \$353 plus \$800 from raffles

## **Clubhouse policy**

- Players are not permitted in the clubhouse without a parent
- Door must remain closed and locked

## **Hockomock summer league**

- Low participation last year due to limited promotion
- Currently enough interest for two teams; goal is four
- League runs Monday–Friday, no tournaments
- Target age groups: 9–12 (plus 8U friendship format)
- Ashley to attend next Hockomock meeting
- Board discussed field usage concerns and scheduling constraints
- Plan to communicate earlier with coaches and families

## **Jason D. Buffington Scholarship**

- TWLL commitment: \$3,000 over three years (\$1,000 annually)
- Scholarship open to eligible TWLL participants
- Family remains actively supportive
- Julie offered to assist with fundraising

## **Discussion points:**

- Potential fundraising ideas (e.g., comedy night, tip jar donations)
- Avoid last-minute coordination seen in prior year
- Consider aligning with existing fundraisers
- Establish formal process, including:
  - Dedicated board point person or committee
  - Annual board review

- Clear documentation and guidelines
- Potential tie-in with 12-year-old recognition event

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Christian

Second: Eric

Time adjourned: 8:09 p.m.

Vote: Approved

## Attendance

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

Steve F	P ▾	Austin L	P ▾	Scott decastro	P ▾		P ▾
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