



SSBL Board of Directors Meeting March 7, 2023, 8:15pm Knights of Columbus and Google Meet

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

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

Present (Other): Community Members

- I. Welcome
- II. Presidents Updates – Laura Buccola
 - a. Field of Dreams: submitted to NJ Dept of Planning; thank you to John Flack
 - b. Field use fees update: meeting with all sports presidents with DCP, Town engineer and talked through the \$20/athlete fee and how it will be spent going forward; this meeting hasn't happened in 2 to 3 years (\$20/student since 2005); Note that there is a potential for the fee to raise to \$30 in the future.
 - c. Youth umpire kickoff: Thank you to Laura Lameo and Elizabeth Ryan 3/28 for 7th graders to umpire 4th/5th grade rec
 - d. Bat Boy Program: Thank you to Kate Moon for running this: 3 bat boys for all home high school games; 7th, 6th graders
 - e. Zotti honoring discussion: likely will honor her on opening day weekend (at Jefferson); one idea was to turn on lights at first home night game
- III. Treasurer's Report – Laura Buccola on Drew Spitzers behalf – working on tax return; travel budgets have been submitted for 12u teams, tournaments etc.
- IV. Fields update – Chris Moon
 - a. Replacing all lights at Jefferson Field with new LED lighting and new lights in batting cages – EB approved; will take about 5 days and ideally do it the week of spring break; discussions about BOE responsibility going forward
 - b. Installment of batting cage netting, OF fencing, dugout screens at Wilson, Memorial 60/90 and Myrtle - Thank you to Tom Capparaso for helping with this
 - c. Spring Clean-Up date: 3/18 or 3/19 – 3/19 likely the better date
 - d. Scoreboard updates for Long and Wilson (city fields): working on getting issues repaired (electrical) and Long Field (DCP) reaching out to the company that

- installed it to see about replacement (scoreboard \$5K and then installation is \$7k ish) – replacing or moving scoreboard (rewiring and extending the electric)
 - e. Coordinate with LD's to distribute keys: Chris Moon needs # of coaches so he can make new keys for everyone (hope to distribute at Pizzafest); also need access to the restrooms (10u travel and 4th grade rec)
 - f. Summit Hardware will do overhaul on all tractors etc.
 - g. SSBL met with DCP to fill in any lips in the field and where to mow lawns etc.
- V. Softball Travel Update – Tim Yarnall on behalf of Jason Filiberti
 - a. Registration recap (coaches, teams): all teams have to be done by tomorrow; 10u done (not expanded roster) ; 12u (team formation because 2 teams); total 3 teams (1 10u and 2 12u); 8u – tough for their age group (double headers on Sundays); working through coaches; working with Drew to finalize budget; Hershey tournament – right now only 1 team registered; going forward we may finalize summer registration soon than historically rather than later so that these issues can be addressed; intent is to have an 8u summer team
- VI. Softball Update - Tim Yarnall
 - a. Registration recap/Spring season recap: 295 total versus 310 – perhaps will get those kids between now and Pizzafest; very high numbers in K and 1st; big concern is from 5th to 6th where there is a drop; uniforms are ordered; sponsors set (Thank you Alison!!)
 - b. Pizzafest: Uniforms should be in before Pizzafest; gathering give aways for Pizzafest (gift cards, lessons, McCools gift cards, squishmallow) etc; League Directors doing an awesome job – Sam Conroy all set with T-Ball, Libby Jois– 1st/2nd and Anush Gulati with 3rd/4th
- VII. Baseball Travel Update – Matt Schwark
 - a. 12u Teams updates: sending 2 teams to Cooperstown July 22 to Aug 2nd; Pete Soccodato and Andy Smith leading that
 - b. 7th Grade Team update (discuss 8th grade for next year): current 7th grade – there are between 30 and 35 kids that will be in 8th grade and interested in playing 8th grade; those are high numbers and therefore looking to have 2 teams and a second coach; this is something we need to think about now; logistics of that are complicated because not a lot of B teams out there; some towns (Cranford) have 2 teams but b/c they have 2 middle schools; looking for coaches (paid position); 7th grade team NOT doing new uniforms because in 8th grade has different uniforms (not personalized)
 - c. Baseball Travel Committee Meeting Recap: none as of now
- VIII. Baseball Update – Pat McGovern
 - a. Registration, draft recap (coaches, teams) – Rec evaluations and draft went well; evaluations for Omaha, March 18th and may need volunteers; Omaha draft will be that evening; 507 overall (530 last year); T-ball has 137 players which is a huge amount; going forward – one buddy request and only for younger teams; League directors are doing an awesome job-thank you; working through glitch with Team Snap; a little behind on equipment but good shape on uniforms because we are going to need to even it out (hoping to have smaller # teams)

- b. Pizzafest: all set
 - c. Zaleski meeting update: he will do a week of summer camp – week of July 10th; would like to add more weeks
- IX. Marketing Update – Alison MacMillan
- a. Sponsorship drive: still working on a few more
 - b. Dicks sale promotion – Route 22 shopping, March 17 – 20th – 20% off
 - c. Annual Fundraiser: date May 17th – working with committee to get that going
- X. Personnel Update – Mike Evangelist
- a. Coach update: 25 out of 30 travel done; sent out vote for additional softball travel coaches; CPR class next Monday, March 13th is full; T-Ball still needs to be trained; coaches evaluations maybe pre- mid-season so we can provide feedback; player evaluations forms have been sent out to baseball/softball from last year and need to encourage coaches to submit; players evaluations forms are important for rec for next year
- XI. CapEx Update – Eric Voelker – no new updates
- XII. Outside Director Update – Danny Rosselle –application for championship day (6/10) is done; photo May 6th; Pizzafest
- XIII. Questions/Comments/Concerns
- XIV. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: April 11, 8:15pm Cornog Field House
- XV. Upcoming Executive Board meeting: March 14, 8:15pm (virtual)