



Oak Lawn Baseball & Softball

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General Board Meeting - Minutes Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 7:30pm @ Kolb Field

1. Roll Call @ 7:35pm – **Executive Board Members:** Jackie Marks, Alisa Trovato, Paul Mallo, Jorge Mora, Jeff Wendt, Kevin Comiskey, Tim Marks, Vanessa Delfin-Sepessy. **Public Present:** Steve Powers, Erica Niefert, Chris Niefert, Bob Bradel, Jamie Canvin, Mike Canvin, Brittany Pennington, Amanda McKee-McDaniel, Scott Dorencz, Brian Hollock, Molly Hollock, Steve Brandenburger, Anthony Egizio, Jesus Valdez, Jacob Canvin, Jim Hillock, Nicole Hillock, Carly Comiskey, Jen Oglesby, Jimmy O’Grady, Lynn Gainer, Amy Christophersen, Mike Christophersen, Matthew Heinlen
2. Public Comment
 - a. Jamie Canvin
 - i. Asked why some meetings are general and others are Executive Board only.
 - ii. Sought amendment to the previous meeting minutes with her question regarding tournaments and bylaws.
 - iii. Asked for clarification on when bylaws are amended and will it be addressed prior to next year’s 12u fundraising.
 - iv. Asked if the “free” 11u team for 2026 will affect the 12u fundraising.
 1. Jeff Wendt and Dennis Sepessy replied that the perspective manager has specific fundraising that will not interfere with 12u.
 - v. The question of tournament fundraising was raised again.
 1. Alisa Trovato stated that the board would like to have the teams present before tourneys are run to discuss the percentage that would go back to the teams.
 - vi. Asked what board positions will be up for election in August.
 1. President, Recording Secretary, Sponsorship, Equipment and Boys’ President
 2. Must have been present at 75% of the previous general meetings.
 3. Jimmy O’Grady asked how long that had been in the bylaws.
 - b. Jimmy O’Grady
 - i. When will concession be open?
 - ii. The goal is to build by fall with a spring opening.
 - iii. The building will have power (Bob Bradel question)
 - iv. The building is no longer being built in conjunction with new Public Works (Jamie Canvin question)
 - v. Asked about plans to grow house league.
 - vi. Suggested survey to both sides of league.
 - vii. Kevin Comiskey suggested the creation of a “Family Relations” position, possibly to replace Corresponding Secretary
 - c. Jen Oglesby
 - i. Any discussion on lights at Kolb
 - ii. Alisa Trovato stated that it has been looked at before and is cost prohibitive.
 - d. Scott Dorencz
 - i. Scott coached Mustang, great umpers and fields.
 - ii. Noted that the plugs were removed from fields.
 - iii. Asked how the draft works for Mustang.
 - iv. Noted extreme differences in the skill of teams.
 - e. Amy Christophersen
 - i. How do teams get picked
 - ii. Outside evaluations, combined with input, stats, and ranking of returning players from the managers.



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- f. Matthew Heinlen
 - i. An email was sent to the Executive Board with house numbers, ideas for growth and a suggestion that the VPs need to do more outreach for their divisions to encourage growth and retention.
 - ii. Survey for what we are missing and where we can grow.
- g. Carly Comiskey
 - i. Will there be an in-house survey sent out?
 - ii. Jeff Wendt intends to after the All-Star game; the league has a survey subscription.
 - iii. Can we use Kolb more?
 - iv. Alisa Trovato said yes, but SAC is used more now for concession profits.
- h. Amanda McKee-McDaniel
 - i. Asked about special recreation league for OLBS. Noted that there are leagues in Brookfield and Tinley Park, but none locally to Oak Lawn
 - ii. Alisa Trovato to look into it.
- i. Brittany Pennington
 - i. Asked about umpire equipment for each field as there was none present at Kolb for her son when umpiring.
- j. Mike Canvin
 - i. Asked why people left OLBS.
 - ii. Jeff Wendt said coaching.
 - iii. Alisa Trovato stated that TeamSnap has coaching packages to help coaches going forward.
 - iv. Kevin Comiskey stated that the number of games and practices needs to be addressed.
 - v. Jeff Wendt stated that there should be at least one practice per week.
 - vi. Amanda McKee-McDaniel stated that practices did not happen.
 - vii. Matthew Heinlen stated there needs to be equal playing time.

3. Old Business

- a. Review of minutes from 5/5/25 meeting
 - i. P. Mallo and J. Mora approved.
 - ii. Listed under "About Us" tab of website.
- b. Building update
 - i. The building will be a metal structure.
 - ii. Jimmy O'Grady and Carly Comiskey asked about anything the public can do or donations to speed up process.
 - iii. Steve Brandenburger asked if the residents had a say on the lights.
- c. House League
 - i. All-Star Game June 30th followed by Sandlot showing.
 - ii. Kevin Comiskey ordered throwback jerseys paid for by sponsors.

4. New Business

- a. Fall Ball
 - i. Registration is open.
 - ii. Coupon code sent out.
- b. 4th of July Parade
 - i. Saturday, June 28th
 - ii. Jim Hillock asked if we could bring back the Spring kick-off parade.
- c. Spring 2026 Season



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- i. USSSA is aligning softball with grade level, not birthday.
- d. Thunderbolts Night
 - i. VPs to pick up tickets and disperse.
- e. White Sox Outing
 - i. July 7th
 - ii. \$31/ticket – Outfield Reserve
- f. White Sox Camp
 - i. July 7-10th at Kolb Fields
- g. Travel Tryouts
 - i. Communications sent out and registration open on TeamSnap.
 - ii. Alternate dates provided by request.
- h. Treasurer Report:
 - i. Good position to move forward with new building
 - ii. OLCBS Lease is \$24,000/year. \$12,000 has been paid with the remaining due
 - iii. Jen Oglesby questioned the amount of money going in and out
 - iv. Paul Mallo stated that the required 990 will be posted on the site
 - v. Jamie Canvin stated balance sheet should be posted for view on the website
 - vi. Paul Mallo stated that there is approximately \$210,000 income for fiscal year. The end of year income for 2024 was \$267,948.00 with a net income of \$3300.
 - vii. Alisa Trovato noted that the fiscal year ends in October.
 - viii. Building cost will come from savings accounts.
- 5. Adjournment
 - a. 8:43 p.m., Motion by P. Malle, second by J. Mora.