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Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2026

Call to Order: 6:00 pm
Roll Call:

☐Barkdoll, Zack
☒Bonillas, Chris
☒Brashears, Kevin
☒Cordell, Brad
☒Doyle, Brittany
☒Duffey, Holly
☒Duffey, Jesse
☒Gouker, Heather
☐Kempen, Cheyenne
☒Kline, Kurt
☒Lewis, Andy
☒Lowery, Bobby
☒Luckenbach, Austin
☒Monn, Dan
☒Mongan, Doug
☒Ryder, Mariah
☒Rose, Rodney
☒Sleighter, Chelsey
☒Sleighter, Irvin
☒Sperry, Bill
☐Statler, Jake
☐Trace, Emily
☒Young, Josh

Quorum: **Yes**

1. Call to Order / Agenda Approval

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m.**

A quorum was established.

The meeting agenda was presented for approval.

Motion: Chris Bonillas moved to approve the agenda.
Second: Bob Lowery
Result: Motion approved.

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from May meeting were presented for approval.

Motion: Chris Bonillas moved to approve the minutes.
Second: Dan Monn
Result: Motion approved.

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3. Treasurer's Report

Approval of the financial reports through **May 31, 2026** was postponed until the next meeting.

Chelsey was unable to complete the account reconciliation prior to the meeting. Assistance was attempted; however, access to the online banking system prevented completion of the reconciliation.

No Treasurer's Report was approved at this meeting. The balance sheet was presented from back statements, and the General Ledger was presented but since accounts were not reconciled no vote was conducted.

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4. Old Business – Golf Tournament

Planning continued for the GABSA Golf Tournament scheduled for **Friday, August 28, 2026**.

Additional updates were discussed under the Planning Committee report.

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5. League Reports

T-Ball

The end-of-season T-Ball event was reported as a success despite inclement weather. Second games were canceled after the storm continued and it was determined that waiting for conditions to improve would result in games ending too late for the 4- and 5-year-old players.

All players received:

- A trophy
- A pack of baseball cards
- A Lizzie's Ice Cream voucher

Players whose second games were canceled also received all planned items.

Two raffles were conducted:

- A **Roger Clemens autographed baseball**, donated by Rodney Rose
- A **mystery sports memorabilia box**, donated by Kerm's Cards

Because many attendees left during the storm before the winning numbers could be announced, neither prize had been claimed as of the meeting. Both prizes were secured in the concession stand safe with the corresponding winning ticket information. Winners may contact Jake to arrange pickup.

Special recognition was given to **Brittany Doyle** for helping coordinate and plan the event, **Rodney Rose** for his donation and assistance with coordination and announcements, **Holly Duffey** for assistance with the concession stand, and the other volunteers who helped with the event.

Jake was absent from the meeting but send Bill with the updates and reported that his first season serving as T-Ball League Director was a positive experience and thanked the Board for its support throughout the season.

Rookie

Brittany raised concerns regarding the current **Rookie Division playoff format** and recommended that the Board revisit the format during the offseason to determine whether playoffs should continue in their current form.

No action was taken at this meeting.

Little League – Minor/Major

No specific report was recorded.

Intermediate / Junior / Senior

No specific report was recorded.

Softball

The Board discussed the 2026 softball season. Overall, the program showed improvement compared with the previous year; however, concerns remain regarding community perception and participation.

The need to place additional focus on rebuilding and growing the softball program was discussed.

A proposal was raised to develop a **parent/community survey** to gather feedback regarding the softball program, including areas families believe should be improved or handled differently.

All-Star Selection Process

The Board discussed concerns and negative community feedback surrounding the All-Star selection process from Rookie through Major divisions.

Concerns discussed included:

- Coaches may be asked to vote for players they do not know well.
- Coaches currently have limited opportunity to discuss players before voting.
- Strong players on weaker teams may receive less recognition during the selection process.
- The overall process may need greater consistency and transparency.

One potential alternative discussed was conducting **All-Star tryouts** for players interested in tournament-team consideration. Coaches could evaluate the players during tryouts and then discuss and vote on selections in a process similar to regular-season player evaluations.

It was also suggested that player voting be eliminated and that coaches make selections collectively, with representatives from the Little League Committee and appropriate division representatives present during the process.

The Board agreed that the selection process should receive further consideration during the offseason.

No changes to the All-Star selection process were approved at this meeting.

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6. Committee Reports

Project Committee

Artificial turf colors and field configurations were selected.

The turf design will use:

- **Chocolate brown** for the infield to resemble a traditional skinned infield.
- **Green** for out-of-bounds areas.

Zeis Field

- 40-foot pitching-distance circle inlay
- Base-distance markings at 60 and 70 feet

Horst Field

- 40-foot pitching-distance circle inlay in white

- 43-foot pitching-distance circle inlay in yellow
- Base-distance markings at 60, 70, and 90 feet

The selected configurations were determined to provide the best flexibility for the multi-purpose use of both fields.

Finance Committee

No additional report was recorded.

Sponsorship Committee

No specific report was recorded.

Facilities & Grounds Committee

Replacement nets for the L-screens have been delivered and are being stored in the tractor shed. The new nets still need to be installed on the L-screens.

Replacement rubber for the new portable pitching mound was expected during the week following the meeting. The original component was damaged during delivery, and TruMounds is providing a replacement.

