



SSBL Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2023 8:00pm
Google Meet

Present: Eric Volker, Laura Buccola, Alison MacMillan, Richard Sosa, Seth Goren, Chris Moon, Jimmy DaSilva

Missing: Mike Evangelist, Jason Filiberti, Pat McGovern, Drew Spitzer, Kevin Haggard, Danny Roselle

Present (General Board): Michelle DeMuth, Nenette Luyt

Present (Others): Jon Goldberg, Danielle Kwan and others

I. Welcome/Introduction – Laura Buccola

- A. Gypset fundraiser - \$600
- B. Upcoming weekend collection/fall clean-up – still need volunteers for Saturday’s clean-up; Saturday will also include an equipment drive and “Got Sneakers” drive/fundraiser; please feel free to drop items at Jefferson or Laura is willing to give her address if you prefer to drop them there; 8th graders can get community service hours for helping out.
- C. Patriots game/fundraiser: game selection underway – looking at dates for this event (Sunday April 14th or 21st) and again at the end of the season.

II. Treasurer Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Drew Spitzer, cash position is strong (time of year); currently budgeting for 2024 and Drew is meeting in with every Executive Board member to start planning

III. Softball Travel Update - Laura Buccola on behalf of Jason Filiberti

- A. Tryouts – two tryouts sessions completed at Drew University; additional updates coming soon

IV. Softball Update – Richard Sosa

- A. League Directors: working on the filling the League Directors positions; it is going well so far with open positions remaining for T-ball and 7th and 8th grade.
- B. Equipment Manager – open position but maybe Richard will take it on.

- C. 2024 Calendar – working on New Ideas for Summit Day of Softball.
- D. Winter schedule - winter clinics are coming again at Summit High School – we will send out soon and get registration detailed finalized.
- E. Middle school softball field (and one baseball field we use for younger grades) is currently out of commission. The lower high school field is expected to be available through 2024.

V. Baseball Travel Update -Seth Goren

- A. Tryouts: Tryout numbers indicate great interest in the younger grades; there are opportunities to optimize the tryout process; 7th grade had the final tryout on Sunday (11/12); 36 8th graders are registered which would support two teams
- B. Rostering: travel coaches for all 7U-12U travel teams (maroon and white), but one (7U white), have been finalized, with a goal to announce teams by Thanksgiving.
- C. Winter Training: looking to develop infrastructure for travel coaches to tap into for winter training (e.g., blocked space at Centercourt, Florham Park Sports Dome; a separate winter training program at Centercourt is being developed for 8th graders.

VI. Baseball Update – Laura on behalf of Pat McGovern

- A. Pre-K T-Ball: due to limited field space this year, there is an initiative to partner with the YMCA to provide pre-K T-ball.
- B. Baseball Committee: Baseball rec and travel committees have been combined and in the first meeting brought a lot of good ideas forward to benefit players and manage schedules.
- C. Rec evaluations forthcoming

VII. Marketing Update – Alison MacMillan

- A. Coordinated communications will begin soon for the upcoming rec season and winter clinics.
- B. Sponsors – currently working on updating website and soliciting sponsors for the upcoming season.

VIII. Personnel Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Mike Evangelist– We are in good shape as travel coaches have been reviewed and vetted and will work to review and approve rec coaches once the season opens.

IX. Fields Update – Chris Moon

- A. Fall fields closure – batting cages and nets are all down and finishing up everything else; sheds and green boxes needs to be cleaned up and put away for the winter; Chris will lock up cages; equipment managers need keys to SSBL sheds etc; Alison will provide info on the fields clean-up to respective volunteers.
- B. Budget for 2024 is complete and included expenses related to tarps for Long, Jefferson, Memorial and Wilson fields.

X. Capital Expenditures – Eric Voelker - working on field updates with the City and field tour with new mayor.

XI. Questions /Comments /Concerns – Laura Buccola– anyone on the executive board, please send pics; no other comments/questions

XII. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 8:30pm

A. Discuss moving for elementary school concerts. – moving to the December 4th as of now

XIII. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 2023 8:30pm