



Annandale-North Springfield Little League Monthly Board of Directors Meeting March 5, 2025 - Meeting Minutes

American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield, VA 22150

Members in Attendance: Gary Arrans, Louis Blount (8:55 arrival), Eric Brown, John Cho, Darla Eisemann, Bill Dristy, Sam Hanik, Erik Larson, Tom Lombardi, Dale Nellor, Beth Rodriguez, Adam Santee (8:15 arrival), Scott Van Lenten, Dennis Wright; **Members Not in Attendance:** Rich Egan, James Jung, Shane Wolfanger; **Others in Attendance:** None

Call to order: Gary, President, called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Monthly minutes for February 5, 2025, approved over email Friday, February 14 (10 votes in favor, 0 opposed).

Treasurer's Report:

- Account summaries provided (3 checking accounts, one CD, one credit card).
 - Erik to explore options for CD and evaluate accounts.
- Review and discussion of 2025 budget
 - Discussion covered registration fees collected (lower than in prior years), income sources, expenses.
 - **Motion: Dennis moved to approved budge with maximum landscaping contract (including two mound rebuilds); Sam seconded. Approved by acclamation.**
- Accountant – Increased fees for this year; Erik will handle monthly reconciliations
 - **Motion: Dennis moved to sign engagement letter through Dec. 31, 2025. Dale seconded. Approved by acclamation.**

Committee and Other Reports

- Executive Committee
 - Discussion of former coach with allegations of sexual abuse of a minor.
 - Gary reached out to FCPD, District Coordinator and Little League International
 - Agreement to issue a statement to the League: Executive Committee to meet Friday March 7; statement issued Monday, March 10, 2025).
 - Discussion of interplay between parents who indicate they will volunteer through registration and having to undergo background checks through JDP.
- Coaches Committee
 - BOD votes a approve the present slate of managers and identified assistant coaches for the Spring season upper-level (kid pitch) teams (7 for Majors, 8 for AAA, and 6 for AA) and younger level teams (8 for Machine, 8 for Coach Pitch, and 8 for Tee-Bal).
 - **Motion: Dennis moved to approve the slate of coaches as presented; Erik seconded. Approved by acclamation.**
 - **Gary (President) subsequently approved the slate of managers.**
 - Coaches Meeting Scheduled for March 25, 2025.
- Player Agents
 - Majors and AAA Drafts Complete; AA scheduled for Thursday, March 6.
 - LL registration closes Sunday 3/9.

- Juniors draft scheduled for week of March 16; Junior evals on 3/8 and 3/15 from 2-6:15 PM at Annandale HS.
- Facilities/Grounds
 - Discussion of vendors solicitations, budget, field conditions, and maintenance needs.
 - **Motion: Dale moved for Rupert's + 2 mound rebuilds, thus agreeing to a cap on the contractor amount with ongoing negotiations resulting in a lower contractual amount. John seconded. Approved by acclamation.**
 - Field Maintenance Day will be limited; League remains responsible for all maintenance outside of the fields.
- Rules/Umpires
 - Local Rules changes sent by email on March 5.
 - New rule for injured or sick player – if a player has fatigue or is unable to, for example, throw after pitching, with notice to the umpire and other manager, that player may remain in the game but in a hitting-only status.
 - **Motion: Sam moved to approve the rules changes; John seconded. Approved by acclamation.**
- Player Development
 - Knock off the Rust – this weekend
- Uniforms
 - Participation agreement w/ Nationals Signed
- Equipment
 - Returning managers for fall will keep equipment
 - Discussion – purchase of two portable mounds (1 for Howery and 1 that can move to Frost or other fields as needed).
 - **Motion: Dennis moved to purchase 2 portable mounds, both to be kept at Howery,, one of which can be used by Juniors. Dale seconded. Approved by acclamation.**
- Sponsorship and Public Affairs
 - Vivian Watts and James Walkinshaw will attend opening day.
 - Coaches will need to complete and submit sign banners by Friday March 28.
- Volunteer AND Special Events
 - Discussion of Opening day
- Special Committee to Inform All-Star Selection Process
 - Recounted updates from meeting held February 7, 2025. : All players eligible for player vote, timeframes moved up.

Board/Open Discussion

- Kevin Kropf will help with end-of-season awards (trophies for majors and runner ups; participation trophies for lower levels); Spring-Season “gift” for all players (e.g., pin or bag tags), 12-year-old graduation gift, and Kehrer cup.

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday April 2, 2025, 8:00 PM at American Legion Post 176

Adjournment: 10:55 PM

- **MOTION: Dale moved to adjourn. John seconded. Approved by acclamation.**