

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2026

Start time: 7:01 PM

ROLL CALL

Executive Board

- President: Jimmy Olafson - Present
- Vice President: Mike Wodalski - Present
- League Advisor: Mitch Zblewski - Absent
- 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 - Present
- Equipment Manager: Mike Peterson - Present
- Inventory Lead: Kelly Ziegelbauer - Absent
- Registration Coordinator: Brian Pensinger - Present
- Scheduling Lead: Kristin Maahs - Present
- Volunteering Lead: Tom Coleman - Present

Additional Attendees: Eric Niziolek

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the April meeting minutes:
 - Motions by: Katie Howard
 - Seconded by: Melissa Sigmund
 - Status: The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The current balance is \$124,909.69.
- Marathon has not yet cashed the outstanding check.
- Reviewed received and missing receipts for Rawlings and various field expenses.
- Brian P. confirmed that a specific amount was used for background checks.
- The Concession Stand Manager Melissa S. currently has a credit card to make purchases, but does not have the authority to withdraw cash or access the bank account.
- Motion to approve Melissa Sigmund to have access to the DCEYB bank account.
 - Motions by: Mike Wodalski
 - Seconded by: Mike Peterson
 - Status: The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Update:

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- Doors have been installed on the dugout sheds. The sheds have locks using the same code as the lights; the 4-digit and 3-digit codes will be shared with the coaches.
 - Discussed installing shelves in the dugout sheds.
 - Discussed having more baseballs at each field. The plan is to have Andy Brown put additional baseballs in the sheds.
 - Discussed the scoreboards at the new fields, including the option of sharing instructions for a downloadable mobile/iPad app. This would allow people to manage the scoreboards from their seats instead of setting up all the equipment.
 - Discussed having an optional, in-person training session focused on operating the scoreboards and taking care of the turf. Softball would be invited to participate in this training.

Travel Update 2026:

- Following complaints regarding hats not arriving in time for pictures, we plan to order more hats earlier to be more prepared for the 2027 season.
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- The 11U-Silver team has experienced difficulties with player attendance at practices. The coach is currently using GameChanger rather than CrossBar for family communication. It was mentioned that the 11-U team may have 10-U players join them for select tournaments.

Equipment Needed:

- Additional chalk and batting tees are needed at every field.
- Mike Peterson will put smaller catcher's equipment at the George Street and River Street fields.
- Discussed windscreen options for both turf fields.
- The concession stand iPad is no longer working. We discussed the purchase price for a replacement.
- Motion to purchase a new iPad for the concession stand.
 - Motioned by: Tom Coleman
 - Seconded by: Nate Davidson
 - Status: The motion was approved.
- Discussed whether the Square system would work since we don't have internet in the concession stand. The Village of Weston was contacted regarding the possibility of using the pool's Wi-Fi network. Internet and hotspot options and pricing were also reviewed.
- Motion to purchase a Starlink hotspot to use in the concession stand.
 - Motioned by: Nate Davidson
 - Seconded: Brian Pensinger
 - Status: The motion was approved.

Summer Tournament Planning 2026:

- Splash 1 (June 19–21) for 9A, 10, 12, and 14B.
- Splash 2 (July 24–26) for 8, 9B, 11, and 14.
- Current team registrations per age division were reported as follows: 9-U (6 teams), 10-U (4 teams), 12-U (8 teams), and 14-U (5 teams).
- The welcome letter given to visiting teams needs to remind coaches that they will receive pool passes. We still need to get these pool passes.

- Jimmy O. will send the tournament schedule to Melissa S. and Tom C. to plan for the concession stand and volunteers.

REC Registration:

- Schedules and team rosters have been finalized.
- Discussed a registered player who has not attended any practices or games, and the parents have not responded to any communications from the coach. Ensured that the contact information is accurate, and next steps were established to determine if the player still intends to participate this season.

REC Uniforms:

- All uniforms have been ordered.
- Discussed the need to order extra uniforms for next season to prevent potential ordering and delivery issues.

REC Background Checks:

- Background checks have gone well with no red flags reported.
- Brian P. will compile and send a list identifying individuals who have completed the check versus those who still need to do it.

REC Rules:

- Discussed the appropriate mound locations for each playing level.
- It was mentioned that AA coaches tend to allow a 3-to-4-foot variance for the pitcher's standing position based on individual skill level. We reaffirmed that safety is the top priority, and players must not stand too close to prevent injuries from batted balls.

Photography:

- Due to inclement weather, photo sessions for two teams need to be rescheduled. While there was initial confusion on the first night, things improved on the second night. Overall, the process has run more smoothly since the detailed email was sent out.
- The facial recognition feature received positive feedback, though a few parents wondered why it was necessary.

Open Topics:

- Discussed concession operations and how responsibilities will be shared with the softball program. A proposal was made for baseball to stock the inventory, and when softball

uses the concession stand, all proceeds are directed to the Kennedy Fund. This proposal requires further discussion with softball.

- Discussed the Glow Event; the committee needs to decide whether to host the event again.
- Discussed the \$3,000 Bradyn Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- Motion to write a check for \$17,325.62 to the Community Foundation.
 - Motioned: Tom Coleman
 - Seconded: Melissa Sigmund
 - Status: The motion was approved.
- Discussed the Farmer's Market being at Kennedy Park and its impact on Opening Day. This led to an idea to set up a donation table or post a QR code at the market to raise awareness and distribute information regarding the Kennedy Park project.
- Discussed entering specific information into CrossBar.
- Discussed posting signage at the new turf fields outlining prohibited items and activities, such as dogs and chewing gum.
- Discussed the RaiseRight app and will consult a legal team to clarify the legality surrounding percentages and generated income.
- The online team store closes tonight; it was mentioned that this is one of the best orders so far.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **DCE Varsity Game Youth Night:** May 21st
- **DCE Woodchucks Night:** June 10th
- **Chevy Camps:** July 24th

NEXT MEETING

- **Date:** June 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Concession Stand or Greenheck Turner Center
- Motion to adjourn the meeting:
 - Motioned by: Katie Howard
 - Seconded by: Melissa Sigmund
 - Status: The motion was approved.

End time: 8:15 PM