



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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 16, 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 7:37pm

● Attendance

- *Executive Board:* Jessica Fletcher, Laura Adams, David West
- *Directors:* Jim Hunt, Amy Lloyd
- *Members:* Raelene Gliha, Jen Rucci, Megan Akeman, Ted Hespeler

● Secretary Report

- A. Lloyd motion to approve minutes from 2/10/25.
- R. Gliha seconded motion
- Minutes approved

● Treasurer Report

- Treasurer K. Wisniewski reported as follows:
 - Last 2 months \$11,580 in registrations. \$47,747 in bank
 - Expenses: equipment on Amazon, Taxes, Domain Name renewal
 - Sponsor money to be deposited. Physiocare may want to sponsor.
 - Question raised if we are able to hold money at end of season. Per J. Fletcher, account can't have more than 35k at end of season. Will not be issue after uniforms are purchased.
 - If we have a set item for fundraising, we can move money over to a separate account per 5013c. Has to be a set use, and KW will double check the requirements.
- J. Fletcher motion to approve report, 2nd A. Lloyd. Approved

● President Report

- President J.F. presented report as follows:
 - Background checks almost all complete. One volunteer needs to be contacted by K. Wisniewski.

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- J. Fletcher will pull all completed volunteer names and send out abuse training. They need to take the course, print the certificate, and keep it available per request

New/Current Business

1. Assessments

- a. J. Hunt reported baseball assessments went smoothly. Players came in and out, all who needed to be there attended. Plenty of help. Parents of three players who will be moved to Player Pitch need to be notified, communication about player pool to come from Salem LL and D. Drago (Player Agent). Up to coaches to track any use of Player Pool. D. Drago feedback on baseball was that names tags could be helpful.
- b. A. Lloyd reported that softball assessments and makeup went well. All players who needed to attend were assessed. Player pool will be formed.

2. Recreation Department Meeting

- a. Attended by K. Wisniewski, J. Fletcher, A. Lloyd.
- b. Babe Ruth Field is not ready for this year, but going to be adjusted so that the pitcher's mound is removed, dirt leveled and then it can be used for practice. D. West inquired about use for Coach Pitch levels. August goal for a final, detailed plan including all base anchor information. Town has a contract, but timeline will not be completed for this season.
- c. Rec Department inquired if we have previous quotes for field lights and something to be discussed in the future. J. Fletcher will obtain updated quote on lighting and K. Wisniewski to access previous light quote as well as grant information.
- d. Tee Ball Field needs to be communicated to the town as follows: no all-dirt field. Measured to Tee Ball size by D. West for base paths only.
- e. Town wants to add clay to both fields. Will look at both fields and note where the clay needs to be added for drainage purposes
- f. Game schedules, when available, to be shared with Rec. Department



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3. Communication

- a. Game Changer setup
 - i. Sports Connect can be used by the league to upload teams/schedules
 - ii. Last year we had an issue due to account emails not matching.
 - iii. Using Sports Connect will sync to our Google Calendar; however changes do not go both ways for rescheduling.
- b. D. West will contact Tee Ball coaches

4. Winter Practices

- a. Team times are working well for the gym
- b. School outdoor space available for good weather, until track begins.
- c. Positive feedback from players and parents

5. Spring Registration

- a. Baseball Teams will be: 1 majors, 2 Player Pitch, 1 Coach Pitch
- b. Softball Teams will be: 1 Majors, 1 Player Pitch, 3 Coach Pitch
- c. Tee Ball has 25 registered players, lower than usual 30-40 players. Overall young teams this year reflect this. Tee Ball right now with 4 teams but if last minute registration comes in, can be split to 5.
 - i. R. Gliha can order an extra team, sponsor as Quality Care, 2 week turnaround if needed
 - ii. Final Tee Ball team number will be discussed between D. West and B. Williams and let R. Gliha know final answer on teams to ensure they do not go over 6 or 7 players.
- d. Majors baseball in-house with East Lyme, scheduling to be done. R. Gliha will follow up with East Lyme contact
- e. Minors softball Player Pitch will be in-house with East Lyme and communicate with East Lyme on scheduling

6. Equipment Swap

- a. Equipment to be cleared out by J. Fletcher and returned to shed if we need anything added to gear bags.



