

**La Verne Little League  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting Date/Time:** October 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm

**Location:** La Verne Community Center

**Attendees:**

Anderson, Jesse	P	DeHaan, Brian	A	Martinez, Desiree	P
Barre, Maddy	P	DeHaan, Libby	P	Mulder, Branden	A
Borst, Kyle	P	DuBois, Jessica	A	Mulder, Toni	A
Bruchet, Angela	P	Enriquez, Steve	P	Ortega, James	A
Bruchet, Darryl	P	Garcia, Tara	A	Ortega, Jen	A
Cervantes, Brittney	A	Gomez, Raquel	A	Parra, Jon	P
Cervantes, Chris	A	Gomez, Ryan	A	Richards, Josh	A
Charlebois, Greg	A	Harrison, Chris	P	Venegas, Ashlie	P
Cridelbaugh, Pamela	A	Karrer, Adam	P	Vukojevic, Tom	P
Cridelbaugh, Travis	P	Larson, Autumn	P	Zalemea, Gretchen	A

P = Present, A = Absent

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:08pm

**Adjournment:** 8:38pm

**Next Meeting:** Mon, Oct 21st at 7pm

**Bylaw Updates:**

The committee discussed the need for minor updates to the bylaws to ensure they are current and relevant, with a focus on maintaining adherence to the constitution. Board to review and provide feedback in advance of next meeting.

**Annual Meeting Timing**

- Question raised about the timing of the annual meeting, it may be more practical to hold it at a time other than May.
- It was noted that league events in June and July complicate scheduling, making it challenging to conduct elections and updates simultaneously.
- Suggestion made to possibly postpone elections by a month to alleviate conflicts with ongoing season activities, particularly with All-Star events and other league commitments.
- Could be a benefit of informing potential board members by the first week of May to allow for smoother transitions.
- The annual budget will be reviewed during the annual meeting, focusing on the financial health of the league. This includes discussing income sources, major expenses, and overall fiscal management.
  - Key Budget Items:
    - Lighting costs
    - Uniform expenditures
    - Umpire fees

- Field maintenance and equipment
  - City fees associated with field usage
  - Fees paid to Little League
  - Insurance premiums
- Discussion on improving communication with parents regarding fundraising efforts and overall expenses to help with transparency.
  - Consider including a visual summary of the league's expenses on website as an at-a-glance way to clarify how funds are allocated.
  - All-star selection process to be updated to remove player voting language.
  - We also have flexibility with the committees listed, for example possibly have a community involvement committee instead of league information officer.

### **Field Maintenance and Improvement Projects:**

- Replacement of nets in batting cages is a priority. Travis working on getting quote for the installation.
- Outfield grass needs work, especially minor field. Infield has stayed pretty well. Grass prep and maintenance, like overseeding, needs to start now to be ready by spring.
- Enhance visibility of scoreboard for minor teams. Travis looking into cost for this. Also need to consider providing power access. Need to evaluate cost of this project against whether teams will actually use since requires a scoreboard operator.
- "Gator" Update - the estimated cost for full repair is \$4,500 which is expensive relative to cost paid for it. Ashlie has a vendor she is going to reach out to for another quote, possibly offset some of the expense by offering sponsorship deal. People need to know how to drive it to avoid damaging if we do fix. Depending on additional quote, may consider trading in or selling. Travis to contact Shultz on that. Options for purchasing a mower instead are also being explored.
- Raising of the flag pole. Travis has been talking to city, there is a lot involved with this. For example, need to do a soil report.
- Families have raised whether we can get shade structures on fields, particularly for the farm and rookie divisions.
- Discussed moving softball sign by snack bar somewhere else.
- LVLL sign on major tower need to be redone.
- Base systems in rookie hard to work with because new dirt was laid on top. Travis to send around a new base system that is much easier to work with.

### **Fundraising Initiatives:**

- Brian and Travis discussing the potential golf tournament as a big fundraiser before the spring season starts. Possibly in January and at South Hills.
- Ashlie raised offering customized water bottles as a fundraising item, potentially bundling this with Little League gear sales which families are very interested in. There is currently a blue sombrero link on website to purchase fan gear, but it isn't clear who this is through. Would be ideal to do through league.

- Discount cards – it was raised that some parents have expressed they don't care for the discount cards. Discussed that it is one of the easiest and most efficient fundraiser for the league.
- Raquel [via email] – looking to secure opening day date so she can start reaching out to sponsors for the day – she has already received some outreach. Carpiaux is in already.

### **2024-2025 Schedule**

- Adam shared proposed schedule for 2024-2025. Board to review and provide feedback, particularly Raquel and Libby since they have been involved with events in past.