



Layritz Little League Board Meeting

2025-02-10

Attendance: Gareth Gilson, Dave Moore, Kari Moore, Brittney Crump, Chris Kucherin, Kathleen Lamberton, Graham Plumb, Lindsay Plumb, Nadia Hobbs, Seth Cunningham, Kathleen Cain, Steph Baer, Meaghan Wilson, Graeme Sykes, Emma Cottier

Call to order at 6:03pm

Agenda Topics:

1. **January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes** - *Kathleen Lamberton motion to approve, Graham Plumb seconds, all in favor unanimous*
2. **Softball Update:** Our U9 team will play in Softball BC under Strawberry Vale, but rostered in Little League. Cost is approx \$800 for the season and \$50 scheduling fee. Next step is to reach out to Saanich to advise of program updates. Strawberry Vale runs a set schedule of games at 9:00am on Saturday. At this time it looks like there will not be umpires for U9, if they do the umpires will be from Strawberry Vale. Layritz Softball application with Softball BC will be tabled until we have more than one team, but this way gives us a path for today. Need to order uniforms for the U9 Softball Team. *Motion to approve Softball proposal - Kari Moore motions, Seth Cunningham seconds, all in favor, unanimous.*
3. **District Meeting Updates:**
 - a. Coach training with Al Herbeck, possibly making mandatory TBC.
 - b. Treasury, looking at 2025 PR video to help bring in sponsorship for Nationals Tournament
 - c. Discussion around Criminal Record checks, ensure we are all diligent collecting this information and confirming.
 - d. D7 interlock schedules will be done via League Lobster. Beacon Hill is going to task themselves with setting this all up. Schedulers from each park will share parameters for their park. D7 will post the full schedule on their website.
 - e. Beacon Hill will host RM cities. Hampton to host Minors Cities.
 - f. Next meeting Tuesday February 18th at 7:00pm at National, Graeme Sykes to attend for Layritz
4. **Opening day:**
 - a. Thrifty Foods Meeting & Sponsorship to take place on March 1st, they have confirmed gift cards to support opening day player meals consisting of buns, hot dogs, juice boxes, cookies (450 last year)
 - b. Photo Schedule will be completed closer to opening day when we final registration numbers
 - c. Attendees for opening day, Brittney to follow up with invites to Mayor and MLA
 - d. Uniform disbursement plan - tentative plan is to disperse uniforms during the first week of practice for Rookie Minors, Minors and Majors. T-ball, Blastball etc will receive uniforms from coaches on opening day.
 - e. BottleDepot Fundraiser for a Saturday at the park in season
 - f. Coach binders need to be prepped, Kathleen Lamberton will manage.

5. Concession Conversations

- a. Donations - ice cream bunker and coffee machine - followup with Gill
 - b. No concession repairs required prior to season start per check two weeks ago
 - c. Concession Leads from last season are happy to help again this year but do not want to run it solely (ordering etc). Backup plan is to do what we did last year and have multiple concession leads, we will need to ensure all have Food Safe Training.
 - d. Pricing review in progress by Nadia
 - e. Kathleen meeting with Rod on Sysco ordering
 - f. Concession vents and fryers need to be cleaned out, Lindsay will book appointment time and Dave can meet them at the park. Lindsay will reach out to Rose on propane to ensure we are topped up prior to the start of the season.
6. **Coaches Meeting & Draft Dates:** Graeme Sykes will confirm the clubhouse is available on the dates below.
- a. February 19th - Majors, Minors and Rookies Meeting 7:00 pm
 - b. March 13th - Blastball, T-ball, Minis Meeting 7:00 pm
 - c. March 11th - Majors 6pm & Minors Draft 7:00pm (Graham to call in may need to set up meeting room)
7. **BCE ID & Criminal Record Check Update:** We are waiting for mail to come with BCED ID so we can set up a Criminal Record Check code. Graham will use the safety@layritz.ca email address for Criminal Record Checks to go to once we have the code.
8. **Umpire Clinics and Development:** District 7 offering shared by other parks for April 5th which is our opening day.
- a. Baseball age 11+, Saturday March 29, 8:45 am at Beacon Hill
 - b. Baseball age 9-10, Saturday April 5, 9:00 am at Hampton
 - c. Layritz Clinic, Sunday April 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, basics clinic at Layritz
 - d. Developing an on-demand rules/theory resource, more to come
9. **Scorekeeping Clinic:** Emma Cottier offering to put on a virtual/recorded session for Rookies, Minors and Majors parents. We will leverage this recording and post on our website. Work on making rule/instruction boards for each field, with a qr code (11 x17 size).
10. **2025 Nationals Update:** Little League Canada Meeting took place two weeks ago, Brittney signed a Memorandum Of Understanding and the schedule draw was completed. New information received in the meeting: Blue Jays funding secured with commitments to deliver and Little International funding paid in USD. Concession conversation is still underway. Proposed schedule is with Graham and Tac to approve before sending back to Little League Canada, Graham has no issues. Wilson's Transportation contract is in the stages of being finalized, and will hear more this week.
11. **May Insurance Renewal:** Hailey and Graham to review and ensure we are covered to support Tournament requirements.
12. **Scheduling**
- a. No games on Easter Long Weekend
 - b. No games the first 2 weeks of baseball for interlock
 - c. All Star tryout dates for Minors being booked into schedule now, will be after the May Long Weekend. Majors has previously been confirmed.
13. **President Update:** Little League International Org Chart review - Canada has a Regional Director assigned by Little League Canada, Little League Canada has a board which consists of Directors from each province. The way BC is run is the most successful structure and therefore no change to how BC operates.
14. **"Little League Classic":** On July 20th Royal Athletic Park will host a Little League Classic which will consist of 6 Majors level teams, each team will play one game each, 3 games total for the Classic, no beer sold at the event and tickets by donations. This is set up as advertising for the 2025 Nationals to get the community excited about the event.
15. **Registration Update:** 304 players registered to date, 2024 we finished at 427 in total. Assessment registration is almost full. 20 players have registered for assessments but not for season. In the past we have done an email blast out to schools in the district. Email reminder for assessments to come 15 mins before hand, send out a week before.

16. **Volunteer Process:** Parent and Player code of conduct, Emma to share draft template. Key messages to be shared at opening ceremonies, proposed that each player receive their Player and Parent Code of Conduct at their first practice.
17. **Equipment:** Need bases for Hiser Softball team, brooms/rakes for field 7ft with agitator two piece broom (budgeted \$650 per broom), foam balls for blastball (couple dozen). We are moving to lyme for all fields except Mini Minors, need to follow up with Cade to check on equipment (buy 2 more dispensers).

Graham Plumb motions to adjourn, Chris seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm