



SSBL Board of Directors Meeting

January 2, 2023, 8:30pm

Via Google Meet

Present: Drew Spitzer, Laura Buccola, Alison MacMillan, Richard Sosa, Seth Goren, Chris Moon, Jimmy DaSilva, Drew Spitzer, Kevin Haggard, Jason Filiberti, Pat McGovern

Missing: Mike Evangelist, Eric Volker

Present (General Board): Michelle DeMuth, Remy Bianco, Nenette Luyt, Jon Goldberg

Present (Others): Community Members

I. Welcome/Introduction – Laura Buccola – Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

II. Treasurer Update – Drew Spitzer

- a. Currently working on closing books for year-end; November had travel revenue is slightly up from last year; cash situation is good shape.

III. Softball Travel Update – Jason Filiberti

- a. Travel softball: registration is underway, about 18 girls have registered to date compared to 60 in the assessments; opened up registration earlier this year in order to form teams earlier and get players some winter training; also plan to open registration earlier for summer in order to plan for summer tournaments etc.; 12u Hershey tournament this summer will it be happening this summer, it is just a question of one or two teams; assessments were done for 10u, 12u and 14u and are used for leveling; Laura asked about # of teams per age group; assessments are for 10u, 12u and 14u; assessments were spread evenly across the 3 age groups and registration so far is about even across all 4 age groups.

IV. Softball Update – Richard Sosa

- a. Rec registration number seem in in line with historical registrations.
- b. Clinics are being launched and the focus for is on pitching and catching because we always need them; clinics are an affordable (\$25/clinic); we are hoping lots of girls join

and learn; and working on the winter gym usage calendar (Laura suggested Richard connect with Pat on scheduling).

- c. Summit Day of Softball – still need an organization to run it and cannot seem to find someone because it's prime season and too much for them to come to us; we are looking into other options (like maybe Summit varsity) and definitely plan to have a very fun day.

V. Baseball Travel Update – Seth Goren

- a. Travel teams are done and very excited about 2 teams at the 7u level.
- b. Winter training – this winter SSBL has committed about 80% of each team's training budget to Centercourt which allows us to get a good deal; this plan also solved for some of the concerns that some travel teams got more winter training than others; coaches can supplement with their discretionary budget; however, because we were late to book, the timing is not optimal; if this strategy works this year, SSBL will start earlier next year and get more desirable times.
- c. 7th grade team has been rostered and announced and those registrations are mostly in.
- d. 8th grade: will have 2 evenly distributed teams and believe we have both coaches and need to formalize that relationship and then do tryouts/rostering; 8th grade team is evenly distributed because they are playing other middle schools; John Flack about winter training for 8th grade and the answer was that that link has gone out and it will be at Centercourt and run by Centercourt on Thursdays; a question was asked about whether cuts for the 8th grade team and it was explained that last year there was taxi players and the only reason someone might not make it is if they are not developmentally not ready; Coach Leroy tends to roster heavy and registration does not indicate try out; there are current 35 people registered for 8th grade; John Flack gave a shout out to the coaches a few years ago who kept the 8th graders now together.

VI. Baseball Update – Pat McGovern

- a. Rec baseball scheduling: new this year is that SSBL is trying to get set schedule dates – all on the same date/time, but different fields.
- b. Umpires – working with Lou on the umpires.
- c. Player Development - Minor Huffman has been the head of player development and doing a great job and working on increased player time and practice time – if someone is interested in player development, please reach out.
- d. League Directors – continuing to working on League Directors – T-Ball is locked in.
- e. Working with Coach Zeleski to plan some clinics for rec players in off season (helps high schooler with fundraiser and helps players).

VII. Marketing Update – Alisson MacMillan

- a. Social Media - continuing to post reminders about registration and clinics (by the end of the month).
- b. Sponsorship – Thank you to those local stores or companies who continue to sponsor SSBL; we will work to get some of the new stores in town to sponsor.
- c. Information regarding. The Dicks partnership for buying gear fundraiser will come soon.

- d. Social event/fundraiser for the spring – working on thinking through our objectives and then will working on planning the event.
- e. Lawn signs – will be just board members and other select locations this year; Alison intends to drop them off this weekend.

VIII. Personell Update -- Laura Buccola on behalf of Mike Evangelist

- a. Ripken tournament is now asking all Maroon coaches to go through the same training we have done except on a different platform.
- b. Rec coaching hand raisers has been awesome – thank you! We already have enough for 18 baseball teams and 25 softball teams; we are in good shape so far.
- c. Work Bond and Baseball Equipment manager – please let us know if you are willing to take on one of those roles.
- d. Matt DeFonzo – excited to welcome him as a coach; Matt is an SPS employee at the middle school and is a part of Summit High School Football who grew up in Summit and is very excited to get involved; SSBL is looking forward to having him!

IX. Fields Update – Chris Moon - no real updates

X. Capital Expenditures – Laura Buccola on behalf of Eric Voelker

- a. DCP and BOE update - met with them within the last month
 - 1. Lincoln-Hubbard - extending the first base line at Lincoln-Hubbard and expanding the fence line at the far end of the field (6 ft high as well) and adding a gate.
 - 2. High School - the lower high school bids went out for work that is being done there and should be done between the end of march and end of April.
 - 3. Middle School staging areas have started taking place so that field is taken out of the equation for spring and maybe fall (Middle School 1).

XI. Outside Director – Jimmy DaSilva – no major updates but has maybe an idea for Summit Day of Softball – will reach out to Richard Sosa

XII. Questions /Comments /Concerns

XIII. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2024

XIV. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024