



Layritz Little League Board Meeting

2024-09-23

Attendance: Graham Plumb, Brittney Crump, Lindsay Plumb, Gillian Dabbs, Dave Moore, Laura Wirtanen, Graeme Sykes, Steph Jackson-Baier, Kari Moore

Call to order at 7:05 pm

Agenda Topics:

- 1) **Approve August 19th Meeting Minutes:** *Brittney Crump motion to approve, second by Lindsay Plumb. All in favor unanimous*
- 2) **2025 Updates:**
 - a) Raffle Box 50/50 fundraiser is live now for 3 months, please share on social media outlets, Brittney to put it in the Newsletter.
 - b) HarbourCats Foundation Sponsorship - \$5K to be put towards the tournament in lieu of \$5k in registration for underprivileged kids who cannot afford baseball fees. We would put the application of free registration through their process, typically, we have 5-7 kids per season already which we comp registration. Need to work out the details with the Registrar what this would look like. Free registration is isolated to our park for baseball or softball. Harbour Cats Foundation is interested in setting up a tent to showcase their program and the foundation (with the support of Marty the mascot).
 - c) For sponsorships and grant funding we are currently sitting at \$86k. In addition we have received In Kind donations as well - Wilson's, Kids Physio, and Coastal Heat Pump mister. The goal is to push hard to see where we land at the end of the year to understand what the gap is.
 - d) Saanich sent a follow up with minutes from the meeting last week. There has been an ask to see the plan for the field and accessibility report. Saanich wants to meet again this coming week. Security contractor with Saanich to review during the weekend. Does Home Team live require security?
 - e) Review D7 website for previous and past professional ball players that came out of the District
 - f) District "call out" about concession leads for hire to support the tournament.
 - g) Meeting with Barb & Tak to review their part of the tournament
- 3) **Fall Ball Updates:** Coaches have been a bit piecemeal (Majors). Next year we should leave as open, no waitlist. Feedback on DA is some kids want to play games. Can we give some of those kids opportunities to play majors in fall ball games? Could there be an opportunity for scrimmage between in DA or offer them to go to Majors games. Graham to manage communication on fall ball game opportunities for other DA.
- 4) **DA Treasury:** Currently Dave has been managing the funds and will provide an update to where we are sitting. We could set up a DA account to manage the flow of funds. Indoor training has been paid.
- 5) **Hosting allowance (\$500 Food Costs Langley/Jamboree):** *Katheen motions to approve, Lindsay seconds. All in favor, unanimous.*

- 6) **Layritz Tents:** June Brothers quote received - 10x10 popup tents, \$1,100 each for graphics on sides. We will source some additional quotes. Look at 12x12's or 10x15 (good for bleachers). Ask Lee KUPIAK where he got his. Will source additional quotes. Ideally, we will purchase 4 tents (2 can travel with teams and 2 can remain at park), funding to be provided through the park. Vote to come at later date when we have additional information
- 7) **2025 Manager Interview & Vote:** Laura, Dave and Graham met with one candidate for Manager of 2025, Jim Beech. Very dedicated to the idea that it needs to remain fun but also wants to have fun. Went through scenarios of situations. Interview went through training, arm care, mental health, behavioral and emotional challenges on the team. Strong confidence in the candidate. Discussed his philosophy on team selection, additional external assessors to be leveraged and was supportive of that process and understands the why. Draft agreement for him to sign (selection process, park that represents our community and our park, how often do we communicate/what forum), house ball still needs to be fun for the team and everyone else. 2025 House Ball Formation - April to May houseball and then May 15th onward is different for that "team". 3 big teams of 15, so that we can pull 5 off each. Goal is to have fun, enjoy the concession, etc. Open practices in Spring Season, etc. Monday nights All Star practices. *Graham Plumb motions to vote, Graeme Sykes seconds. Unanimous.* Gill will take on writing of notification. No announcement until the document is signed by the selected Manager.
- 8) **Softball Update:** We need to reach out to BC ball again. Fall Ball has 18 players right now. Can we re-date the letter that was sent to BC Bal. To make the division successful, we will need to sign up for BC ball.
- 9) **AGM Communication:** to be shared (2 weeks in advance) - 3 separate communication avenues - Newsletter, Facebook, Email Blast, and Clubhouse board. Do a call in advance for nominations (call out incumbent if intending to run). Call out for other roles as well, annual roles.
 - a) Board Positions up for renewal/open
 - i) President (incumbent running)
 - ii) Player Agent (incumbent running)
 - iii) Registrar (incumbent running)
 - iv) Vice President Baseball (incumbent running)
 - v) Vice President Facilities (incumbent running)
 - vi) VP of Softball (dependent on division for Spring Season)
- 10) **Treasury Update:**
 - a) Working on reconciling the Sept books. Hoping to have it reconciled by the first few days of Oct in prep for YE close
 - b) External bookkeeper to assist with GST and YE adjusting entries
 - c) Will likely have some receivables for 2025 sponsorship at YE

Motion to end the meeting by Laura, second by Kathleen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm