



## Layritz Little League Board Meeting

2024-01-10

**Attendance:** Nadia Hobbs, Graham Plumb, Dave Moore, Kari Moore, Cade Musgrove, Chris Kucherin, Kathleen Lamberton, Gillian Dabbs, Hailey Young, Kathleen Cain, Christal Forman, Graeme Sykes

Call to order at 7:13pm

**Agenda: Round table discussion format.**

**Registrar:**

Registration went live and we have 90% less emails , 24 coaches signed up to date.

Registration numbers – 53 numbers for assessment (14 Rookie Minors, 37 Minors, 17 Majors). There were some requests for play-ups from Tball to mini minors, movements made by Nadia in the system.

Nadia will start to look at Toast soon to review costing and mix reporting to see if there is opportunity to drive further profit. Rookie Minors, currently no assessment plans but kids can assess for Minors. Intent will be to make the teams even leveraging info from Fall Ball Rookies, at this point believe we will have two teams. Suggestion is that we wait until week #2 to make teams. Run a full Rookie Minors group practice to utilize as assessment and then the coaches can make even teams. Nadia to change on the registration page that teams will be selected in 2nd week so players can be assessed at group practice.

In the event that kids try out for Minors and don't make that division we will send an email post draft to advise, prior to the drafted teams sharing out their team list (48hrs after draft).

**President:**

There have been some requests for financial assistance, asking the Board, “Can Graham approve requests to keep confidence without Board approval?” **Everyone is in agreement.**

Steph Bayer - identified to take over Uniforms positions, to be voted in at future meeting

Kelly Wallace is booked for opening day pictures.

**VP of Facilities:**

Received a quote for remediation downstairs, same as prior year. Dave is aligned. To be completed in the next couple weeks. Lawnmower servicing booked. Fencing repairs, contact has been made. Graham would like to put mini gates at the end of dugouts. Emergency egress for Minors and Majors field. Assess cost for Majors dugout and dependent on that we move forward with Minors Field.

### **Sponsorships:**

Gillian has been working with Brittney to review the sponsorship packages, and the cost of packages to remain the same. Will continue to make sponsorship of a team easily accessible - \$250 to sponsor a team, which gets you a banner. The edits to sponsorship packages are light, just need to update email address and year. Brittney will draft language to add verbiage about 2025 as well. Need contact info for 2023 sponsorship details. Talon was used for banners last year. Graham said we can use whoever we want, Talon has been good. If we get the same sponsors, we don't have to get new banners, they are in the shed rolled up. Gillian to do inventory. Wording - the banners will be up for the Season (not the year), in the package.

### **Rookie Minor Coordinator:**

Rookie Minor rules after May long weekend, other parks progress their division to the next level rules after this time period to start preparing for next Season. To implement with Rookies but for T-ball & Mini's as well. Great topic for the coaches meeting. Graham suggested we move this up to the end of April and make it mandatory. Have Brittney send out an email the week before to all coaches to remind them and give the rule changes by division.

### **Treasurer:**

Confirmation of some line items for 2025 budget planning.

1) Confirming umpire fees.

Majors - Plate \$35, 1st base \$30, 3rd base \$30

Minors - Plate \$30, 1st base \$25 (TBC), 3rd base \$20

Umpire fees to stay the same for 2025

2) Are we planning on HarbourCats fundraising, yes. Selling tickets and 50/50. Last year tickets were not profitable, however, the 50/50 was. Suggestion to take as many 50/50 dates as possible. Meat draw fundraiser for All Stars and the funds went to All Stars to offset travel costs.

### **Scheduler:**

Waiting for the District meeting for schedules. Kari would like to schedule before March 15 (she is away for 15-25).

### **Equipment Manager:**

Chris to keep in contact with Nadia for how much equipment we need based on registration numbers. Bats will most likely need to be replaced. Left handed catchers, check out gear inventory. Need balls for Majors and Intermediate, Graham to share preferred choice with Chris. Need to order more score sheets, Lindsay can check Uvic to order sheets and see if they have binders. Chris to review if we require more T's or can work with what we have. Need to make sure we have catcher's gear in the mini minor shack. We need more umpire equipment - 5x kit (brush & clickers), 20 clickers. We will keep paint for Minors and use chalk for Majors fields. Dave to book park clean up, which is a great opportunity to review inventory.

### **Safety Coordinator:**

**Graham Plumb nominates Kathleen Cain, Chris Kucheran seconds. Kathleen accepts.** All in favor, unanimous, 5 constitutes quorum. Responsibilities - ice, criminal record checks, incident reports and first aid kits. Can order instant ice on amazon, order a case of 50. Do inventory of the dugouts for First Aid kits and any top ups that need to be done prior to season starting. Each dugout gets a first aid kit. Cross check Criminal record checks against coaching applicants, CR's get sent to President and [safety@layritz.ca](mailto:safety@layritz.ca) Lindsay to check if the defibrillator if cloud based subscription can be set up as it wasn't done initially. Order defibrillator signs for around the park with the location (in the concession).

### **Player Agent:**

"Buddy Check for Jessie", suggesting we implement it in the park before 2025. Mission is to support mental health, program created in memory of a boy who died by suicide. Coaches to have conversations leverage the leadership to deliver messages to the kids. Work to give the Coaches some scripts and suggestions on how to have conversations with players before and after games. Mini Minors, Minors and Majors. Suggested scripts provided and we can create our own. Kathleen Cain will look and review it as well based on her background. Christal offered to review and help. Get set up and going prior to 2025. 2024 kick off and showcase this in 2025 for other teams to look to adapt. Ideas - Green Slurpees, donation aspects, wear green week.

**Concession** - follow up with Graeme to see if he talked to Tania or maybe Rose Potter as paid positions, similar to how Lakehill runs but a set salary, as lack of volunteers is evident and position is a large undertaking.

### **General Items of conversation:**

Asked to host intermediate provincials. Working with Saanich to make Hyser field dual purpose. Talking with the Mariners coach to get the field used as an additional option.

Fundraiser during districts to support 2025.

50/50 license for the park to run during exhibition games. Use the pos system to tap. For big games/playoffs/districts. QR code for 50/50.

Dave reached out to Pearkes for Bust the Rust as he is looking for additional space in February.

Kari can schedule group practices for the first couple of weeks for T-ball & Mini Minors & Rookies.

Implement throwing progression. Update coaching resources available. Division coordinators can provide some sources of resources. Leverage some of the park resources to coordinate/run some practices. Suggestion that Managers have to do a practice with one of the smaller teams to provide assistance to newer coaches.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm**