



Layritz Little League Board Meeting

2024-06-24

Attendance: Kari Moore, Nadia Hobbs, Brittney Crump, Gareth Gilson, Kathleen Lamberton, Graham Plumb, Lindsay Plumb, Meaghan Wilson, Sarah Rossum, Graeme Sykes, Laura Wirtanen, Cade Musgrove

Call to order at 8:03pm

Agenda Topics:

- 1) **Approve May 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** *Kathleen motion to approve, second by Graeme, all in favor unanimous*
- 2) **June 21 - 23 Weekend Recap:** Great weekend with Jericho and Rookie Minors tournament, it was a busy weekend at the park. Lots of positive feedback on our umpires for Rookie Minors tournament from parents and other parks. The concession brought in \$5,000 over the two days and one night. There were a couple of misunderstandings with the rules for Rookie Minors, but all were addressed quickly and smoothly without complaint. Layritz Team took 1st and 3rd places, with Beacon Hill coming in 2nd.
- 3) **Parent Volunteering:** Rookie parents noticing that it is always the same parents that are volunteering and taking on the roles that are required. We have many instances where a team makes a schedule to assign parents game time volunteer spots, if they cannot fulfill this spot it is their responsibility to switch or find a solution. Laura has a great template, she can share for reference. Suggested that for the 2025 season we implement a Communications Manager role to help manage the parent volunteer schedule for non concession duties. Manager role is different from the Head Coach, often that needs to be figured out how to do it. Rookie Minor coaches need more support. Clear communication at coaches meetings, newsletter updates as well as communication on Layritz website. 2025 Season we update the volunteer deposit to include Concession AND racking/scorekeeping shifts. Communications person reviews at the end of the season to validate those game volunteer times took place. Sarah & Meghan can streamline for Fall Ball and deploy the "voluntold" system. Nadia to send the Tball manual and Laura to send other manuals. Share out division coordinators.
- 4) **Concession equipment:** Slushie machine is on a timer, there was some confusion as to why it was turning off overnight. Coffee Machine needs repair, we will use a kettle or coffee machine for Districts. For the 2025 season we can add to the budget and improve the machine. We will wait on purchasing a deep freezer and budget for this in 2025.
- 5) **Office equipment & Viewing Room:** Need to set up the printer that is in the viewing room/office to use for pitch count sheets etc. Two high top bar stools for viewing room are already built into the budget and approved. Graham suggested that we move the wall in the office/viewing room and renovate for a larger viewing area as we could utilize this room for umpire evaluations in 2025 and/or put scorekeepers in one room and announcer in the other.
- 6) **Summer Ball:** Registration live with approximately 50 kids already signed up. Will take place on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Skills and Scrimmage.

- 7) **Fall Ball:**
- a) Registration - 37 registered so far, no intermediates and one softball. Will do an email blast and social media post for Fall Ball. It was discussed in the District meeting what prices are for Fall Ball and we are overpriced. We will reduce fees by \$50 per division. Naida will give credit to all of those who have already paid. New prices to go into system asap. Max price \$150 - Intermediate, Majors and Minors.
- 8) **Off Season training plans:** Dave secured with Oak Bay Rec and JDF is still in progress, typically, July is when they share confirmation and times confirmed. These times will be utilized for 9/10 & 11/12. Assessment dates will be at JDF for Rookie Minors, Minors, and Majors. There is a lot of interest in off season training for under 9 year olds, however, the amount of times we can secure indoors unfortunately cannot support additional groups.
- 9) **Umpire In Chief:**
- a) Review and confirm umpires for 29th
 - b) We are losing umpire supplies consistently. For the 2025 Season we will implement that supplies must be returned to concession in order to receive Slushie & candy bags. In addition, it is suggested that we stock up on game balls in the concession.
 - c) Renovation of Umpire shack on the list for 2025
- 10) **Tournament Planning for Minors Districts & Intermediates:**
- a) We have 90 concession shifts approximately to fill for the week of July 6-14th.
 - b) We are confirmed on equipment (balls, lyme, etc) to support the week
 - c) Managers Meeting Friday night will be run by Graham and Tack with Umpire lead
 - d) Send communication of the schedule out to Board members to see if they are interested in taking any roles
 - e) Game balls in umpire shack (and excess in concession)
 - f) Batting Cage schedule:
 - i) Visitors 1.5 before
 - ii) Home 1 hour before
- 11) **2025 CLLC updates:** Brittney shared details in advance of the meeting to all Board members. In summary, St. Margarets costs less for accommodation than Four Points, however, we are getting more benefits. Four Points will provide a kick back from room revenue and breakfast is included. Banquet rooms are similar between the options. With Four Points there is no deposit required until June 2025, no insurance required or Criminal record checks. The benefit is that everyone is staying at one location and families can also book rooms at the hotel. They will comp us a room for Rob to stay during the event to coordinate and be the main contact. Gareth noted that they are well oiled machines and host lots of sports teams. Lots surrounding the hotel. Discussion - St Margarets has more green space areas, however, from a parent's perspective, having a hotel where you can stay where your kid is nice and Four Points offers great breakfast options. Transportation, we have been in contact with Student First Bus Company, they can provide a 45 person bus for the 8 days with 2 drivers including airport pickup and drop off, totalling \$15,200. We do not require anything to lock this in.
- a) Approval to secure: Four Points Contract (Accommodation) - *motioned by Brittney Crump, seconded by Graham Plumb, all in favor unanimous.*
 - b) Approval to secure: Transportation Contract - Graham had a conversation with Meghan Wilson and she is going to follow up on Wilson's offer as her husband is the VP of Finance. Brittney to forward Graham the quote we got for Wilson's.
 - c) 2025 spring season fee (suggest \$35/kid) - to be discussed at a later date for park improvements for 2025 Tournament.
- 12) Received \$500 from the Kids Sport Grant for mini minors and T-Ball programs to promote girls in sport. Cheque will be mailed to us in early July.
- 13) Received a cheque for \$14,400 from government of BC for grant for 2025 tournament. HC 50/50 money will send to treasurer email

14) **District meeting:**

Important Dates highlighted in meeting

- a) Major Trout Lake D6 2025
 - b) Minors Hastings 2025
 - c) D7 Minors Provincials 2026 - TBC
 - d) Pay to District 7 - Tournament fees - per team \$420
 - e) Pay player assessment fee of \$13
 - f) Intermediate division update - Lakehill, National, and Hampton have players interested in playing. Beacon Hill and Central Saanich have confirmed they will not run an Intermediate Division
 - g) Hollywood hitters Sam Shaw tournament July 26,27,28 Select 11s tournament - (returning 12's)
 - h) Lakehill games count for districts and their standing is removed before playoffs and all teams move up
- 15) **Communication Conduct:** All communication for schedule goes to Graham through Tack vs direct to district administrator.
- 16) **Concession Pricing:** Reduce Hot Dog price to \$4.00 from \$4.50. Suggest implementing a Kids Combo at \$4.25 for 2025 season - hot dog with juice box possibly.
- 17) Suggestion that if we are bringing specialists in for the Development group we inquire about a second session to open up to all players (payment can be determined after interest is gauged. Intent is to provide resources and options to all where possible through additional separate sessions.

Motion to adjourn put forward by Kathleen Lamberton, seconded by Graham Plumb. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm