



Salem Youth Baseball League, Inc.  
270 Hartford Rd.  
Salem, Connecticut 06420

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025

### SYBL Executive Board & Board of Directors

President - Jessica Fletcher  
Vice President- David West  
Secretary- Laura Adams  
Treasurer- Katie Wisniewski  
Director of Baseball- Jim Hunt  
Director of Softball - Amy Lloyd  
Director of Tee Ball- Britany Williams

### SYBL Member Positions

Safety Officer- Raelene Gliha  
Communications Manager- Amy Richter  
Fundraising Coordinators- Jessica Fletcher & Amy Richter  
Equipment Manager- Chris Gliha  
Concessions Manager- Sabrina Ganacoplos  
Softball Player Agent- Dan Drago  
Baseball Player Agent- *Vacant*  
Coaching Coordinator- *Vacant*  
League Information Officer- *Vacant*  
Umpire Coordinator- *Vacant*

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## Regular Order of Business

- **Call the Meeting to Order**

- Meeting was called to order at: 7:01pm

- **Attendance**

- *Executive Board:* Jessica Fletcher, Laura Adams, David West
- *Directors:* Jim Hunt, Amy Lloyd
- *Members:* Raelene Gliha, Derek Fletcher, Amy Richter, Sabrina Ganacoplos, Dan Drago, Jen Rucci

- **Secretary Report**

- J. Fletcher motion to approve minutes from 1/10/25.
- D. West seconded motion
- Minutes approved

- **Treasurer Report**

- Treasurer K. Wisniewski not present. J. Fletcher reported as follows:
  - No transactions since last meeting besides incoming registrations

- **President Report**

- President J.F. presented report as follows:
  - Background Checks have mostly been completed. Any expired links, reach out to get them re-sent.
  - Abuse Training is being completed as needed
  - Advertising to continue as planned. Promote registration through emails, Facebook, Cougar Tales, etc. No additional thoughts on more advertising, but baseball and softball will send additional email to clarify assessments.
  - Additional Field Project- Recreation committee has hired a contractor for completing the project to our specifications, but not to timeline. Do not anticipate that this will be completed in full scope for the season. Gather information on getting the field ready for practices.

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## New/Current Business

### 1. Winter Clinics

- a. Baseball Report per J. Hunt
  - i. 12 kids at pitching on weekend, weekday slot was canceled due to weather
  - ii. A. Richter requested some baseball photos from clinic for social media use
- b. Softball Report per A. Lloyd
  - i. Weekday after school 19 kids, low attendance on weekends.
- c. After assessments and teams are made, plan to divide existing gym time into slots for teams, so that the same volunteers are not running large groups. J. Hunt said he can also pop in to work with any teams who would like additional pitching help.

### 2. Spring Registration

- a. Baseball Report per J. Hunt
  - i. Total registered players 37. Tee Ball 9 players, Coach Pitch 2 players, Player Pitch 16 players, Majors 9 players, 50/70 1 player.
- b. Softball Report per A. Lloyd
  - i. Majors has 10 registered players, Minors Player Pitch has 7 registered (11 with verbal yes who have not registered), Minors Coach Pitch has 17 registered players. If that number goes over 21, would recommend to split into 3 teams; recommendation to not have over 10 players on Coach Pitch roster.
- c. D. West will send out a blast to his T-Ball email list and encourage registration
- d. One family reached out for financial support for their 2 players. Unanimously agreed to cover the player fee
- e. Registration closing 2/23 and uniform order date 3/1.
- f. J. Hunt suggested we could order Majors & Minors level uniforms earlier if we collect sizes and number preferences at assessments

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- g. The 50/70 level still has 1 player registered. Will discuss with parents if that player would like to find another town to join.
- h. J. Hunt stated baseball majors would be joining East Lyme for in-house play
- i. Bozrah softball players will not be joining Salem, as that level team is full roster

### 3. Assessments

- a. D. Drago will complete both baseball and softball assessments as the player agent. Registered coaches and board members will be present to assist running drills.
- b. A. Lloyd will bring pitching machine from home, as softball attachment was missing from shed and not yet located. Other equipment already in closet from running the winter clinics.
- c. J. Fletcher requested that K. Wisniewski send the sheet used for evaluation and scoring.
- d. A. Lloyd will be present for makeup date, J. Hunt will not be present for makeup date.
- e. When sending email reminders, baseball and softball will include that assessments are closed-door.
- f. Player Pool
  - i. With current numbers, baseball and softball directors both opted in for player pool to be created with top 2 players from each division, baseball and softball, in the event that it is needed

### 4. Equipment Swap

- a. Equipment is still available on the stage. If present for clinic or player-pitch, please encourage parents to browse. Bats from the league will be brought in for assessment day for parents to look at.

### 5. Crafton Family Fundraiser

- a. League would like to honor Casey Crafton and support the family. SYBL is working with Sportees to design shirts that can be purchased, all proceeds to the family. Board members opted to pick up shirts to increase the profit to the family.

