

AGENDA  
 East Granby/Granby Little League  
 Executive Board Meeting  
 September 11, 2023  
 LOCATION: East Granby Farms  
 TIME: 7:35pm

Executive Board Position	Member	Present	NonExecutive Board Position	Member	Present
President	Bill Hallam	X	Scheduler- Baseball	VACANT	
VP Baseball	Chris Perry	X	Scheduler- softball	Matt Brady	
VP Softball	Dan Thomsen	X	Parent Manager Coordinator	VACANT	
Treasurer	Phil Tetreault	X	Community Outreach E	Eric Sales	
Umpire Coordinator- Baseball	ERIC Meyer	X	Granby/Granby		
Umpire Coordinator Softball	Christopher Heller		Concessions Coordinator	VACANT	
Sponsorship	Steve Simard		Opening Day Chair		
Information Officer	Greg Dion	X	Annual Fundraiser	VACANT	
Secretary	Danielle Waite	X	Coordinator		
Coaching Coordinator- baseball	Dennis Mullane		Volunteer Coordinator	Alison Dion	
Coaching Coordinator- Softball	Chad Perkins	X	Field Maintenance Director	VACANT	
Player Agent- Baseball	Dave Anderson		Baseball Equipment	Scott Magennis	
Player Agent Softball	Kelly George	X	Coordinator		
Safety Officer	VACANT		Softball Equipment	Jen Christiansen	X
			Coordinator		
			Yard Goats Game	Greg Dion	X
			Coordinator		
			Apparel	Allyson Bienia	X
			Photo COordinator	Cynthia Minichino	
			Softball Training/Clinic	VACANT	
			Coordinator		
			Scholarship Coordinator	Emily Bavarro	

Call to Order: 7:45pm

- I. Annual Public Meeting of the Members
  - A. No public members present
- II. Executive Board Business
  - A. Safety Officer Meetings
    1. Bob Hazen
      - a) LL experience:
        - (1) Grew up in town and played LL
        - (2) Oldest is 12 and coming up on his last year in LL, coached in some capacity since Tball; Younger son is also playing baseball, has several more years in the league

- b) Why interested: Recognizes that there will be some turnover and would like to sculpt some changes and carry out stuff that has been already working
- c) Previous altercation with another coach, do you recall that and if so what occurred- it was in reference to the way another coach was speaking to another player so he recognizes that he got excited;
- d) Also had another situation where he was in a situation where a father showed up intoxicated and he was able to deescalate the situation and get the man home safely
- e) What experience/traits do you bring: police officer, fire fighter, first responder training; Would like to explore emerging baseball injury trends; Explore first aid kit donations from larger businesses

2. Chester Darling:

- a) LL experience:
  - (1) Involved since 2010- started in East Granby with his two oldest children
  - (2) His youngest is 11
- b) Why interested:
  - (1) Passion for all the people and kids
  - (2) Would like to stay on even once Emmett ages out as a way to serve the community
- c) What experience/traits do you bring: his job requires him to put his clients needs before his own
- d) Would you be interested in another position if you did not get voted into safety officer- YES
- e) He refers to himself as an open book, will be willing to speak to parents openly; Not aware of any negative experience

3. Xavier Sedaris

- a) LL experience: 10yo son, first year playing and it has been the best experience; His son has absolutely fallen in love with baseball
  - (1) Assistant coach, great sense of community
  - (2) Sponsored a team this year as well- likes to support locally and give back
- b) Why interested:
  - (1) Has so much passion for baseball he wants to be more active
  - (2) 5yo daughter will be getting involved now as well, tball this year
- c) What experience/traits do you bring:
  - (1) Tattoo safety coalition- speaks at safety seminars
  - (2) Advanced CPR, blood borne pathogen training

- d) Would you be interested in any other position on the board if this doesn't work out? YES
  - B. Safety Officer Vote- this was deferred to the end of the meeting
    - 1. Board Members expressed opinions, thoughts, and posed questions
    - 2. Ballot format- Bob Hazen officially voted in to the position
- III. President's Remarks
  - A. Payments for fall softball- complete
  - B. Opening Day- confirmed for 4/27, rain date 4/28
    - 1. Lacrosse and Rovers have been informed
  - C. Signs are down- need to be moved to shed
  - D. Snack Shack- Parks and Rec is taking it back over, plan on hiring full time staff
    - 1. Not sure what that will look like for opening day- consider food trucks
    - 2. Decide by end of February
    - 3. Consider APM food truck- ? breakfast sandwiches
  - E. Fall ball wrapping up by mid November- can take down cages at that point
  - F. Musco rep regarding lights- Dan and Bill met with one
    - 1. Rough estimate for pole and lights (no electricity or trenching) based on a local field recently done- \$200,000 for one field
    - 2. Electricity would need to come from transformer by the bathroom- unsure if there is even enough voltage from that; this requires reviewing plans with electric engineer for the town
    - 3. Concerns: lights affecting neighbors
    - 4. Lions Club has recommended putting together a proposal
  - G. Granbrook
    - 1. Taking longer than initially anticipated
    - 2. East Granby money holder (old East Granby treasurer- Gill) has been dragging his feet- Alisha said she was going to take that over
      - a) Unfortunately she cant lead it due to not having the money
    - 3. Bill is going to request to see proof of finances
    - 4. He is also on the Granbrook board so not sure why this isnt moving forward
- IV. Non Executive Board Positions Open to be advertised and sent out to league
  - A. Concessions Coordinator
  - B. Baseball scheduler
  - C. Annual Fundraiser Coordinator
  - D. Field Maintenance
- V. VP Softball Update
  - A. Fall ball is wrapping up- 3 teams
  - B. Positive feedback
- VI. VP Baseball Update
  - A. Fall baseball (Sandlot style) is over- good numbers: 12-14 for younger kids, older kids 16-22
    - 1. Good feedback from parents
    - 2. Consider offering a competitive fall ball team

B. Capital improvements

1. Press Box at field 2
  - a) Chris is meeting with a guy to get a quote
  - b) Using Simsbury as a model, but on a smaller scale
  - c) Recommend making sure has the ability to use a sound system
2. Batting cages- reached out to the guy who did Simsbury but has not heard back from them- looks like close to \$20,000 with excavation
  - a) Had requested another location for other cages
    - (1) Parks and Rec said we could possibly do it near Field 5, first base side
  - b) Chris doesn't think this is the best way to spend our money- do cheaper improvements instead of a complete renovation

VII. Other Areas of Business/Open Discussion

A. Photo- Bishop photo contract is up this year

1. Local Vendor- Alison Alger
  - a) Interested in taking over the contract
  - b) She states she is flexible and can come to games
  - c) Request a proposal to show prices and product

B. Apparel- still has sweatshirt and long sleeves

1. Going to shop around a little more
2. Better idea of how much inventory to purchase
3. Will have to decide whether we want to change the design again

C. Yardgoats- confirmed 400, May 18th

Adjourn