

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2025

Start time: 7:02 PM

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Board

- President: Jimmy Olafsan - present
- Vice President: Mike Wodalski - present
- League Advisor: Eric Feldman - present
- Treasurer: Tina Lang - present
- Secretary: Kristy Zander - absent

Commissioners

- Travel Commissioner (8-10U): OPEN
- Travel Commissioner (11-14U): Mitch Zblewski - present
- Babe Ruth Commissioner: Dale Zander - absent
- Majors Commissioner: OPEN
- AAA Commissioner: OPEN
- AA/A Commissioner: Brian Drolshagen - present
- T-Ball Commissioner: Sarah Olafson - present
- Concession Stand Manager: Melissa Sigmund - present

Key Positions

- Advertising Director /Fundraising: Jodi Teige - absent
- Apparel/Uniform Lead: Amanda Zblewski - absent
- Coach/Player Development Lead: OPEN
- Equipment Manager: Mike Peterson - absent
- Field/Facilities Lead: OPEN
- Inventory Lead: April Coleman - absent
- Parent Committee Lead/Picture Lead: Kelly Ziegelbauer - present
- Registration Coordinator: Brian Pensinger - present
- Scheduling Lead: Katie Howard - present
- Volunteering Lead: Tom Coleman - present

Additional Attendees:

- In-person: Eric Niziolek, Rachel Niziolek, Shawn Eades, Andy Brown, Keith Ziegelbauer
- Zoom: None, as the Zoom link was not offered for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

An amendment needs to be made to the August 17, 2025, meeting minutes to reflect that the softball association was looking to donate to the Kennedy Project, but had not specified an amount yet.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with the amendment:

- Motioned by: Tina Lang

- Seconded by: Mike Wodalski
- Status: Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance of \$79,006.98.
- Year-to-date net loss of \$15,000, attributed to travel ball expenses, outstanding balances, and a large donation of \$25,000 to the Kennedy Project.
- Discussed contacting Rhinelander regarding outstanding payments.
- The following outstanding fees from six players are due: \$50, \$100, \$250, \$300, \$60, and \$50. Some players were given exemptions or extensions based on their circumstances.
- Discussed the possibility that players with outstanding fees should not be allowed to play until their balances are paid. Jimmy Olafson will contact the families regarding payments, and Brian Pensinger mentioned the option to add these fees to their new registration.
- Payment was made to the football team on Friday, September 19.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Elections:

- Applications were received for the Executive Board for the roles of President (Jimmy Olafson), Vice President (Michael Wodalski), and League Advisor (Mitch Zblewski).
- The voters approved all three positions.
- Jimmy Olafson extended his and the association's appreciation to Eric Feldman, Tina Lang, and Kristi and Dale Zander for their time and contributions in their roles.
- Katie Howard was appointed Treasurer.
- Rachel Niziolek was appointed Secretary, with Eric Niziolek assisting.
- Melissa Sigmund will remain the Concession Stand Manager, with Kelly Ziegelbauer assisting.

Board of Directors moving forward:

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Filling Open Positions:

- Discussed the need to fill the remaining open positions and discussed potential candidates.
- Sarah Olafson mentioned that some T-ball parents may be interested and will follow up with them.
- Katie Howard noted that the Scheduling Lead position typically requires about one week of initial work followed by periodic updates.

Kennedy Project Update:

- Turf was installed last week, and lights were installed on Field 1.
- Over the next week, irrigation and grass will be worked on, followed by fencing.

Kennedy Park Fundraising:

- A \$30,000 donation was given to be used toward the upcoming indoor glow tournament as the major sponsor.
- The "Lights for Bradyn" indoor wiffle ball tournament is scheduled for February 28 from 4:00 PM to midnight.
- The event will have two divisions (Youth: 9-14 and Adult: 15-99), with 24 teams, home run derbies, a DJ, and a dance. Sophomore students are assisting with planning.
- The fundraising goal is \$10,000-\$20,000.
- Discussed that donors are willing to match funds if the association shows fundraising effort. If the event is successful, we discussed making it an annual event. Otherwise, we risk losing the date at the Greenheck Turner Center.
- Two grants for \$10,000 and \$100,000 were submitted to raise money, possibly for lights on Field 2.
- Jodi Teige is sending a letter to banner sponsors. Jimmy Olafson reminded attendees that they do not need to wait for the letter before talking to people about donations.
- Banner sales need to be discussed with the softball association to coordinate placement and avoid confusion.
- Softball approved a \$12,000 donation to the Kennedy Project.

