

# Guilford Little League

800 Village Walk #213 - Guilford, CT 06437 (203) 453-5497

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Guilford Community Center

Monday – January 7, 2013

## Important Dates

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February 4, 2013	Next Membership Meeting (7:00 in GCC)
March 9/10, 2013	Evaluations
March 21, 2013	Draft
April 20, 2013	Opening Day

## MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Mark Donovan**  
**Attendees and Voting Log are below**

### 1. President's Update

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#### League Restructuring

- Approved (see GLL website > Parents Section > League Divisions)
- See below for more on Restructuring under Vice President Update.

#### Intermediate League

- Added to GLL (see GLL website > Parents Section > League Divisions)

#### New Britain Rock Cats (<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t538>)

- A member of the Rock Cats (Craig) attended the meeting to discuss the program and a Guilford Little League night. Features and events of a Family Night at the park were discussed including pre-game parade, on field during national anthem, mascot at opening day parade, and a hit/run/throw competition
- There is a Youth Clinic at the field on April 14 and April 28. The clinical runs prior to game from 10:00am to 12:00noon and is free with the purchase of a ticket
- GLL tentatively selected a Guilford night on June 1 (6:40pm game start) and the feasibility of a ticket sales fund raiser for the league. Plans for the Rock Cats will be finalized at the next meeting



## 2. Vice President

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### League Restructuring

- A fair amount of discussion took place around the league restructuring. In summary the league has been restructured as follows.
- NOTE: The following is DRAFT. The conditions may need to be discussed and will likely be voted on during the next Membership Meeting.

LEAGUE AGE	GLL League	Draft	May move up to	Condition for Moving Up
4	T1 (T-Ball)			
5	T1 (T-Ball)		T2	Discussion with League Official
6	T2 (T-Ball)		Minors A	Discussion with League Official
7	Minors A (Instructional)		Minors AA	Attend AA Draft / Skills Evaluation
8	Minors AA (Farm)	Yes	Minors AAA	Attend AAA Draft / Skills Evaluation
9	Minors AAA (Rookie)	Yes		
10	Minors AAA (Rookie)	Yes	Majors	Attend Majors Draft / Skills Evaluation
11	Majors & Intermediate	Yes		
12	Majors & Intermediate	Yes		
13	Intermediate (Only)	Yes		

## 3. Secretary

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- The GLL Website has been cleaned up and revised to contain a Parents Section, Coaches/Officials section and a lot of information about league format, league restructuring, and other aspects of the league

## 4. Treasurer

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- No Update

## 5. Baseball Player Agent

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- No Update

## 6. Softball Player Agent

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- No Update

## 7. Fields & Safety

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- No Update

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## 8. Umpire in Chief

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- No Update

## 9. Coaching Coordinator

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### Season Format

- Along with the league restructuring, the Membership has been discussing the format for Minors AA Baseball, Minors A Baseball, and T-Ball. It has been generally recognized that the league can do more to keep the game interesting for the lower leagues.
- Coinciding with this observation is a league goal to provide more training, direction and guidance to the coaches, in particular about the plans and format for the season
- In general, the Membership agreed that a change to the existing format would help improve the league. This will be discussed further at the next Membership Meeting.
- Once the Membership agrees to league formats they will be posted on the website in the Coaches/Officials Section

### Minors AA / Minors A Baseball

- Jeff Letourneau contacted several coaches for their opinion about having kids pitch at the Minors AA (Farm) level. The Membership agreed that a full kid pitch league with umpires (balls/strikes) and outs would slow the game down tremendously and would not help improve the league
- The Membership agreed, however, that there are many other options that will help keep interest, teach the kids the game, and help the kids improve. Some of the items discussed are as follows:
  - Start with a 1-1 count
  - Go through the full line-up for hitting
  - Play innings with 3 outs
  - Each player receives 5 pitches
  - Introduce kid pitch mid-way through the season
  - Introduce balls/strikes
  - Have umpires at the games
  - Have umpires stand behind the pitcher
  - Have kids pitching in a bull pen during the game
  - Let the kids pitch to two or three batters, then have the coach pitch

### T-Ball

- The T-Ball league is experiencing similar issues as Minors AA and Minors A in that the coaches are discussing ways to improve the interest in the game.
- Many of the T-Ball coaches, for example, introduced coach pitch after a few weeks
- Many of the options above may apply to T-Ball

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## Attendees

Note: From this point forward, the league will track attendance for voting purposes here. Attendance prior to November 2012 will be captured at the next meeting (e.g. I will hand this out and ask you to fill in when you attended; your best guess)

(Attended= ●)	Voting Member	2012												2013	
		F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	Feb	
Ametrano, Joe	TBD													●	
Beatty, Jeff	TBD													●	
Bioty, Steve*	Yes										●	●	●		
Bucci, Joe*	Yes										●				
Cargess, Rich	TBD													●	
Clayton, Dean	TBD													●	
Donavan, Mark*	Yes										●	●	●		
Fernandes, John	TBD													●	
Freeman, Bruce	TBD										●		●		
Glover, Eric	TBD										●		●		
Hahn, Jeffry*	Yes										●	●	●		
Huffman, Tom	TBD													●	
Jagielski, John	TBD										●				
Jankura, Greg	TBD													●	
Johnson, Allen	TBD													●	
Letizia, John	TBD										●	●			
Letourneau, Jeff*	Yes											●	●		
McCullagh, Brian	TBD													●	
Myles, Kevin	TBD											●	●		
Ott, Kate	TBD											●	●		
Petonito, Jim*	Yes										●		●		
Piscale, Rob	TBD													●	
Pitoniak, Paul	TBD													●	
Rosa, Fred	TBD										●	●	●		
Santa Barbara, Paul	TBD											●			
Scarpa, Paul	TBD										●	●	●		
Sowers, Brent*	Yes										●	●	●		
Stranger, Larry	TBD													●	
Sullivan, George	TBD													●	
Thibault, Dave	TBD													●	
Ulrich, Jeff*	Yes										●		●		
Vail, Mark*	Yes												●		
Williams, Todd	TBD												●		

\* Board Members always have Membership Voting rights regardless of attendance