

# DCEYB Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2026

Start time: 7:00 PM

## ROLL CALL

### ***Executive Board***

- President: Jimmy Olafson - Present
- Vice President: Mike Wodalski - Present
- League Advisor: Mitch Zblewski - Present
- Treasurer: Katie Howard - Present
- Secretary: Rachel Niziolek - Present

### ***Commissioners***

- AA/A Commissioner: Brian Drolshagen - Absent
- T-ball Commissioner: Sarah Olafson - Absent
- Concession Stand Manager: Melissa Sigmund - Absent

### ***Key Positions***

- Advertising Director/Fundraising: Jodi Teige - Absent
- Apparel/Uniform Lead: Nate Davidson - Present
- Equipment Manager: Mike Peterson - Present
- Inventory Lead: Kelly Ziegelbauer - Present
- Registration Coordinator: Brian Pensinger - Absent
- Scheduling Lead: Kristin Maahs - Present
- Volunteering Lead: Tom Coleman - Present

***Additional Attendees:*** Keith Ziegelbauer, Andy Sims, Mike Sowinski, Patrick Rutten, Eric Niziolek

## OLD BUSINESS

### ***Meeting Minutes***

- Motion to approve the June meeting minutes:
  - Motioned by: Mitch Zblewski
  - Seconded by: Nate Davidson
  - Status: The motion was approved.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

- The current balance is \$78,101.82.
- The current balance includes all checks from the Glow Event.
- Splash 1 proceeds were \$10,522.52.
- Softball tournament proceeds totaled \$7,752.77, which will go to the Kennedy Project Fund.
- Katie H. needs a few receipts from recent purchases and will reach out to specific people.
- A 10U parent, Melissa Aebly, wrote a Grant to get an AED at Kennedy Park, and as a result, Marshfield Clinic will donate an AED along with an additional \$4,000 to have it installed outside the concession stand for 24/7 access.

## NEW BUSINESS

### ***Kennedy Update:***

- A quote for new lights on Rajek Field was \$98,000. There is currently \$104,000 in the Kennedy Project Fund account.
- A vote was taken, and the motion to purchase lights for Rajek Field passed unanimously.
- It will take approximately 6-8 weeks for the project to be completed once everything is finalized. Share the good news!

- Discussed the next phase of development, noting that the proposed site for the new big field currently hosts the Farmer's Market. We considered whether to proceed with the field or shift focus to a new concession stand and restrooms. Jimmy O. encouraged attendees to consider top priorities ahead of developing a plan at the next meeting.
- Clarified that Friends of Kennedy includes representatives from the three youth sports organizations (baseball, softball, and hockey).

#### ***Travel Update 2026:***

- Everything is going well.

#### ***Travel Tryout Plan for the 2027 Season:***

- Will take place on Wednesday, July 29th and Tuesday, August 4th.
- A sign-up link will be sent out for people to volunteer at different stations.
- Suggested sharing the April 30th birthdate cutoff to help families determine player eligibility for travel ball age divisions.

#### ***Coaches For Next Year:***

- The coaches will not be chosen until after the tryouts.
- Interviews are completed by the board only for head coaches.

#### ***Splash 2 Planning:***

- Secured umpires for most games and fields, except for five games at Jones 2. Potential umpires were shared, and it was noted that adults will serve as home plate umpires.
- It was reported that approximately 45 games will be scheduled across all five fields. Assignments include Jones 1 for the 8U round-robin and Home Run Derby; Jones 2 for 9U Silver; Rajek Field for 9U Silver and 11U; Weston Field for 11U; and the Big Field for 14U.
- Currently, the games on the turf fields are scheduled every two hours, but they may run early.
- Requested assistance with Friday setup, specifically noting that the heavy mounds need to be placed at both Weston Field and Rajek Field.
- A suggestion was made to create a volunteer guide containing key information, such as facility codes and equipment locations. Mike W. offered to prepare the cheat sheet.
- Jimmy O. will share Tourney Machine access details with coaches so they can enter game information more efficiently.

#### ***Concessions Check:***

- Kelly Z. will oversee the concession stand for Splash 2 in Melissa S.'s absence. Kelly Z., Melissa S., and Tom C. plan to meet this week to prepare for the event.

#### ***Volunteers Check:***

- Coaches are to check the Splash 2 sign-up schedule and encourage parents to fill open volunteer slots.
- Acknowledged the extensive volunteer support provided by 14U parents at home tournaments and events. With those players aging out of the program, it was emphasized that there is an important need to recruit and engage younger age groups for future volunteer roles.

#### ***REC for Next Year:***

- Discussed potentially shortening the A & AA seasons by one week to form an All-Star team. The coaches would select 2–4 players per team to play 1–2 competitive games, which may generate greater interest in travel ball.
- Suggested forming a Rec Committee and reaching out to potential members. Mike W., Mike P., Patrick R., and Jimmy O. volunteered to join the committee.
- Discussed the advantages and disadvantages of allowing USSSA bats for tournaments and/or Rec, as well as the necessary insurance required to make this policy change.

***Positions for Next Year:***

- Jimmy O. asked if there were any anticipated leaves of absence or vacancies for next year; none were reported.
- Jimmy O. presented a recommendation from Brian P. that someone learn the registration process this coming season in preparation for taking it over the following year.
- Discussed the process for the executive board.

***Open Topics:***

- Jimmy O. shared that he has had conversations with Matt Spaetz from Northwoods about the possibility of players returning to D.C. Everest Youth Baseball.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Travel Evaluations:** July 29th and August 4th, 2026
- **Fall/Winter Camps:** October, November, December, January
- **Glow:** February 20th, 2027
- **REC Evaluations:** March 8th and March 16th, 2027
- **Indoor Tournament:** March 12th-14th, 2027

**NEXT MEETING**

- **Date:** August 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Concession Stand or Greenheck Turner Center
- Motion to adjourn the meeting:
  - Motioned by: Mitch Zblewski
  - Seconded by: Mike Peterson
  - Status: The motion was approved.

**End time:** 8:15 PM