



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

Present: Laura Buccola, Richard Sosa, Seth Goren, Chris Moon, Jimmy DaSilva, Alison MacMillan, Kevin Haggard

Missing: Mike Evangelist, Eric Volker, Drew Spitzer, Pat McGovern, Jason Filiberti,

Present (General Board): Michelle DeMuth, Jon Goldberg, Remy Bianco. Elizabeth Jois, Minor Huffman, Jon Aronson, and 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 we begin the Spring season
- III. Softball Travel Update – Laura on behalf of Jason Filiberti
  - a. Roster happening right now – 8u through 12 u in a great spot; waiting on middle school for older grade
  - b. Next up will be Summit Travel Summer registration in mid to late March
- IV. Softball Update – Richard Sosa
  - a. Rec Registration – went really well
    - Kindergarten is a little light
    - Grade 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – will have smaller teams so more opportunities to bat
    - Grade 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – finalized coaches
    - Grade 5<sup>t</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – will have a draft likely Sunday - 4 teams
    - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>t</sup> – 3 teams
    - Sponsors are all set and teams will be set by the 21<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Summit Day of Softball – looking for an outside vendor but have been having difficulty; working with a committee to put together an awesome day; it might be shorter than last year; April 6<sup>th</sup>

- V. Baseball Travel Update – Seth Goren
- a. 8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts – 2 have occurred and last will be next Saturday followed by roster within a week
  - b. Divisions: in the next few weeks preliminary divisions will be sent and then some moving around a bit; by the end of our spring break, we will have the schedules
  - c. April 7<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day
- VI. Baseball Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Pat McGovern
- a. Rec Evaluations – had great turnout and went really well
  - b. Omaha – there will be no evaluations because well-known already
  - c. 450 registered – heavy in T-ball, first grade and light in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> league – still recruiting so that we can have more numbers in that division
  - d. Clinics – reported by Minor Huffman – 3 of 4 days of clinics have occurred; 2 hitting and 2 throwing; 64 participants to date; instructors were all high school students; most of the players were in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> ; pitching and catching clinic with 10 players; clinics were a fundraiser for the high school program and raised about \$3700 (less fees); has been a good experience for high school players and participants
  - e. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade League Director is still to be determined
- VII. Marketing Update – Alison MacMillan
- a. Sponsorships – we have about 45 sponsors which is great news, right on budget
  - b. Dicks sporting goods shopping day Friday-Sunday 3/15-3/17/24 at Dicks in Union; 20% off
  - c. Pizzafest (6:30 to 7:30pm at SHS):
    - Thursday, March 14th – ALL T-Ball (Girls & Boys)
    - Monday, March 18th – 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade Baseball
    - Tuesday, March 19th – 4th, 5th, 6th grade Baseball
    - Thursday, March 21st – 1st - 6th grade Softball
    - Please volunteer to help!
  - d. Email summarizing upcoming events and opportunities will go out this evening
- VIII. Personnel – Laura Buccola on behalf of Mike Evangelist
- a. Focus has been on getting League Directors and other volunteers up and running; one vacancy remains; if you know anyone, please let us know
- IX. Fields Update – Chris Moon
- a. Working with DCP on fields opening as it will depend a bit on the rain this week
  - b. Spring Clean-Up – hoping for Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> – putting together a list for Mike Rizzo (work bond coordinator) for sign-up genius for opportunities to get involved; Chris needs to know which teams will use which fields; Nanette Luyt (baseball) and Jon Goldberg (softball) will provide scheduling updates
  - c. Batting cage nets should go up next week

- d. Keys to red pad locks will be coordinated through League Directors and distributed at Pizzafest
  - e. Will coordinate with Coach Zaleski(SHS) and DCP on the tarps but working on what funds are available to pay (Boosters or high school)
- X. CapEx Update – Laura Buccola on behalf of Erik Voelker
- a. Quarterly meeting with BOE and DCP as we look for update on projects and initiatives; we will report back next meeting
- XI. Outside Director Update – Laura Buccola on behalf Jimmy DaSilva - no update at this time
- XII. Questions/Comments/Concerns – Jon Aronson question: Who is League Director for Omaha? Matt Schwark (asked by John Aronson)
- XIII. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2024, 8:30pm
- XIV. Upcoming Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 8:30pm