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- b. R. Gliha suggested to include in email to Tee Ball Parents that we have many tee ball gloves available from the swap.

7. Field Cleanup

- a. Sunday, April 6th at 11:00 in place of evening meeting
- b. Batting cage needs to be set up, with small clips needed to repair

8. Picture Day

- a. Date is May 8th, in Multi-Purpose Room at Salem School. Team scheduling to be completed by A. Lloyd will communicate game schedule for time slot needs.

9. Crafton Fundraisers

- a. Fundraiser shirts are being put together. Sportees will organize and bag them, about 40 orders. J. Fletcher will pick up shirts, figure out how to distribute them most effectively.
- b. D. West in contact with Dick's Sporting Goods Manager, but specific equipment needs were not noted at this time.
- c. Field Dedication discussed at Recreation Department Meeting. Majors Baseball Field will be dedicated with a sign from SignCraft. Sign/Ceremony to be incorporated into Opening Day. As a result, discussed moving the Opening Day ceremony to Baseball field instead of Softball, with food truck safety also in mind. M. Akemen suggested to have Craftons throw an opening pitch. J. Fletcher will reach out to the family.

10. Opening Day

- a. M. Akeman will send out an agenda for the day.
- b. Food will be provided by Woodfellas Pizza, \$300, paid check.

11. Uniforms

- a. Majors uniforms are finalized, except for baseball hats for majors.
- b. Softball socks will be ordered through K. Wisiewski. A. Lloyd will collect information from softball coaches.



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- c. R. Gliha has uniform proofs, and will coordinate with K. Wisniewski on paying vendor

12. Season Equipment Needs

- a. K. Wisniewski has created shared Amazon cart to add equipment needs.
- b. Request for more tees ordered, and all high quality.
- c. L. Adams to order some logo stickers to mark league equipment
- d. Large amount was spent on equipment last year for all levels; however, much of this equipment is unaccounted for.
- e. Equipment bags are ready to go in shed. Anything missing, please reach out
- f. Game balls for baseball, softball, and tee ball. Same numbers as last year

13. Concessions

- a. Concession area to be addressed as part of field cleanup day. Town will not open the bathrooms, but water will be on. Porta Potty on both sides of the field, request specifically to be placed in a safe location. D. West requested an additional one near the Babe Ruth Field.

14. ByLaw Changes

- a. Guidelines for Baseball and Softball age divisions will be discussed and voted on.

15. Coaches Training

- a. District Coaches Training was completed
- b. Per safety plan, all coaches will be sent a link to digital training
- c. CPR/First Aid done by firehouse only had 2 participants. Additional reminder to be sent.

16. Coaches Handbook/FAQs

- a. L. Adams provided quick review of Coaches Info Sheet/FAQ Draft. To be finalized and emailed to coaches.



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17. Fundraisers

- a. Trivia Night
 - i. There will be items for silent auction, if anyone has additional let J. Rucci know
 - ii. Three or four teams are registered, coaches to send out reminder to teams through Game Changer, and on league social media

18. District Information

- a. One player waiver was requested, Salem signed off on waiver and that process will continue with other necessary parties
- b. A. Lloyd and J. Hunt attended district meeting, reported that scheduling will be completed by district same process as in past years.

19. Next Meeting

- a. Sunday, April 6th, 11:00
- b. Meet to clean up and prepare fields, batting cages

20. Adjournment

- a. J. Fletcher Motioned to Adjourn
- b. D. West Seconded
- c. Motion for Adjournment was unanimously approved
- d. **Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.**