



# Layritz Little League Board Meeting

2024-05-05

**Attendance:** Gareth Gilson, Christal Forman, Lindsay Plumb, Dave Moore, Kari Moore, Kathleen Cain, Laura Wirtanen, Kathleen Lambertom, Graham Plumb, Graeme Sykes, Nadia Hobbs

**Call to order at 7:12pm**

**Agenda Topics:**

- 1) Approve March 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes - *Laura Wirtanen motions to approve, Graeme Sykes seconds. . All in favor, passes unanimously*
- 2) Concession Updates:
  - a) Concession sales are pacing well in comparison to last year (the season started one week earlier this year April 6th vs April 15th in 2023). \$32k in Revenue to date which is \$11k ahead of prior year with an additional week of sales.
  - b) Identified that we could reduce the number of volunteer shifts Tuesday - Thursday to 5 due to slower sales. Friday sticks with 6 volunteer shifts, hoping this may help fill up Saturdays.
  - c) Concession usage for June 21-23 to support pre-planned games lined up for All Star Teams (9/10, 11 Selects & 11/12. Jericho is coming to play multiple games across that weekend. Confirming, concession can be used as we can keep it operational in advance of Districts starting July 6th.
- 3) Tournaments:
  - a) Beacon Hill hosted a Rookie Minors tournament this weekend. One of our players, Stella, was awarded the sportsmanship award. Another player, Cole, who was pulled up from Mini Minors, won the Home Run Derby. Mentioned that it would be great to have a few Mini Minor players called up to Rookie Minors to help where attendance has been challenged and give them the experience at the next level.
  - b) We have been asked if Layritz is willing to host Rookie Minor City Championships. Rookie Minor Division Coordinator, Christal Forman has offered to organize. Reviewing the schedule, it would be ideal if we could align the timing to coincide with the Jericho weekend June 21-23 as we will have the concession running and our playoffs wrap up the week of June 15th. Typically and even like this would run over two days. Next steps to follow up with park presidents to confirm if June 22-23 work with their end of season schedules to enter their top team. Discussion on implementing a Home Run Derby and other fun items. Motion to approve a budget for the Rookie Minor Cities Tournament, *Kathleen Lambertom motions for \$2,500 budget, Nadia Hobbs seconds, all in favor, passes unanimously.* Budget to cover Trophy for 1st place team, Home Run Derby medal, Sportsmanship Trophy, baseball bracelets, umpire fees for games, and medals for 1st & 2nd, 3rd.
- 4) 9/10 Districts July 6-10: we need to rally All Star parents to volunteer to run the tournament and the Concession. Let's be clear with the expectation during the parent meeting prior to assessments. Need to have clear wording in communication that this is a volunteer run event that cannot happen with the help of

parents. 11/12 All Star Players will also take part in a supporting role. If needed we can leverage any volunteers that still need to make up their season hours during this week.

- a) 50/50 during districts - ask Gill to get a license.
- 5) Major's Long Weekend Tournament: Black and Blue teams have the most players, therefore, Green players will be split to fill Black and Blue teams. Laura has asked Dave Moore to validate if any of the Green players are catchers and/or pitchers to ensure fair placement. Confirming, kids can wear tournament shirts. Laura will share the team lists (2) with Beacon Hill color coded to represent the house team each player plays on.ura asked for Pitcher and Catcher details to help with separation to ensure they are fair.
- 6) All Star Manager selections for 9/10 & 11/12: An email went out to current Managers and 1st Coaches. It has been identified that all on field coaching staff should have received the sign up. Little League Rule Regulation 1, President and Board of Directors approve Manager & Coach selections. Identified that we need to re-send the call out to cast a wider net and allow all on field coaches to put their name in for consideration. Items to discuss: 1) Nomination of team Manager, 2) Who will appoint Coaches, 3) Who selects and forms the team? The information below was the discussed alignment on the process and will be shared out as part of the 11/12 All Star information to the parents to provide a clear view of the process and provide transparency. We will be keeping assessor scores in our records for internal and external data, it is suggested that we utilize the same scoring method (with clear markers) as house ball assessments. Once the Manager has been voted and approved, we will meet with the Manager to lay out the process and ensure they understand and feel supported. Dave Moore (VP of Facilities) and Kathleen Lamberton (Secretary) will recuse themselves from the 9/10 manager vote due to personal interest.

1) The Executive will vote to appoint a team Manager from the applicants after the submission deadline on May 8th.

2) Coaches will not be selected prior to assessments and team selection. Coach applicants will be approved and eligible to coach upon player draft.

3) There will be a combination of internal Layritz Assessors consisting of appointed Manager, Park President, and current/past Layritz Coaches participating in assessments. In addition, there will be hired external independent assessors. The Manager will have the ability to select/form the team and present this to the board for approval. The independent assessor data will be used to validate the team formation. It is believed that the appointed Manager has the knowledge, experience and consideration to form the appropriate team based on skill, attitude and positional play/formation.

- 7) Facilities:
  - a) Neighbor of Field 6 is doing a lot of construction and appears to be putting in a privacy hedge, this will help with view and noise.
  - b) Dugout work party to paint the dugouts, rotten bleacher wood planks and paint them. We have extra paint in the Ump shack, and need to validate with Saanich what color we can use or they will provide us a color they would like. Suggestion to remove the "Gum Wall" from the Majors dugouts and replace it with a Layritz logo.
  - c) Change the lock on first base Minors dugout as the resident homeless man is sleeping in the dugout, which is not an issue, however, he seems to be urinating in there as well. Suggest, we also try to speak to him and ask him not to pee in the dugouts.
- 8) Special Activity Budget: there appears to be a line item in the budget that supports hosting exhibition games. Can we utilize some of these funds to support Umpire fees for June 21-23 weekend (including Rookie Minors Citie). Follow up with Hailey on that budget item. .
- 9) Saanich Burger Night: Tuesday or Thursday night are the ideal nights with lots of games, suggestion to utilize May 28th or 30th. Arrange and identify dates with Saanich prior to our next 2025 meeting with them. Details TBC.
- 10) Softball Intro Day: There has been a request from Hampton Little League to take over our catchment for Softball, the board is in agreement that we do not want to do this. Once you give this up, you can almost

never get it back. Dave has been in contact with Cherie from Hampton regarding fall games. There are a lot of youth girls in our area to revive our Softball division that are playing at parks further away because we do not have this division at this time. There was a suggestion that we donate approx \$500 to a local U19 Fastpitch team and in turn ask them to come to the field and run an open practice for youth in the area. The Schedule can accommodate May 25th from 1-3pm. Hoping we can utilize Emma Cottier to assist with possible teams and facilitate the connections to set up this afternoon event. Dave Moore has offered to spearhead it and drive the conversation. A BC Softball team was requested 2 years ago and turned down. We have not resubmitted but will for next season or even fall ball. In order to revive the division we will require a VP of Softball and parents willing to help kick off the restart.

*Motion to adjourn by Graham Plumb, Seconds by Kathleen Cain.*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm**