

## GYLA Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025

Location: Community Center (Alexander Lounge)

Call to order: 8:04pm

Attendance: Mike Mariano, Kate Boyd, Rachel Mascia, Ben Hutchins, Jaime Hopkins-Wood, Allison Bohren, Julie Potter

Position	Contact Person	Topics
President	Mike Mariano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nets have been moved to storage</li> <li>● Capital Projects - Netting for Sod &amp; Maturo - <b>Ben to discuss and bring update to next meeting</b></li> <li>● Promotion of Travel Programs - <b>Rachel updated website to list more programs for girls.</b></li> <li>● GYLA Venmo - <b>can set this up but Venmo takes 2% cut. Julie targeting to have this set up by end of the week.</b></li> <li>● Eric has submitted designs for new uniforms. We are waiting on proofs</li> <li>● Icebreaker's date announced:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-March 28th - Junior &amp; Senior Boys</li> <li>-March 29th - Junior &amp; Senior Girls</li> <li>-April 26th - Lightning Jamboree</li> </ul> </li> <li>● League emails have been reassigned, please check that yours is functioning - <b>Allison to send email to board member emails to test out email communication</b></li> <li>● Winter Workout schedule has been coordinated with GBL, building use form needs to be completed. Winter workout dates:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sundays 1/11-3/22</li> <li>-1/11 &amp; 1/18 - Rear gym only so will need to book alternate venue (Cox)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Need to complete building use form (first two dates will need Cox b/c alternating girls and boys)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GYLA Parent Survey Discussion - <b>review for next month's meeting</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Updated/new info on CONNY conference - two co-Presidents, planning to do our own conference instead</b></p>
Vice President	Kate Boyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dome pricing has increased to \$240 per hour</li> <li>● Review allotted time and group combos (share field) to stay within budget. - <b>will need to allot one hour for 4th grade evaluations for boys. Boys allotted \$3600, girls \$2400. 7th grade boys have two teams. Suggestion is</b></li> </ul>

		<p>to have both 7th grade boys teams practice together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rachel and Ben to reach out to coaches this week to start looking into booking out dates. 2 times per week, first 3 weeks of March (x2 for girls/boys)</li> </ul>
Treasurer	Julie Potter	<p>Checking - \$32,900.12 Savings - \$95,645.50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to discuss draft budget</li> <li>Julie sent out draft budget, need board's review. \$2500 for coaching attire. Need to evaluate what we charge to teams.</li> <li>- Still trying to clear up charges in checking account</li> <li>New account is still incurring charges from AuthNet - Julie is investigating with SportsEngine</li> <li>- Parade status and what we will need done on Friday night and Saturday. Need two goals to add to float (at Nut Plains now), Jamie will pick those up Friday night. Two GYLA signs are in the shed and Mike will get those. Mike will reach out to locksmith for the boys shed issue to open it up and get turf. Jamie will also bring shirts and GYLA banners. Set up Friday night at 6pm at Sperry Drive location. Saturday morning to help set up as early as 8:15am. Julie will send Mike her playlist to set up music for the parade.</li> <li>- New Venmo account</li> <li>Start thinking about end of season gifts and plan to order everything early to give out at last practice rather than picnic.</li> </ul>
Boys Coordinator	Ben Hutchins	50 kids enrolled for fall ball, need volunteers for coaching
Girls Coordinator	Rachel Mascia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fall ball kicked off last week - 88 girls now registered. Hosted Jamboree Saturday - thanks Mike &amp; John for helping it run smoothly and providing music/pictures</li> <li>● 5 more weeks of practices, 4 more play days</li> <li>● Discussed starting a content team with John - email to go out to all parents who might be interested</li> <li>● Website - started a clinic page for fall clinic opportunities. Would like to keep it going throughout the year as a resource - Rachel to add John's contact info to the Contacts section of the GYLA website</li> <li>● 8th grade team signed up for reindeer games - deposit due by 10/1</li> <li>● Coaching needs - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 7th grade - Rachel will look into Branford coach</li> <li>○ 1st grade will play lady cubs games - Colby can</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Motion to adjourn: 9:14pm