

Lakeview Playground Board Meeting -April 10, 2025

Attendees: Dale Goodrich, Damian Perrin, Leah Fischer, Max Gruenig, Kris Gould, Dave Tadlock, Emily Francingues, Tony Defrates, Rebecca Velez

Quick Recap:

The Little League board discussed plans for the upcoming spring season, including team selections, coaching, and logistics. They reviewed various operational aspects such as player drafting, equipment, field preparation, concessions, and fundraising activities for the season. The board also addressed administrative matters including landscaping services, budget review, and uniform distribution.

Action Items for April Meeting

- Dale to get the list of umpires from Emily and Max
- Dale to coordinate with Nick Hufft about potential food truck options for future events but not fair day
- Dale to keep at the ice machine
- Max to terminate RCI's contract and hire Pfefferle for landscaping services
- Rebecca to investigate Cox cable/internet/phone services and potential cost savings
- Board members to each bring one bottle of liquor for the board's raffle basket
- Leah to send email to travel team moms to push for basket donations from rec teams
- Leah will inform coaches via Playmetrics about collecting \$8 per adult shirt and paying Gus Willy directly
- Max to follow up with Nord foundation about potential beautification projects
- Leah to check with Kris about any backend fees Little League is charging for Sports Connect
- Leah to open the team store for 1-2 weeks and send Max the link, Max will send out a blast to the whole park
- Tony to move forward with Plumbing repair of fire hose and snake drain in office
- Kris to send LL sign up reminder to remaining parents
- Kris to find out about All Star Cost
- League directors need to post schedules into Playmetrics ASAP
- All board members donate a bottle of Liquor for fundraiser
- Max to organize photographer for Opening Weekend

Little League All-Star Teams Discussion

Max leads a discussion about Little League All-Star teams. The group decides to send four teams (5-year-old, 6-year-old, and two 7-8 year-old teams) to the All-Star tournament as long as this is not cost prohibitive. They agree to cancel the Rec League All-Star tournament to avoid overkill. The team plans to send out an interest form, hold tryouts, and announce teams. They discuss determining costs upfront and potentially offering financial assistance. Leah emphasizes the need for coaches and players to sign up and for LL, and a reminder email to be sent about Little League registration.

Tournaments will be June 27th. Dale raised a concern about the tournament coinciding with their playoffs, but Dave clarified that they would be finished by that Friday. The team also discussed the coaching issues in the cabbage ball league, with Tony suggesting an auto-draft system and increasing the number of grading categories. The team also discussed the grading process for the 5-7 age group. Dave offered incentive for fairness and public display of scoring, this was received well. The group agreed to table the conversation but schedule time to prepare for next season draft. The group discusses improvements for next year's player drafting process, including using numbers instead of names to ensure fair grading.

Season Readiness

Max and Dave confirmed new baseball equipment and field preparation tasks underway. Dale requests a list of umpires from Max and Emily, and they discuss scheduling conflicts for coaches. The concession stand preparations are underway, with restocking and equipment repairs in progress. Emily proposed Cafe Navare to sell pizzas at games, with the league taking a small cut of the sales. Board Approved.

Opening Weekend Event May 17th/18th and Fundraising

Max discussed the organization of the opening weekend event, including game schedules, volunteer roles, and fundraising activities. They decided to involve travel ball teams in the fundraising efforts and discussed the possibility of hiring teenagers to work at the event. Plaques, Speed Pitching competition, raffle baskets, music, gift card punch wall.

Terminating RCI, Hiring Federally, Budget Review

The board discussed terminating the contract with RCI, their current landscaping service provider, due to poor performance. Motion to hire Pfefferle instead for \$2,300 per month. **APPROVED**. The board also reviews the budget, noting that while expenses are over budget in some areas, income is also higher than projected. Max shares budget sheets. They discuss investigating the cable and internet services to potentially reduce costs. The board approves a \$3,800 ceiling for repairs to the fire hose system. Max mentions that they accepted three more players in the 7-8 age group but couldn't take more in the 5-6 group due to coaching capacity.

Uniform Distribution and Team Store

Leah discussed the process of ordering and distributing uniforms for the teams. Max clarified that the waitlists for uniforms were closed, and the second half of the waitlist had already been ordered. Leah planned to send an email to the coaches to collect money for extra shirts (\$8 each) and then pay for them. The team store was set to open for two weeks.

Max mentioned a potential call with the Nord Foundation for fundraising.

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