



SSBL Board of Directors Meeting February 7, 2023, 8:15pm Cornug Field House and Google Meet

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

Missing: Mike Evangelist, Kevin Haggard, Drew Spitzer, Jason Filiberti

Present (General Board): Rexy Bianco, Jay Semsel and Michelle DeMuth

Present (Other): Community Members

- I. Welcome / Introduction
- II. President's Updates – Laura Buccola
 - a. Field use fees (DCP mtg) – SSBL meeting with DCP on Feb 27th for an update on the \$20 per athlete fee paid to DCP from SSBL.
 - b. Field of Dreams concept– complex of baseball and softball fields in Summit under discussion; SSBL met with Mayor/member of Council because Summit does not have fields like other locations; location is the issue and looking at options near the transfer station or near Glenside but there are complicating factors.
 - c. Christine Zotti – working in something commemorative or in honor of her for opening day; SSBL donated via PAL.
 - d. PO Box / keys - up to date; coming up with plan for future.
 - e. Gamechanger – local gym offering a free assessment for players - Feb 11th and Feb 18th; 2:30 to 3:30.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Laura on behalf of Drew Spitzer - about half of travel budgets done; working on other donations (perhaps other sponsorship)
- IV. Softball Travel Update – Tim Yarnall on behalf of Jason Filiberti;
 - a. Softball Travel Committee Updates - Hershey trip is confirmed in July.
 - b. Registration - spring travel registration is set up in Team Snap (spring/travel set up the same time); 8U spring travel offered last year, trying to get feedback on from them; 14U – last year, we didn't have enough to have but would like to offer all age groups this year.
- V. Softball Update – Tim Yarnall
 - a. Rec Registration – currently behind in grades 3, 4, 5, 6 registrations; sending emails to the 81 players who registered last year and haven't signed up yet this year; will announce hard deadline to create a sense of urgency and allows for buddy requests.
 - b. Uniform order – we need sponsors and extra team should be “unsponsored” - first order shirts and then add sponsorship info; current sponsors – half of last years plus 6/7 more have committed and working on remaining; very grateful for community support.

- c. Clinics- success to date
 - d. Pizzafest – dates are scheduled.
- VI. Baseball Travel Update – Matt Schwark
- a. Baseball Travel Committee Meeting Recap - June 10th will be Championship Day; starting June 11th week is the Ripken tournament; there is a 7u option for Ripken; we will have a team for every year except 9u; registration is currently open for 8u; 8th grade team is a basically a middle school team and play mostly during the week; travel committee looking at language for handbook with regards to travel tryouts and players with injuries; working on coach selection suggestions and uniforms; Opening Day is April 15th.
- VII. Baseball Update – Pat McGovern
- a. Rec Registration – T-ball numbers are huge; uniforms need to get ordered and equipment needs to get ordered; 52 days until the first game; we need a T Ball Director.
 - b. Evaluations – We should get email out about evaluations coming up on February 25th; we need to solicit volunteers to help with evaluations.
 - c. Clinics – Minor Huffman did a great job; combined 4th, 5th, 6th; outside clinics also seem to be doing ok.
 - d. Pizzafest - will reach out to Coach Zaleski to have him some of his players speak at Pizzafest to add some enthusiasm and underscore the value of rec baseball.
- VIII. Marketing Update
- a. Sponsorship Drive - \$500 – Thank you to Dicks Sporting Goods for their continued generosity.
 - b. Baseball Travel Uniforms - finalized design and players numbers are with Thompsons and then families can buy online; (7th grade team – they only use for 1 year so don't want to order for a short period of time – will reach out to the 7th grade team and see if they need new uniform or if they can they order older uniforms).
 - c. Dicks event – 10% off at union store (details to be confirmed).
 - d. We have collected gently used equipment and can give it away.
 - e. Annual Fundraiser - Elks, May 19th – we will start planning and advertising.
 - f. Rec Evaluations email to be sent out.
- IX. Personnel – Laura on behalf of Mike Evangelist
- a. League Directors - all are filled except for one for T-ball; Next Wednesday is February 22nd; all requirements need to be met by 3/15
 - b. CPR Classes – sold out so looking for a larger location.
- X. Fields Update – Chris Moon- adding additional green field box for high school softball equipment which will free up space in the shed as well as home/visitor signs for all fields.
- XI. CapEx Update- Erik Voelker
- a. Review projects with BOE and DCP fields - Wilson remote is being worked on by DCP and they will cover the cost and are waiting for proposal on Memorial Fields 60/90 bullpen; Manhattan Lighting working on lighting proposals for Jefferson (new LED or replace broken bulbs) – could be between \$20K/\$25K – with some rebates; wooden field box – we should be able to fix that; fields need to dry out before we can start work; March 14th is high school try outs; tarps – looking at smaller tarps for home base etc.; Erik met with Derek Jess regarding potential next steps for Lincoln-Hubbard field and potential for concession stand at Jefferson; also working through any logistics with zoning office
- XII. Outside Director Update. – Danny Rosselle - Pizzafest is all scheduled out and committee working on pizza, prizes, etc.; Championship Day – Rec Dept handles it – no charge; Opening

Day of baseball and Softball - 4/15 – next step is to get permit; Summit Day of Lacrosse – is also 4/15 – they use Investors Field and Tatlock – one game every hour plus food etc. trying to work together so that same grades games aren't at the same time; Jay Semsel will work with Summit Lax about field space and overlap as we have a good relationship; May 6th is picture day - avoid rec games before noon and also add travel teams to picture day.

XIII. Questions/Comments/Concerns - none

XIV. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: March 7, 8:15pm Knights of Columbus

XV. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting: February 22, 8:15pm Cornog Field House