



## **SSBL Board of Directors Meeting November 1, 2022 Cornog Field House**

Present (Executive Board Members): Laura Buccola, Chris Moon, Alison MacMillan, Eric Voelker, Drew Spitzer, Pat McGovern, Matt Schwark, Tim Yarnall, Danny Roselle, Mike Evangelist

Missing: Jason Filiberti, Drew Spitzer, Kevin Haggard

Present (General Board): Remy Bianco, Michelle DeMuth, Nanette Nuyt

Present (Other): Community Members, Brad Franco (President, SHS Softball Booster), Jon Aronson, Lisa Soccodato & others

- I. Welcome – Laura Buccola
  - A. Vote for Vice President: Kevin Haggard as VP, passes in favor (majority needed)
- II. Treasurer Update: Pat McGovern: Pat is currently transitioning to Drew; reminder that budget needs to be finalized by Jan 1, voted on at December meeting and therefor all items are due by November 21; Team Snap discussion regarding ownership and access.
- III. Softball Travel Update: Laura welcomed Jason Filiberti as the new Travel Director (Jason wrote welcome letter in his absence at meeting); Tim Yarnall spoke – evaluations due 11/12 and looking for new members for the Softball Travel Committee.
- IV. Softball Update: Tim Yarnall
  - A. SHS Grant Applications / Process: Grant/application process should be started for high school assistant coaches; need information for the budget items; need the form for applicants for Coach Durkin and Zaleski.
  - B. Rec Registration Process and Timelines: typically try to open it by December 1 (need pricing set), other spring sports are up and even closed by then; need to think about work bonds; do we combine softball/baseball but then people sign up for the wrong sport and must be moved; which is better? Do we have a Director of Registration? Reminder that work bond is \$150 max; 3<sup>rd</sup> child registration is at a discounted rate.
  - C. Presentation of Softball Winter Clinics by Brad Franco, President Trustee of Summit Softball Club: Coach Durkin working to have clinics for the winter including, Intro to Softball, Pitching & Catching; General Skills Clinic (basic one and one for students preparing for middle school tryouts); high school

players would be involved and middle school players could be involved (for community service); will be a la carte offerings; location will be the high school gym for Intro and Pitching & Catching and looking at other spaces for General Skills Clinic; trying to find space for all (and for baseball too); will marketed this through SSBL (Team Snap) and SSBL needs head counts for insurance purposes.

- V. Baseball Travel Update – presented by Matt Schwark
  - A. Special thanks to Ben Block (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>), Eric Volker (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) and Danny Roselle (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) for the successful fall rec season; thank you to Chris Moon championing the high school boys to get involved as coaches (and clinics) ; Hustle travel tryouts went as well as it could have; Leroy Horne had the 12u tryouts – swing player/ matching process underway; Rostering and then coach selection process is next; discussion pursued about ranking of players and selection process and that a committee will come up with a policy to be added to the handbook about how to handle players that are injured at the time of tryouts; procedures are documented on the SSBL website; expecting travel teams announced by Thanksgiving.
  - B. 12u Fall Ball season update (Fields Director): the addition of high school baseball players as assistant coaches for 12u (Spencer Nicely, Luke Jacobson, Daniel Machado) was a success for all – helps in the transition to bigger field and toward professional coaching and is recommend going forward for fall ball when transitioning from 12u to 13u; would make sense for softball as well going forward.
- VI. Baseball Update - Pat McGovern- on behalf of Pat/Minor Huffman: Alec Serban will be baseball equipment manager – thank you; need pricing and work bond process for rec registration; will get baseball schedule set like softball; by year end wants all league directors set up; Danny Roselle reported rec season was great and hopefully going forward we can get sponsorship plaques sooner and push for greater picture day attendance.
- VII. Marketing Update – Alison MacMillan: Laura hosted Gypset fundraiser and made \$500 and will do again in the spring – thank you to all who attended.
  - A. Sponsorship drive: delivering sponsor plaques and working on prospective sponsors going forward; very grateful to all sponsors.
  - B. Travel baseball uniforms: looking at vendors with quick turnaround times, personalization and the ability to order one-offs; designing new jersey with lighter material and home/away jerseys; concerns were expressed over changing uniforms because then families cannot hand them down year over year.
  - C. November 19<sup>th</sup> will be field cleanup/ drive/sneaker collection: opportunity for members of community to come together for the program and a way to generate funds for the program.
  - D. Summit Police Athletic League partnership: looking to strengthen partnership.
  - E. Additional spirit wear shop will open before spring season.

- F. Website will be updated with registration information as well as to pull from Instagram and Facebook.
- VIII. Personnel Update – Mike Evangelist
  - A. Survey: mid-season complete, post season to be completed - thirty-either responses and all positive so far but would like to get additional responses from the baseball community; discussion about how to have a non-biased committee to review surveys going forward.
- IX. Fields Update – Chris Moon
  - A. Fall Cleanup November 19 – there will be sign-up genius and plans for everything including cleaning out green boxes.
  - B. SHS Turf mound & hand truck – Mound has been taken apart and stored and working with high school on purchasing hand truck and where to store; as a reminder, we have not yet paid for mound.
  - C. Off season projects: CapEx items discussed with DCP (Mark Ozoroski) and BOE (Derek Jess) – will have meeting later this month to go over proposed projects field by field; Executive Board will meet in advance of this meeting to review.
- X. Outside Director Update - Anuj Gulati and Kevin Haggard: Financial aid will be handled.
- XI. Capital Expenditures Update – Eric Voelker had his transition meeting with Anuj Gulati and next steps are to meet with the Board of Ed of December 16 in order to move forward and fully transition.
- XII. Questions /Comments /Concerns - none
- XIII. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting:
  - A. Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 8:30pm, Cornog Field House
- XIV. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting:
  - A. December 6, 2022, 8:15pm, Cornog Field House