

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2025

Start time: 7:01 PM

ROLL CALL

Executive Board

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

Commissioners

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

Key Positions

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

Additional Attendees:

- In-person: Eric Niziolek, Sarah Olafsan, and Jamie Reimer
- Zoom: Travis and Alyssa Adams, and Erin Siewert

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes:

- Motioned by: Mitch Zblewski
- Seconded by: Katie Howard
- Status: The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: \$88,315.51.
- The \$15,000 donation to the Kennedy project was confirmed as complete.
- Thirty-six (36) registration payments remain outstanding.
- Discussed payments to the special coaches for the camps, and the college players assisting with the camps may have a preference for a cash payment instead of a check.

- Katie Howard will withdraw a total of \$700 in cash on Monday, November 17th, for these coach payments.
- Discussed establishing a Venmo account to facilitate easier payment distribution and tracking.
- Mike Wodalski shared information about setting up a Venmo account for a business.
- Katie Howard will explore the possibility of creating a Venmo account for our association.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Project Update:

- For the most part, two fields are complete. The turf is in, the fences are up, and the grass and irrigation are finished. The lights on the one field were tested successfully and look great, and both scoreboards light up and work.
- The batting cages were temporarily installed to assess spacing, but will be removed before the heavy snow arrives.
- Minor touch-up work will be needed after winter, but the fields are expected to be ready by spring.
- The village has extra portable bleachers from other parks that they can bring over to ensure adequate seating at the new fields.
- The dugout roofs are still being finalized, and dugout benches need to be ordered.
- Discussed cubbies/caddies in the dugouts for players to store their bags, helmets, hats, and bats. Cost estimates range from \$1,000 to \$8,000. The possibility of securing a business sponsorship or making a donation for this project was discussed.
- Softball inquired about the field scheduling process and requested the use of one field Monday through Thursday for the upcoming season. It was suggested that both softball and baseball teams could benefit from rotating usage across all Kennedy Fields.
- A User agreement for field usage has been discussed in previous meetings. Currently, the village has a draft of a user agreement, but one has not been finalized.
- A potential fee for reserving fields and scheduling games was discussed, as was the high likelihood of other out-of-district teams requesting use of the Kennedy Fields, especially the one with the lights.

Travel Update 2026:

- In response to a question from Zoom attendees, Jimmy Olafsan clarified that the 10U team is a single team. All players will practice together, but players are designated as green or silver, which determines the number of tournaments played.

Registration 2026:

- Brian Pensinger will send an email reminder about registration.

Indoor Practice

- Jimmy Olafsan has begun work on the practice schedule. Time slots have been secured on the Greenheck Turner Community Center turf, and the middle school gym is reserved for some evenings. The schedule can be adjusted as needed.
- Practice times were adjusted this year due to parent concerns. The new schedule is 6:00-7:15 PM, followed by 7:15-8:30 PM (last year: 6:00-7:30 PM and 7:30-9:00 PM).
- The first practice will occur later in January.

14U Silver Cost

- The 14U Silver players are scheduled for three tournaments this year instead of the typical four. The coach requested a reduction in the players' registration cost. The current silver registration fee is \$300.
- The Board reviewed the costs of the specific tournaments to determine a fair reduction amount per player.

Motion to decrease the 14U Silver Registration cost to \$225 for the upcoming travel season:

- Motioned by: Mike Wodalski
- Seconded by: Mitch Zblewski
- Status: The motion was approved.

9U Silver Coach

- The coach has rescinded his offer to coach the 9U Silver team.
- The Board reviewed the list of silver parents to identify potential coaching candidates.
- Jimmy Olafsan will contact prospective parents.
- Brian Pensinger offered to assist the team at their initial practices and to mentor the new coach.

Glow Event:

- The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th, and all are welcome to attend.
- Registration is live. The fee is \$500 per team with a sponsor, or \$300 without a sponsor. Teams consist of 10 players.
- Sun Printing will be a sponsor.
- A lighting company is visiting this week, and the planners are hopeful they can manage all lighting needs for the event.
- Two DJs have been secured.
- DECA's from Wausau West, Wausau East, and D.C. Everest are assisting with the event.
- Therapy dogs will be present.
- A volunteer has offered to manage the swag table.
- Board members and attendees were encouraged to promote the event on social media and with their teams, families, and friends.

Camps:

- Catcher's Camp: October 13, 20, and 27. *44 players participated.
- Hitting Camp: November 3, 10, and 17. *98 players participated.
- Fielding Camp: December 26. *13 players are registered so far.
- Pitching Camp: January 12, 19, and 26. *22 players are registered so far.
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point: December 7 and 21.
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater: November 28, December 27-31, February 22, and March 1 and 8.
- Brewers Baseball at GTCC: January 3-4.
- DAWG Camp at Wausau East: February 14-15.

March Indoor Tournament:

- Date: March 20, 21, and 22.

- The registration fee is \$600.
- 5 teams have registered in each age division.

Summer 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. *Two teams are registered so far.
- Splash 2 is scheduled for July 24-26 for 8, 9B, 11, and 14 teams. *One team registered so far.

REC Rules Update:

- There was no update at this time.

Filling positions:

- Nate Davidson accepted the position of Apparel/Uniform Lead. This responsibility may be separated into two roles: one for travel and one for recreation.
- Kristin Maahs accepted the position of Scheduling Lead.
- The following positions remain OPEN:

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RaiseRight:

- Brian Pensinger presented information about RaiseRight, a gift card fundraising (Scrip) program that allows organizations to earn money from everyday purchases (e.g., Kwik Trip and Sam's Club). The earned funds can be applied toward registration fees.
- Once a family's registration fee is fully paid, 50% of subsequent earnings go to the association, and 50% is returned to the family per purchase.
- DCE hockey and dance teams use the program successfully, and families find it beneficial.
- Participation would be optional for families.

Motion to set up RaiseRight for the DCEYB Association and offer the program to our families this year:

- Motioned by: Brian Pensinger
- Seconded by: Tom Coleman
- Status: The motion was approved.
- Brian Pensinger will present this information at the travel parents' meeting.

Background checks:

- The importance of background checks for player safety was affirmed.
- The Board discussed the cost difference between using a private company (approx. \$31) versus continuing with SportsEngine (approx. \$16) for background checks.
- The Board will research the number of background checks conducted and the amount paid last year to help make a decision. The Board plans to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 13, 20, 27 - Catcher's Camp
- November 3, 10, 17 - Hitting Camp
- December 26 - Fielding 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: December 14, 2025
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Greenheck Turner Center

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motioned by: Mitch Zblewski
- Seconded by: Jamie Reimer
- Status: The motion was approved.

End time: 8:09 PM