



SSBL Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2024, 8:30pm
Via Google Meet

Present: Laura Buccola, Richard Sosa, Seth Goren, Chris Moon, Jimmy DaSilva, Jason Filiberti, Alison MacMillan

Missing: Mike Evangelist, Eric Volker, Drew Spitzer, Kevin Haggard, Pat McGovern

Present (General Board): Michelle DeMuth, Rexy Bianco, Jon Goldberg, Mike Rizzo

Present (Others): Community Members

- I. Welcome / Introduction – Laura Buccola
- II. Treasurer’s Report – Laura on behalf of Drew Spitzer; good cash position for year-end as expected ~\$377K
- III. Softball Travel Update – Jason Filiberti
 - a. 10u, 12u- about 15 people each – high end of normal but should be fine
 - b. 8u and 14u – less participation but will be able to get 8u with 10 or 11 players; 14u - have 12 interested players but high school/middle school teams will not be formed until mid-march; with the rec requirement that would be 3 teams for those players; looking at pitching and parent involvement to make sure a 14u team makes sense; last thing we want is a sub-optimal first year experience so trying to work through everything
 - c. League registration is up for softball and working through that; the league is seemingly being more lenient about scheduling this year and hope to not do double headers on Sundays which is a pitching issue
 - d. Team formations will be up soon and working through coaching inquiries
 - e. Thanks to everyone helping to get these teams formed and get new players
- IV. Softball Update – Richard Sosa
 - a. Rec Registration – trailing last year by a little bit (largely the Kindergarten numbers) so trying to advertising at Jefferson and Wilson

- b. League Directors have been updated where we are with numbers and are working on getting coaches lined up and then will do the draft for older grades
 - c. Joint practices- looking at doing joint practices for first 3 or 4 weeks for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th graders- supervised by one lead coach so that all the girls are doing the same things; this would require coordination to have so many players on a field at once
 - d. Summit Day of Softball – Jimmy DaSilva has someone who is willing to come in but still working through pricing, timing and specifics and expect to have an update by the Exec Board meeting
- V. Baseball Travel Update – Seth Goren
- a. First baseball has been played; winter training has started! Great news! Bulk space at Centercourt seems to be going ok and will be even better next year
 - b. Registered for USABL spring leagues
 - c. 7th grade team has a team manager approved – Jill Morris – will work with Leroy on scheduling and communications; next piece is getting their winter training up and running
 - d. 8th grade tryout dates have been set – March 2nd, 3rd and 9th; team formation closely thereafter and coaches will start scheduling games
- VI. Baseball Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Pat McGovern
- a. Rec Registration – 373 registrants – good numbers; a little light on the Kindergarten as well but will push like with softball; we do need coaches as the second grade level but at all the other levels we have more coaches than we need; need to look at what travel players haven't signed up for rec and working on uniforms with Thompsons this week
 - b. Rec evaluations – March 2nd at the middle school; 3rd grade and up
 - c. Clinics for 1st – 3rd grade started this weekend and more coming up; 5pm sold out quickly and less interest in the 6pm time slot but players and high school varsity players did well and everyone had fun
- VII. Marketing Update – Alison MacMillan
- a. Sponsorships – Alison working on securing sponsors around Summit and others that are interested; noting at basketball games who sponsors there and not baseball; please send any ideas to Alison; sponsorship deadline is the end of the February
 - b. Please send any pictures and they will be posted on social media
 - c. Will continue to post registrations on behalf of SSBL
- VIII. Personnel – Laura Buccola on behalf of Mike Evangelist
- a. Open positions – high school baseball coordinator for the bat boy program
 - b. League Directors - looking for 4th grade and Omaha League Directors
 - c. Ripken chartering - we got a waiver related to their new process this year but are working through registering coaches and will do it differently next year

- d. Mike Rizzo – approved as Work Bond Coordinator – thank you!
 - e. Jill Morris – approved as 7th grade Parent Manager – thank you!
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- IX. Fields Update – Chris Moon – taking stock of inventory; will get update from City about when we can open the fields
 - X. CapEx Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Erik Voelker – will have quarterly meeting with BOE and DCP before spring break
 - XI. Outside Director Update – Jimmy DaSilva - no other updates besides Summit Day of Softball; Softball clinics have been happening at the high school and they have been going well and enjoying working with the younger girls!
 - XII. Questions/Comments/Concerns – none at this time
 - XIII. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024, 8:30pm
 - XIV. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 8:30pm