

# Guilford Little League

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*Board Meeting*

Guilford Community Center - October 1, 2018

## Meeting Notes

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- **Present:** Mark White, Scott Guile, Lisa Zajkowski, Steve Bioty, Chris Loban, Bobby Shaw, Steve Fleck, Therese DeMatteo, Fred Rosa, Jeff Letourneau, Kim Vigliotti, Dave McGrath, Phil Kikosicki, Alexandra Gross, Thomas Steffen, Laurence Stanger, Tom Huffman
- **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Chris Loban at 7:35 pm.
- **Secretary Position** – there is currently an Executive Board Member position open for Board Secretary which includes handling board communications, taking meeting notes, and organizing the meetings with the town. Therese DeMatteo has offered to assist. The board members were all in favor and she will hold this position moving forward.
- **New Registrar position** – Chris is having conversations with someone that may be interested in this new position.
- **Incident on the field** – there was an unfortunate incident that occurred at Adams on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> during a Minors AAA game between Guilford Grey and Guildford Green. Poor sportsmanship was exhibited throughout the game by the Head Coach of Guilford Grey (Dave McGrath) such as not alternating player positions and keeping in a pitcher until he reached the 65 pitch count although batters were continually striking out and they were leading by 6 runs. At the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning Guilford Grey was leading with a score of 10-7, and both coaches agreed to still have Grey bat again and also allow Guilford Green to bat one last time; however, after Guilford Grey batted, their Head Coach declared the game over due to the two-hour rule even though this is up to the discretion of the coaches. The Head Coach of Guilford Green (Scott Guile) then argued against this for the good of his team and used a curse word during the altercation. Since the use of profanity is a written rule in the handbook, Chris Loban compiled all of the emails received from both team's parents as well as the umpires and presented them to the Judiciary Board (Chris Loban, Mark White and Scott Bioty) to make a decision on the action that should be taken. They motioned to expel Scott Guile from the league going forward. Scott Guile then presented his case at the meeting citing that Dave kept in his all-star pitcher regardless of their lead and failed to comply with the agreement that they made to allow the Green team to bat one last time. He also cited that per the rule book the game should have had a Game Coordinator since there were two non-adult umpires. He regrets that he cursed, apologized and believes there should be a consequence based on his actions; however, he doesn't think it warrants banishment from the league. Chris then passed out ballots to the Executive Board members to vote; however, the Board members felt they needed additional information first, so it was decided to table the vote and have an Executive Board meeting later

in the week to decide the outcome. Since the meeting ended at a reasonable hour with enough board members still present, the Executive team discussed the issue at length, Scott's prior incidents within the league, what was best for the players and league, the umpire statements, and voted. The voting results were four in favor of expelling Scott and four not in favor. Due to the tie score, Chris being the President made the executive decision to not allow Scott to be a head coach for balance of Fall and thereafter.

- **Financial update (Thomas Steffen)** – account balance to-date is \$73,417.41. In September, total income was \$1,242.60 and expenses were \$12,083.57 which included field maintenance, internet, Quickbooks, special events, tournament fees, trash, umpire fees and website. September net income is -\$10,840.97. There is an outstanding invoice for uniforms for \$5,800. Also, Dave is the only one with a debit card. Thomas will facilitate getting new debit cards for a few people on the executive board.
- **Field Update (Steve Bioty)** – there's been lots of damage to the fields last week due to the rain. Steve is meeting with Park & Rec tomorrow and will discuss Bittner A. The town asked to stay off of Bittner A, so they could do prep work and he'll get a status on this. Steve will also take a look at the other fields. There will be necessary field clean up after the Fall season. He's going to try to get high schoolers to volunteer or CCD students to assist. He must also take down the batting cages. Finally, irrigation systems were put in place at Bittner A and B. Steve will ask the Park & Rec about irrigation usage and schedule.
- **Operations (Fred Rosa)** – Fred handed out Fall uniforms. There will be playoff games for AA and AAA teams at the end of the season. The concession stand will be open and there'll be a possible "celebration" for the kids after the playoffs. Fred asked if we should do a jamboree instead since Fall Ball is meant to be developmental and not about winning, but the players would most likely prefer a playoff. Kim said that we may want to consider a blind draft for Fall Ball or maybe get input from the coaches with general scores for each player at the end of the season, so teams are formed with comparable skill sets. Fred has started setting up the Spring registrations and will open it up the first week in December like last year. He may look into a new policy around cancellations. Note that Mark, Fred and Steve's kids are aging out of the league and we'll need to find strong leaders to replace them.
- **Equipment (Phil Kikosicki)** – Phil will take inventory after the Fall season. They seem to be in good shape. Tom said that there will be no major changes to the bat rules next year.
- **Sponsors (Kim Vigliotti)** – no updates.
- **President Report (Chris Loban)** – AAU is running smoothly. Guilford fielded three teams. Madison has one. Need to start work on the Spring calendar which Steve will coordinate. Dave Meder to provide safety instructions. Fred made the suggestion to only pass out uniforms to coaches that fill out the volunteer form. Tom will renew with Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) and have them conduct a workshop/clinic. Tom also mentioned that there are three 13 year olds looking to play, but we may not have enough players for a league.

- **Softball (Alexandra Gross)** – the softball Fall season is going well. The Majors had an issue getting enough players. They do need new equipment. She will put in a request to Phil for the Spring. She'd also like AAA medals which Fred will order.
- **Meeting adjourned:** 8:32 pm.