

Gateway Little League
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Board Meeting Minutes



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 Huntington, Chester, Blandford,
 Russell, Montgomery, Middlefield
 and Worthington MA.

Board Members			
Name & Title	In Attendance	Name & Title	In Attendance
Paul Graham - President	X	Pete Balicki - Coach Coordinator	X
Bob Boyer - VP of Baseball	X	Jason Ellershaw - Player Agent	X
Anna Meyerhoff - VP of Softball	X	Chris Meyerhoff - Equipment Manager / Safety Officer	X
Alicia Boyer - Information Officer	X	Vacant - Umpire-in Chief	
Lee-Anne Cronin - Treasurer	X	Vacant - Fundraising Coordinator	
Brittany Perras - Secretary	X	Vacant - Uniform Coordinator	

Meeting Date: July 30, 2025

Meeting called to order by Anna Meyerhoff at approximately 6:30PM

Minutes from the previous meeting on July 02, 2025 submitted for approval - passed unanimously.

Item	Responsible	Due Date
Treasury		
The <u>Treasury Report</u> was available but was not reviewed at this in person meeting. To be reviewed at a later meeting. It was reported that petty cash had been reconciled since the last meeting and we had broken even overall.	Lee-Anne	TBD
Field Updates & Maintenance		
<u>Field Restoration</u> continues to be a priority, but unanimously acknowledged that limited funds are currently available. Paul committed to speaking with Steve about possible grants. Agreed	Paul	TBD

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we need to set a date for Pettis clean-up prior to fall ball.		
Agreed registration and home field <u>banners</u> for fall ball needed to be hung.	Anna & Alicia	TBD
Discussed electronic <u>score board</u> at Pettis, but past issues on how to get electricity as outlet onsite is paid for by the town of Huntington. Agreed to table for now, but acknowledged the need to have a board presence at Huntington and Russell select board meetings in the future.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A
Uniforms & Equipment		
No active business discussed at this meeting.	N/A	N/A
Registration / Coaches & Teams		
<u>Fall Ball</u> registration was discussed and all agreed practice and game schedules were not to interfere with soccer (the fall season sport). Discussed posting this information on social media for families considering enrolling in multiple sports this fall.	Anna & Alicia	TBD
Discussed some confusion with <u>coaches discounts</u> being applied during registration last season. All agreed we would reimburse coaches once teams were set going forward.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A
It was brought up that we may have players that would be eligible for a <u>Challenger league</u> in future seasons.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A
A player <u>skill assessment</u> was discussed and agreed one would not be performed for fall ball but would be utilized for the spring season.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A
Brittany offered to create shared Google sheets and docs to help keep <u>field schedules</u> current in the coming seasons.	Brittany	TBD
Fundraising		
Alicia brought all league photos to be sent to sponsors with their <u>thank you letters</u> . Lee-Anne committed to mailing them.	Lee-Anne	TBD
Brittney Muise expressed interest in possibly filling the vacant <u>fundraising coordinator</u> position, but needed more time to consider before making the commitment.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A

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Multiple possible <u>fundraisers</u> were discussed and ultimately tabled for future meetings.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A
Umpire		
It was brought up that there would be an <u>umpire clinic</u> in Agawam in August and some softball players had expressed interest in attending. Alicia committed to following up with the interested players.	Alicia	TBD
New Business		
It was brought up that the <u>game changer app</u> was confusing to parents in the spring season as we only utilized the free version. The benefits of paying for the full version for future seasons was discussed. Possible improvements to our current website were also discussed. No decisions were reached and these topics were tabled for future meetings.	No immediate follow-up required	N/A
We discussed that September's meeting would be the board's <u>annual meeting</u> where we would need to vote in board members. We acknowledged that any proposed changes to the constitution or bylaws would need to be reviewed at next month's meeting. It was agreed that we would like to vote in members for two year teams with half the positions having terms end on alternating years to allow for continuity of the board and limit the recently seen full board turnover in a single season. It was discussed that the annual meeting needed to be in person and the agenda and date posted on the website, Alicia committed to doing this. It was agreed that the meeting would be held at the Russell Inn on Thursday September 18th at 7PM.	Alicia	TBD

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 8:00PM.

*Next meeting is scheduled for Monday **August 11, 2025 at 7:00PM** to be held via Zoom.*