- Hockey continues to express interest in being involved. Discussed asking them to do a "glow-in-the-dark" open skate during the "Lights for Bradyn" event and donating the proceeds.
- The Village is scheduling meetings with the school district and sports teams to discuss rental agreements and usage policies.
- Discussed making an additional donation to the Kennedy Project.
- Motion to donate \$15,000 to the Kennedy Project:
 - Motioned by: Eric Feldman
 - Seconded by: Andy Brown
 - Status: Motion approved.

2026 Tournament Planning:

- 8U: Has 10 kids and a head coach, but is still looking for an assistant coach.
- 9U: Is still working on finalizing everything; there are nine players on the second team and possibly two more. A coach is still needed for the second team.
- 10U: Is solid and has a plan for tournaments.
- 11U: Is all good, and had a meeting with families.
- 12U: All set.

2026 Registration, Concessions, and Volunteer Proposal:

- Tom Coleman is working on the volunteer spreadsheets.
- Discussed incentives for parents who go above and beyond, such as a drawing for a gift card.
- Discussed volunteer hours for recreation families, possibly starting with a requirement of two hours.
- Head coaches are currently exempt from volunteering, while assistant coaches may split volunteer hours at the head coach's discretion.
- Recreation volunteer hours are still under discussion.
- Discussed whether to keep travel families' volunteer hours at 10 or possibly increase them to 12 or 15.
- Motion to require travel families to complete 10 hours of volunteering:
 - Motioned by: Mike Wodalski
 - Seconded by: Katie Howard
 - Status: Motion approved.
- Volunteer hours will be monitored via Crossbar.
- An email regarding volunteer hours will be sent to all families.
- Registration information is ready to be sent out. Jimmy Olafson encouraged sending the email as soon as possible so that travel families can budget accordingly.

March Indoor Tournament:

- Date: March 20, 21, and 22.
- There are scheduling conflicts with other schools' spring breaks, which may affect the number of teams.
- Discussed the participation of club teams.

- The 11U coach will contact teams and tournaments from last year to gauge interest.

Camps:

- Catcher Camp: October 13, 20, and 27.
- 34 participants have signed up so far for the catcher's camp, compared to 54 last year. There is no cap, but we will consider a cap if the number of participants approaches 60.
- Discussed offering a catchers camp only for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to focus on more advanced techniques, but we want to continue offering it for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to learn basic and foundational skills.
- Fielding Camp: November 3, 10, and 17.
- Hitting Camp: December 26.
- Pitching Camp: January 12, 19, and 26.
- Jimmy Olafson reached out to UW-Stevens Point to discuss a potential partnership on camps.

Tournament Planning 2026:

- Softball requested the fourth weekend in June.
- Splash 1 is scheduled for June 19-21 for 9A, 10, 12, and 14B teams.
- Splash 2 is scheduled for July 24-26 for 8, 9B, 11, and 14 teams.
- Discussed potential conflicts with families who have multiple players and with a horseshoe tournament that takes up two weekends in July.
- Discussed the possibility of setting up a fundraiser tent or concession stand during the horseshoe tournament.
- The Farmers' Market will be on the rugby field, so it will not conflict with home tournaments.

REC Rules Update:

- Discussed possibly changing the rules, how to enforce the rules, and ensuring teams are fair for the upcoming season.
- The board is looking into creating subcommittees to address these.

Field Work Day:

- Date: Saturday, September 27.
- Personnel needed: Approximately 10-15 people.
- Tasks: Organize equipment in closets and sheds, and roll up tarps.
- Katie Howard suggested contacting National Honor Society students who need volunteer hours.

Homecoming Parade:

- Discussed having a float for the homecoming parade on October 3rd.
- Brian Drolshagen agreed to be the lead and use his truck for the float if someone else volunteers to do the decorating.
- Information will be shared with recreation and travel families to encourage participation.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 3 - Homecoming Parade
- October 13, 20, 27 - Catcher's Camp
- November 3, 10, 17 - Fielding Camp
- December 26 - Hitting Camp
- January 11 - Travel Parent Meeting
- January 12, 19, 26 - Pitching Camp
- February 28 - Glow-in-the-Dark Wiffle Ball Tournament
- March 20, 21, 22 - Indoor Tournament

NEXT MEETING

- Date: October 19, 2025
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Greenheck Turner Center

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motioned by: Mitch Zblewski
- Seconded by: Tom Coleman

End time: 8:26 PM