

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2026

Start time: 7:05 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 - Present
- Concession Stand Manager: Melissa Sigmund - Present

Key Positions

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

Additional Attendees: Patrick Rutten and Eric Niziolek

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the May meeting minutes:
 - Motioned by: Melissa Sigmund
 - Seconded by: Mike Wodalski
 - Status: The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The current balance is \$99,738.20
- The finances are good; Katie will reach out to Jimmy and Mike regarding a few remaining receipts.
- It was verified that the current balance does not include the check from the Glow event.
- Concessions at the Splash 1 tournament were successful, generating approximately \$10,000 in revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Update:

- The doorknob on the concession stand was replaced and new keys were made. One key will be stored in the lock box.
- The fence posts need paint touch-ups.
- We are close to getting lights on the Rajek field; quotes are ready to be gathered for this installation as part of the next phase.

Travel Update 2026:

- It was reported that the travel teams are having a good year so far.

Travel Tryouts for the 2027 Season:

- Jimmy proposed the following dates: July 28th and August 5th.
- The current tryout process was reviewed and evaluated to determine whether any changes should be implemented.
- It was confirmed that players can only make the specific team for which they try out, and a spot is only guaranteed if the player scores in the top six.
- Emphasized that communication regarding tryouts and playing travel baseball is a priority for families and players, particularly for new or younger divisions (e.g., the 8-U team).
- Discussed whether to select coaches for next season before tryouts or to wait until team rosters are finalized. As of now, there have been no complaints regarding the current coaching staff.
- Coaching applications need to be sent as soon as possible to gauge interest for the upcoming season.

Summer Tournament 2026 Recaps:

- Several positive outcomes were noted from the Splash 1 home tournament. The board extended its gratitude to the many volunteers who signed up and stepped in to assist wherever needed. Thank you!
- The games generally ran ahead of schedule, particularly on the turf fields. This was beneficial, allowing umpires time to rest and preventing teams from having to rush out of the dugouts.
- Participating teams provided highly positive feedback regarding the tournament and the quality of the umpiring.
- Jimmy shared a softball tournament update from Nick P., which detailed positive team feedback regarding the event and the new turf fields. It also highlighted facility improvements that are included in the next phase (e.g., restrooms, concessions).

Splash 2 Planning:

- Splash 2 is scheduled for July 24–26 for the following divisions: 8U (4 teams), 9-Silver (5 teams), 11U (9 teams), and 14-Green (6 teams).
- A coach secured an umpire for Splash 2 during a tournament this past weekend. The additional options to fill the remaining vacant umpire positions for the event were discussed.
- Currently, working to finalize and send the team schedules and volunteer sign-up options as soon as possible.
- A suggestion was made for the 8U division to play a round-robin format followed by a championship and consolation game to guarantee four games per team.
- Upcoming required purchases include more baseballs, Turface for field maintenance, and a new popcorn machine.

REC:

- Championship games are scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th: Majors (Pirates vs. Phillies at 7:30 pm) and AAA (Bees vs. Chihuahuas at 5:30 pm).
- T-ball games will continue through this week. Due to the weather, T-ball was successfully held indoors at the Greenheck Turner Center once this season.
- While more practices were scheduled this year, player attendance varied by team. A suggestion was made to implement league-wide practices a few times during the next season.
- A suggestion was made for next season to have AAA and Major teams play recreationally for one month and then reshuffle the rosters to ensure balanced competition based on active play rather than baseline evaluation scores. However, it was discussed that this could create challenges regarding schedules, jerseys, and coaching assignments.
- An email will be sent to AAA coaches requesting feedback and baseline evaluations on players, including recommendations on which competitive level they should play at next year.

- A request was made to input playoff dates into the Crossbar app at the start of the season. Even if exact times or dates are unconfirmed, listing them as TBD for the week will allow families to plan.
- A suggestion was made to have a recreation All-Star game for next season.
- The recreation survey needs to be sent to families.
- The board will look into forming a committee to review issues and propose rule changes for the 2027 season.

Concessions & Volunteers Check:

- The sign-up process for volunteers, specifically regarding concession stand shifts, will be reviewed ahead of next year.

Positions for Next Year:

- Commissioners are needed for the upcoming year; encourage people to step up and take an active role in these open positions.
- Applications for the Executive Board need to be submitted; voting will take place at the September meeting, with terms taking effect in October.

Open Topics:

- A question was raised regarding whether a limit should be placed on travel coaches who request fields for up to four weeks, twice a week. Jimmy confirmed that fields are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and no limits are currently in place.
- The photographer's experience and what they would do differently next time were shared. The overall positive and negative feedback regarding the switch to a new photographer was discussed. A reminder needs to be sent to families to purchase their photos before the June 30, 2026, deadline.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Championship REC games:** June 30th
- **Travel Evaluations:** July 28th and August 5th

NEXT MEETING

- **Date:** July, 19 2026, at 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Concession Stand or Greenheck Turner Center
- Motion to adjourn the meeting:
 - Motioned by: Mike Wodalski
 - Seconded by: Katie Howard
 - Status: The motion was approved.

End time: 8:11 PM