

DCE Youth Baseball

January Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Roll call taken.

- President Jimmy Olson
- Vice President Mike Wodalski
- League Advisor Mitch Zblewski
- Treasurer Katie Howard
- Concession Stand Manager Melissa Sigmund
- Equipment Manager Mike Peterson
- Registration Coordinator Brian Pensinger
- Scheduling Lead Kristin Maahs
- Volunteering Lead Tom Coleman
- Laura Veach (Virtually)

Minutes from the November meeting were included in the meeting invite.

Motion to approve November minutes by Mitch.

Second by Katie.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Katie

- Registrations are coming in for Splash I and II.
- December 31 balance: \$97,994.05
- Follow up needed on Freedom check that has not been cashed.
- Taxes are complete. Tina prepared them.
- Glow Games funds are being kept itemized and separate from main finances.

Construction Update

- Project is essentially complete.
- Grass planting still in progress.
- Dugout roofs are behind due to source material issues.
- Fence cap should be installed.
- Wind screens and padding are being discussed. Some items may be handled by the village. Some may require DCEYB to get quotes and purchase directly.

Jimmy would like custom wind screens for Rajek Field with names to improve appearance. He will follow up with Mike and obtain pricing.

Batting cage netting was installed for one day, then removed for winter.

Turf is installed in batting cages but additional mats may be needed.

Jimmy has started pricing pitching mounds. Mike is unsure if additional mounds are needed.

Tim Fetting Family Donation

- Donation expected to be approximately \$4,000 for the Kennedy Park project.
 - Widow asked for suggestions on how funds should be used.
 - Sarah suggested waiting before making any promises.
 - Possible ideas discussed: shade structure, bench, or tree.
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Travel Update

- Several players still need to register.
- 8U needs additional players.
- 9U: 12 Green, 10 Silver.
- 10U: 10 Green, 7 Silver, 1 Practice.
- Other age levels are in good shape.
- Brian will contact families who still need to register.

Tournaments

- Most teams are set.
- Andy Brown may be looking for one additional week.
- Mike has started reviewing tournaments.

Indoor Practice

- 11U Green and 11U Silver codes are now created so Kristin can upload practice schedules.

Uniforms

- First online order went well.
- Jimmy will email coaches to have them remind parents to use the online store.

Team Breakdown

- 8U: Green only
- 9U: Green only
- 9U Silver: Not confirmed
- 10U: Both
- 11U Green: Both
- 11U Silver: Assumed Green only, Jason to confirm
- 12U: Both
- 14U: Both

Manual credits in Crossbar may be required.

Helmet stickers are sufficient for now, but more need to be ordered.

Tournament Rings

- Cost is \$7 per ring.
 - 300 for 1st place, 300 for 2nd place.
 - Proposal to order 150 each initially and adjust based on registration.
 - Bank will need to be notified due to daily transaction limit of approximately \$2,100.
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9U Silver and Turf Tournament

Question raised about allowing 9U Silver teams into turf tournament.

Jimmy advised both Silver teams not to participate.

Glow Games

- Possibly 20 teams. Maximum is 24.
 - More sponsor money than teams currently.
 - Shirt deadline approximately February 5.
 - Logistics made more than two games per team difficult.
 - No fences.
 - Goal is to end before midnight.
 - Final numbers to be reviewed Tuesday.
 - 40 to 50 baskets secured as of last Wednesday.
 - No admission. Free event.
 - Skating event happening at same time.
 - Legion offered to provide color guard and possibly have a table.
 - Volunteer help does not count toward required volunteer hours.
 - Need a temporary treasurer for that weekend if Katie is unavailable.
 - Michelle Carr is coordinating donations.
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Camp Update

Camp results:

- Catching Camp: \$500
- Youth portion: \$1,800
- Holiday Camp: \$430
- Pitching Camp: \$750

Numbers are slightly up from last year.

More Wausau players are participating.

Jimmy has discussed potential changes for next year:

- Adjust Day After Christmas camp
 - Possibly add an outfielder camp
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Indoor Tournament

- Concessions handout prepared.
- Volunteer list to be sent soon.
- Umpires approximately 75 percent filled.
- Mitch will send rules to DCEYB coaches for agreement.
- Difficulty finding umpires.

- Umpires requesting increased pay around \$60 per game.
- Last year pay was \$50 small field, \$60 big field.

Motion by Jimmy to set umpire fees:

- \$55 small field
 - \$65 big field
- Second by Melissa.
Motion passed.

Updated pay scale:

- 8U: \$50
- 9U to 12U: \$55
- Big Field: \$65

Late baskets or gift cards from Glow Games may be used for indoor turf tournament.

Deck of cards fundraiser discussed. Jimmy will check with vendors.

Summer Tournament Planning

Keith would like to attend the outdoor tournament.

Jimmy supports having them present.

Splash I is full at 12U and 14U.

Brian will turn off 12U and 14U registration for Splash I.

Starting at 2:00 pm Friday should work per Mitch.

League Insurance

Currently associated with Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken. Switched about eight years ago due to lower cost than Little League.

Babe Ruth insurance includes:

- Liability
- Sexual assault coverage

- Executive board coverage

K and K insurance provided quote for Glow Games through online quote process.

League and event insurance quote details:

- \$8,388 insurance cost
- \$1,072 charter fee based on total players
- Requires all volunteers to complete sexual abuse training and background check

Separate K and K quote obtained for \$6,014.

Mike recommended reviewing coverage details to ensure differences are not due to exclusions.

Jimmy is not looking to change insurance this year.

Sarah recommended Jimmy follow up with Roman and Jamie for clarity on current coverage.

Online Team Stores

Jimmy has discussed online store setup with Nate at Sparks Designs.

Rec Registration

Jimmy discussed opening rec registration February 1 on Crossbar.

No age level adjustments anticipated, but discussion on improving player placement within divisions.

Mike suggested:

- 30 to 45 minute practice before games
- Use early practices to assess talent
- Move players between divisions if necessary

Suggestion to adjust official game times to encourage earlier arrival.

Field Usage

Extra practices possible due to additional fields at Kennedy.

Proposal to softball:

- Kennedy Park field usage on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Annual review of field needs based on participation.

With lights installed, doubleheaders may be possible.

Jimmy and Nick from softball continue discussions regarding shared field usage.

Discussion on concession profit distribution and fundraising banners on fences.

Plan to schedule as many games as possible at Kennedy Park to maximize concessions.

Whitewater Camp

Previously provided \$50 registration credit per camper.

This year:

- Players may be credited after attending.
 - Last year 25 players attended.
 - Board decided to discontinue subsidizing this camp.
 - Many camp options available.
 - Relationship with UW Whitewater not as strong as in past.
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Babe Ruth Team

May not have a Babe Ruth team this year depending on registration numbers.

Wausau Players and Rec Requirement

Several Wausau players requested to play Everest travel.

Current bylaws require Everest rec participation.

Discussion of one time exception for four Wausau players this season.

Melissa suggested allowing them to play Wausau rec this year and require Everest rec next year.

Other Items

- Youth Night for Varsity is on calendar.
 - Dave responded to Mitch regarding umpiring fees.
 - Brian to send background checks to travel coaches and board members.
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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sarah.

Second by Tom.

Motion passed.