

Langford Fastball Executive Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

6:30 pm - 957 Langford Parkway

Attendance: Kris Walushka, Jeremy Wilson, Linda Baxter, Danielle Bligh, Lisa Parkes, Riki Jessup (GM), Katie Sewell (GM)

1. Call to order - 6:37 pm
2. Approval of Agenda - Jeremy
3. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2025 - Riki
4. Status Updates
 - a. President's Report -
 - Pitching clinics are going, and generally well attended. The latest group varies week to week, but the first two hours are full. Scott will work with coach Britt to come up with a better plan if she is ill (last minute ill) and cannot attend the clinic
 - U13 Clinic - We have had one clinic to date and it went well. We only had 17 players out, most of which were B players, but there was at least one player that has never played before, which was great to see. We had tremendous support from volunteer coaches (I think we had 10 there). I proposed that the focus for these will be on fundamental learning, with progressions to our previous clinics each week. First clinic was a lot of throwing mechanics, and ground ball mechanics. We finished with a fitness game and the kids all seemed to have a good time.
 - I would like to send out a sign up for catching specific clinics that will run on occasional Sundays after the U13 clinics. These will be for U11 and U13 players only to start. Am I OK to proceed?
 - b. Field Maintenance
 - I have been asked to confirm the cage is still available. I believe it is and have been booking teams in, but if I'm not supposed to, please let me know.
 - Do we have an update on batting cage repairs or upgrades?
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Revenue to date \$27,000; expenses \$23,000. Only about 17 people have asked for refunds from tryouts. JDF is invoicing us weekly and Danielle has been invoicing teams monthly as well. Total cash on hand is \$55,000
 - d. Umpire in Chief Report -
 - e. Division Updates

- i. LTP - wonders about when we update the website and socials updates - do we do that in November or wait until February. Can do them anytime
- ii. U11 - Victoria Reign is giving younger players a chance to practice with older players and Kris is wondering about doing that in some of the lesser-attended JDF spots. Yes to this - just need to have a plan. Ryan is really all in on the U11 stuff right now, but we're trying to keep the practices to a minimum and not making teams, etc.
- iii. U13 - 3 teams doing winter training, Kris Bligh's team participated in a tournament in Vancouver and did well
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- iv. U15 - 2 teams doing winter practices, C coaches are going to come out to help with clinics. We will need to figure out whether we'll have one or more C teams, which is a challenge every year. For clinic equipment, the C coaches can get some from Kris or Scott
- v. U17/U19/U20 - 17B team is off and running. Little bit of challenge forming U19B teams, pitching etc. but they're figuring it out. U20C team(s) can't be formed now, but there are players interested in practicing. Jeremy hasn't heard much yet about 17C
- f. Field Maintenance Committee Report - Tractors will need some overwintering, fluids, charger, etc. Looking to get a golf cart. Batting cage - Jeremy has a couple ideas to clean it up. Thinks we should keep a three-wheel pitching machine and a single-wheel machine in the cage but should focus on single-wheel machines moving forward as they are more reliable. We may look again at getting the netting replaced in the cages now that we have a handle on our post-season cash situation
- g. Tournament Committee Report - Tournament Committee Meeting is December 3rd. Lisa will ask Shannon to attend the meeting
- h. Coaching Committee Report - a couple of coaches have asked about the courses but we will likely not host a course this year
- i. Concession Committee Report -
- j. Registration Committee Report - all rosters should be sent to Brandi once formed
- k. Calendar review - next meeting date TBD

5. For decision items

- a. Tabitha Fong request for funding Canada Futures Coach Mentorship Program - Motion to provide \$250 to Tabitha for Canada Futures education and out of respect for what she's given to the association- Jeremy, Kris - carried, Linda opposed. Motion to adopt the Langford Coach Proposal submitted by Jeremy. Moved by Jeremy and Linda - carried unanimously

We will put it in the coaches package, social media

- b. 2026 tournament dates: U13 - April 24-26; U15A - May 1-3 (maybe add C in this weekend); U17B - May 29-31; U19B - May 22-24; U15B - May 15-17 (Kris checking with Mark)

6. For discussion items

- a. Podium Mind - U15 and up - they take you through the season, each kid gets their own link and they give you one to two minute tik tok style clips from professional athletes, etc. To help athletes deal with difficult situations, mental performance. It's for U15 and up only. Pretty expensive to do if you only have one or two kids, but in bigger groups the cost comes down to about \$40 per player. Belmont Academy is going to be doing it, and Kris mentions it in case Jeremy and Linda want to consider it for their age groups
- b. Provincials hosting 2026 - U15A is interested in hosting, and 13B is as well, so we'll fill those out by November 1st (Tracy is doing the U15A one and Danielle will help Jodi with the U13B bid)

7. Unfinished business

- a.

8. New business

- a. Golf cart - OV might be interested in doing a sponsorship deal, but Winston Mitchell has started Cartswest.com, a golf cart rental, etc. place and we'll reach out to him to see if there might be some common interest there
- b. Criminal Record Checks - Riki ran into Erika and asked her about getting the CRC info transferred to Katie but hasn't heard back. Riki will try Erika again
- c. Team sponsorships - people are all making requests to the same sponsors, people are taking sponsors from other teams, teams are talking about how to allocate the sponsor funds. We should have a discussion about this at one of the next couple meetings. Katie also thinks that we should have best practices for how our members approach sponsors and perhaps a template letter. Katie and Danielle will have a look at this

Adjournment - 7:48 pm

Calendar for 2025/26 Season

February 3 Executive Meeting	September 11 Executive Meeting
March 10 Executive Meeting	October 22 Executive Meeting
April 12 Opening Day 25-27 U13B/C tournament	
May 2-4 U15A tournament 5 Executive Meeting 16-18 U19B tournament 23-25 U15B tournament 30-June 1 U17B tournament	
June	
July 11-13 U13B Provincials 18-20 U19B Provincials	
August 7 Executive Meeting	