



SSBL Board of Directors Meeting

August 1, 8:30pm

Via Google Meet

Present: Jason Filiberti, Laura Buccola, Alison MacMillan, Tim Yarnall

Missing: Pat McGovern, Mike Evangelist, Chris Moon, Drew Spitzer, Eric Volker, Kevin Haggard, Matt Schwark, Danny Roselle

Present (General Board): Remy Bianco, Michelle DeMuth

Present (Others): Lori Tulloch and Community Members

- I. Welcome / Introduction – Laura Buccola:
 - a. Nominations committee & elections – Election coming up Oct. 3, Nominations committee: Dave Rosoff, Elizabeth Ryan & Laura Lameo, 3 open positions: Softball Director, Travel Director for Baseball and Personnel; more information coming soon; the SSBL community sends in nominations and therefore if you know people that would be good additions to the SSBL Board, please pass those names along.
 - b. Scholarships – Thank you notes received from SSBL scholarship recipients who were very grateful.
 - c. Donations requests - We have received donation requests for the Brayton Fall Fest and Jefferson Fair and SSBL will donate something from softball and baseball.
- II. Treasurer's Report – Laura Buccola on behalf of Drew Spitzer:
 - a. Quarterly Report – quarterly report coming next meeting.
- III. Softball Travel Update -Jason Filiberti:
 - a. Fall Travel - Fall Travel Schedules are almost done; the season begins after Labor Day and will conclude by Halloween; 8 regular games with playoffs; teams formation going on right now and we have about 90 players which is down 7 from last year; we should aim to increase our number of players with birth years of 2014/15 to be sure we have robust program going forward; should we consider things like adding new winter clinics to attract more players; there will be 1 8u team and 2 teams for 10u/12u/14; once teams are formed, we will look

to align coaches; looking for coaching clinics and ways to bolster coaching; maybe Drew university as an option but need to look at the budget impact; in terms of tryouts going forward, since Challenge U has stepped out of the evaluations business we are looking for more consistency by provider for evaluations.

- b. Hershey Recap – tough from a win/loss standpoint but overall feedback we think was positive; Lori Tulloch provided additional color and expressed that it was a lot of fun; going forward would love to keep that going but want to be competitive and will try to find a time to do when there are other “C” level teams; other feedback includes possibly doing a tournament in advance and also to start the fundraising process earlier.
- IV. Softball Update –Tim Yarnall:
- a. Rec Softball– equipment collected from all but 1 team.
 - b. Summit Day of Softball - Challenge U booked for Summit Say of Softball 2024 (April 6th).
- V. Baseball Travel Update – Laura Buccola on behalf Matt Schwark:
- a. Fall Travel - Hustle did Fall Travel evaluations in June and there were a few others for tryouts more recently; rosters should go out today for the Maroon teams except 10u where there will be a slight delay; looking for coaches for 12u and 13; White teams will come out later.
 - b. Spring/Summer Travel - All travel teams are completed their seasons.
 - c. Cooperstown - Cooperstown has ended and both 12u teams are en route home and it was “Disney of baseball”; there has been lots of good feedback so far and looking forward to more.
- VI. Baseball Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Pat McGovern:
- a. Fall Rec season – to date we have 45 total registrants which is lite so please register if you have not already.
- VII. Marketing Update – Alison MacMillan:
- a. Plaques - sponsor plaques being delivered to local businesses this week and next
 - b. Social Media – Social media of Cooperstown has been posted; as always, please send pictures to Alison for posting.
- VIII. Personnel Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Mike Evangelist:
- a. End of Season Survey for Spring Rec/Travel went out and feedback collected.
 - b. End of Season for Summer will go out soon.
- IX. Fields Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Chris Moon: no new updates
- X. CapEx Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Eric Voelker:
- a. School District/DCP – no changes to season/fields availability as far as we know.

- XI. Outside Director Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Danny Roselle:
 - a. Looking at fall date, likely September 23/24 for travel team picture day.

- XII. Questions/Comments/Concerns – Somerset Patriots games was awesome – over 120 participants; parade early for players; nice way to enjoy baseball with your family; special thanks to Laura Buccola for organizing and SSBL hopes to have 3 more next year.

- XIII. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: September 5, 8:30pm, virtual

- XIV. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting: August 28, 8:30pm, virtual