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- b. Montville reached out to pay for registration for any of the boys in the family and we will honor their request
- c. The town reached out about naming a field or dedication at the complex. Was determined that the lower field already dedicated with a plaque, but will look at other fields at complex
- d. Dick's Sporting Goods has a scholarship / support for any equipment kids need, per D. West.
- e. Sleeve emblem design done by Sportees to be on uniforms for league
- f. Two Brothers Pizza has organized a pasta dinner in March. Basket raffle items were asked for, and we can put out info asking for any donations for the baskets

## 6. Opening Day

- a. Pitchers and catchers for opening day are needed for baseball and softball. A. Lloyd suggested choosing a Salem high school senior from each who is continuing to play in college
- b. D. West all set for sound and music

## 7. Uniforms

- a. Report from R. Gliha as follows:
  - i. Uniforms have been drafted through Squadlocker, likely used for minors and majors divisions
  - ii. Considering other options for Tee Ball only, depending on final numbers and timeline for completion
  - iii. Need sponsor names for shirts and teams
  - iv. Squadlocker sending a sizing packet
  - v. Need to be able to access uniform info
  - vi. Jersey number requests to be recorded at assessments for Player Pitch and Majors
  - vii. Hats have not been finalized, and prices are high
  - viii. 3 Jerseys & hats for coaches. Can ask if coaches want to opt in for hats. Coach shirts same across divisions; many volunteer on multiple teams

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- ix. Jersey designs to be finalized from email that was sent. Majors only for button jerseys due to price.

## 8. Equipment

- a. Report from R. Gliha as follows:
  - i. Equipment bags are being sorted and inventory complete
  - ii. Tee Ball needs a 3rd bag made up
  - iii. Will grab one extra glove for equipment bags (grab from swap)
  - iv. Minors bags have - 2 helmets, 2 bats, catcher's gear (need to confirm throat guards on all bags)
  - v. Majors need roller bags. Discussed need to buy new helmets for each team, as many players have their own at this level. Try to use what we have as long as it is still in new shape. Need to add catcher's gear to team bags.
  - vi. Game Balls for both Baseball and Softball are needed. Per J. Fletcher, refer to what was ordered last year, as the team / game schedule will remain similar to last year's needs.
  - vii. A. Lloyd reported more 12" softballs are needed.
  - viii. Old baseballs sitting in shed need to be moved practice balls.
  - ix. Per J. Fletcher, we do have speedy dry. Lime and spray for foul lines are already on the order list.
  - x. First aid kit donations have been requested

## 9. Concessions & Bathrooms

- a. Will inquire with Recreation Department for a possible pavilion and picnic table to be added to area between fields, though likely not until next year due to town budget requirements
  - i. D. Fletcher suggested asking around for scouts able to help with that
- b. Volunteer sign up for concessions needs to be improved and need more adults willing to volunteer and help the younger volunteers.
- c. Porta Potty on request, per J. Fletcher. Do not need bathrooms opened this year, just use porta potties.

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- d. Date for field opening will be determined by the town

## 10. Constitution & By Law Changes

- a. A. Lloyd emailed out updated division guidelines for league and parents, modeled after East Lyme but slightly changed for Salem. To be reviewed.
- b. J. Fletcher to forward East Lyme baseball division guidelines to J. Hunt to review for baseball.
- c. Once finalized, will be included on website and helpful for parents

## 11. Coaches Training

- a. CPR First aid 3/22 @9am Salem Fire House
  - i. Any interested coaches should contact J. Fletcher to get on the list
  - ii. Will be no cost to coaches; SYBL to cover the \$5 cost per coach
  - iii. Will go out to SYBL volunteers
- b. L. Adams to bring a draft of New Coach Info sheet to next meeting before sending out
- c. D. West reported District Coaches Clinic 3/15, location TBD

## 12. Fundraisers

- a. UCONN- Tickets \$5 and dates and numbers can be finalized by teams. There is no kickback to the LL, it's an outing, team building. J. Fletcher has the schedule and we can pass along info to coaches after teams are finalized.
- b. Sponsor forms have been updated, emailed, and posted to social media.
- c. Trivia Night- Tax form will be sent by J. Fletcher. Prizes and silent basket raffles need to be organized. Goal for 8 silent auctions and/or baskets. Suggestions included Coastal Crab, Chelsea Groton, etc.
- d. Sea Unicorns outing to be discussed further at a later date

## 13. District Information

- a. D. West reported notes from District Meeting:
  - i. Discussed Salem has the option to host sectionals 8-10 baseball, 10-12 softball. Facilities may be difficult, may be able to share with East Lyme.

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- ii. Next meeting for the District is Sunday, March 9th at 6pm at Ledyard Senior Center.
- iii. If any changes to district play are being proposed, they need to be discussed at the next district meeting. J. Hunt and D. West will have any discussions on baseball to solidify any requests to gameplay, if needed
- iv. District discussed that 4-7 year olds playing in other towns must be accepted, and older siblings can follow
- v. Waiver process is done a case-by-case basis and SYBL will follow through with the process as outlined by district

#### 14. Adjournment

- a. J. Fletcher Motioned to Adjourn
- b. R. Gliha Seconded
- c. Motion for Adjournment was unanimously approved
- d. **Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

#### 15. Next Meeting

- a. Sunday, March 16th, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Salem Town Hall