

## Meeting Recap:

### Communication and Scheduling Concerns

The board addressed concerns regarding communication and scheduling throughout the season. Multiple parents raised issues related to unresponsive emails, inconsistent communication, and last-minute schedule changes, particularly concerning All-Star practices and game times.

Board members acknowledged these concerns and explained that the league experienced significant growth this year, expanding to 25 teams. This growth created additional challenges with scheduling, field availability, and practice coordination. Cordero and Matt noted that they assumed scheduling responsibilities mid-season after the previous coordinator resigned, resulting in delays and communication breakdowns. The board must have a quorum at meetings for voting. Meeting frequency is increased during season and due to practice and game schedules meetings may be moved to obtain a quorum.

To improve operations moving forward, the board committed to:

- Establishing a 24–48 hour email response standard. If a parent isn't getting the answers they need from the chain of command (parents>coaches>commissioner>VP>President) please send to email on website: [lagovistabaseballsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:lagovistabaseballsoftball@gmail.com)
- Adding board member phone number in the contact section.
- Beginning scheduling efforts earlier for next season.
- Implementing improved technology and scheduling systems.

### Field Availability and Facility Challenges

The board discussed ongoing challenges with youth sports facilities in Lago Vista. A water leak and use of the lower field as a playground have negated approximately \$3,000 in field improvement work completed by LVUBS and have prevented access to the lower field. As a result, the league has continued to incur costs for use of the high school field.

Additional concerns include:

- Lack of electricity at Sunset Park, preventing night games.
- Practice times being limited to daylight hours, generally before 6:30 PM.
- Continued efforts by the league to work with the City and Mayor to improve facilities.

Parents expressed interest in helping advocate for improvements and requested regular updates. The board agreed that a monthly newsletter would help communicate ongoing needs, city meetings, and opportunities for parent involvement.

### League Growth and Competitive Opportunities

The board discussed ways to retain local talent and remain competitive with surrounding communities. One proposal included forming select teams similar to neighboring leagues.

Discussion also centered on transitioning from Centex affiliation to Pony Baseball/Softball.

Benefits cited included:

- Greater flexibility for select teams and tournament participation.
- Alignment with MLB standards and USA bat regulations.
- Fewer minimum team requirements compared to Centex.

Softball affiliation amendments are expected to be voted on at the next meeting, with baseball expected to follow shortly thereafter.

## League Leadership and Elections

Gio will serve as Interim President in accordance with Article 5 of the league bylaws. Regular board elections will be held in August, and any league member in good standing will be eligible to run/vote for all board positions.

## City Relations and Facility Planning

Gio provided an update on negotiations with the City regarding the Upper Field. Current discussions include a proposed five-year contract with extension options.

The board also discussed parking challenges at league facilities. The City asks league to restrict grass parking and only allow along dirt path. Communications sent to league have not improved parking in areas city requests. City is also potentially adding ADA-accessible pathways that may reduce available parking spaces. The league stated that Sunset Park is city-owned and all we can do is request changes but it is up to the city. Parents were encouraged to attend future Parks and Recreation meetings to advocate for parking solutions.

The board noted that the new Parks and Recreation Director, David Montgomery Scott, has been receptive to community feedback and has been supportive of facility improvements.

## Parent Communication Initiatives

The board plans to:

- Launch a monthly newsletter.
- Create a parent committee to assist with communication and advocacy efforts.
- Develop a league-wide website calendar displaying practices, games, and field status updates.

Ricardo volunteered to research options for implementing the calendar system.

## Fall Season Planning

Discussion included preparations for the upcoming fall season, including registration timelines and game locations. Leander opened registration on June 1, and the board discussed adopting a similar schedule.

Baseball will not participate in Leander's fall program. Both baseball and softball will operate independently, similar to the spring season.

## Surveys and Transparency

End-of-season surveys have been distributed and results will be shared publicly at the next meeting. The board also plans to create an FAQ document addressing common questions and concerns identified through survey responses.

Regarding meeting transparency, the board explained its decision to limit public Zoom participation after previous disruptions caused by unruly attendees. A process similar to City Council meetings was proposed, requiring comments to be submitted in advance via email rather than allowing live Zoom participation.

## Board Updates

Jamie, the Concessions Board Member, announced her resignation effective immediately. Interested candidates please email Krissy- [lvubssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lvubssecretary@gmail.com)

## All-Stars and Tournament Updates

Cordero provided updates regarding All-Star tournament participation, confirming entry into the Battle of Baghdad tournament in Leander. Additional Perfect Game tournaments are being considered in locations including Bastrop, San Marcos, and Buda.

Parents will receive information regarding tournament requirements, including:

- Birth certificate verification.
- Gate fees.
- Tournament-specific logistics and schedules.

## Lower Field Fence Relocation Discussion

The board discussed the school district's proposal to relocate the lower field fence to accommodate more space for bus barn.

Concerns raised included:

- Project costs relative to benefits. They will supply fencing but league has to supply all manpower and posts/caps.
- Continued school access regardless of fence relocation.
- Limited improvements to the baseball program resulting from the move. No league benefit if school is granted access regardless.

Alternative solutions, including on-site equipment storage sheds, were discussed. The board also reviewed challenges associated with accommodating 14U baseball on varying field dimensions if continuing to use the high school field for that division.

## Field Maintenance

Alex provided updates on field maintenance efforts. Several attendees noted that the Upper Field is in the best condition it has been in for several years.

The board also discussed the need for improved communication with All-Star coaches regarding proper field dragging and maintenance procedures.

## Umpire Development Program

Ricardo announced plans to launch a formal umpire certification program beginning in late July or early August. High school-aged participants will be required to:

- Complete training.
- Pass a certification exam.
- Wear official Lago Vista umpire hats upon certification.

## T-Ball Program

The group reviewed the success of the modified T-ball format and agreed to continue the program next year.

Board members noted that additional consistency may be needed when working with visiting teams that do not fully adhere to league-specific T-ball rules.

**Next meeting scheduled for 6/17/26 @ 6:30p**