Concession Stand Committee

No update was reported.

Planning Committee / Golf Tournament

Planning continued for the **August 28 GABSA Golf Tournament**.

Capital Campaign Committee

The Capital Campaign Committee provided an update on grant applications and fundraising activities.

Grant activity included:

- An application submitted to **Norfolk Southern**.
- A state grant application submitted at the end of May.
- The state grant selection process is expected to occur later in the year.
- Emily plans to submit an additional state grant application by the **July 31 deadline**.

The **donor appreciation dinner** was successfully held for major donors who contributed **$10,000 or more** and helped GABSA reach its Phase 2 fundraising goal.

The dinner included pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ baked beans, smoked macaroni and cheese, and brownies.

A **SignUpGenius** has been established for State Tournament volunteer assignments. Additional volunteers, particularly for concession stand coverage, are needed.

Tournament Committee

The fall **King of the Castle (KOTC)** tournament was confirmed for **September 19–20, 2026**.

The event is planned as a **wood-bat tournament**.

State Tournament Committee

Planning continued for the upcoming State Tournament beginning **July 13**.

Significant volunteer assistance will be needed during the tournament.

Plans for the arrival of participating teams on July 13 include providing food, refreshments, and ice cream for players.

Tournament merchandise planning was also discussed:

- Tournament T-shirts will be purchased in advance and produced in limited quantities and sizes.
- Teams will be encouraged to preorder shirts to ensure availability.
- The official State Tournament pin has been designed and ordered.
- GABSA is purchasing **300 tournament pins**.
- Participating players will each receive a pin.
- Additional pins will be sold onsite to help offset the cost.

Holly reported that **Martin's Potato Rolls** will donate **500 buns** for use by the concession stand during the State Tournament.

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7. New Business

Permagreen Ride-On Sprayer/Spreader

The Board continued discussion regarding the possible purchase of a **Permagreen ride-on sprayer/spreader**.

A prior informal vote stood at 10 in favor and 4 opposed.

The Board noted that GABSA had purchased a **Lesco push spreader for $739.89** in March. Unlike the Lesco unit, the Permagreen equipment can apply both granular fertilizer and liquid chemical treatments.

Following additional discussion:

Motion: Doug moved to purchase the Permagreen sprayer/spreader for **$2,500** from a seller on Facebook Marketplace.
Second: Jesse Duffey
Result: Motion approved unanimously.

Challenger Division

The Board discussed preliminary plans for establishing a **Challenger Division for children with special needs**.

Josh Young has been developing the concept and previously discussed the program with Bill and Doug during the May King of the Castle tournament.

Josh has continued working on the initiative, including seeking community support and potential sponsorships from local businesses.

Additional planning will continue as the program is developed.

Board Membership

The Board reviewed its current membership in accordance with **Article 2, Section 1 of the GABSA bylaws**, which establishes a full Board of 25 members.

At the time of the meeting:

- GABSA had **22 Board members**.
- **Three Board positions were vacant.**

Individuals who had expressed interest in Board membership included:

- Brad Spielman – Baseball
- Heather Gouker – Softball
- Charla Weaver – Softball
- Tanya Reese – Softball
- Jon Witmer – Softball
- Josh Young – Challenger

The Board discussed whether the bylaws should eventually be amended to expand the maximum number of Board members or whether the organization should fill the three existing vacancies and reassess membership following the season.

The Board agreed to fill the three current vacancies and continue the broader discussion at a future meeting.

Motion: Holly Duffey moved to appoint **Josh Young, Jon Witmer, and Heather Gouker** to the GABSA Board.
Second: Dan Monn
Result: Motion approved unanimously.

Following these appointments, the Board reached the bylaw-established membership of **25 members**.

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8. Fall Ball

The Board discussed registration dates, fees, age divisions, and formats for the upcoming Fall Ball season.

The proposed programs were:

- **Sandlot Baseball:** Grades 7–9 – $75
    - Program to be led by Chris Bonillas.
- **Minor/Major Baseball:** Ages 8–11 – $75
- **Rookie Baseball:** Ages 7–8 – $75
- **Softball:** Ages 8–10 and 11–12 – $75

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9. Open Floor

No additional items were recorded.

Action Items / Follow-Up

- **Treasurer/Finance:** Complete reconciliation and present financial reports through May 31 for approval at the next meeting.
- **Golf Tournament Committee:** Continue planning for the August 28 Golf Tournament.
- **Rookie Division/Board:** Revisit the Rookie playoff format during offseason planning.
- **Softball Leadership:** Develop a parent/community feedback survey regarding the softball program.
- **Board/Little League Committee:** Review the All-Star selection process during the offseason and consider potential revisions for future seasons.
- **Facilities & Grounds:** Install replacement netting on the L-screens and install the replacement portable-mound rubber when received.
- **Capital Campaign:** Continue grant applications, including the grant application due July 31.
- **State Tournament Committee:** Continue volunteer recruitment and tournament preparations.

- **Tournament Committee:** Continue planning for the September 19–20 King of the Castle wood-bat tournament.
- **Challenger Division:** Continue program development, community outreach, and sponsorship efforts.
- **Board Governance:** Revisit Board size and potential bylaw changes as necessary.
- **Fall Ball:** Finalize registration opening date and program details.

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10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **9:08 p.m.**
