

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2026

Start time: 7:04 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 - 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 - Present
- Inventory Lead: Kelly Ziegelbauer - Present
- Registration Coordinator: Brian Pensinger - Present
- Scheduling Lead: Kristin Maahs - Present
- Volunteering Lead: Tom Coleman - Absent

Additional Attendees: Sarah Olafson, Eric Niziolek, Tucker Diedrich, and Bryan Moore

Zoom Attendees: Madi Woller, Calli Matche, Jordan B., and Eric S.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the March meeting minutes:
 - Motioned by: Katie Howard
 - Seconded by: Mitch Zblewski
 - Status: The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The current balance is \$143,605.98
- The Marathon team has not yet cashed its check.
- The Turf Tourney held in March had a profit of \$2,088.14.
- The Glow Event is complete; all invoices have been paid and all checks have been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Update:

- Roofing for the dugouts has been completed; the next phase involves installing doors on the sheds/dugouts.
- New equipment has been secured for the fields.
- Improvements have been a collaborative effort between the softball and baseball programs.
- Softball has used the new fields for the past two weeks. The new lights are operational and have been a positive addition.

- A lockbox has been installed for the lights, which activate instantaneously.
- Research into utility costs indicated that operating the lights is relatively inexpensive.

Travel Update 2026:

- The 9U team won the championship at their recent tournament in Rhinelander.
- Uniforms are set for each team.
- Hats are expected to arrive by May 10th.

Sponsorships:

- Outreach to businesses was delayed due to the Glow Event; as a result, sponsorship recruitment is slightly behind schedule.
- A letter is currently being written.
- Culligan Water has expressed interest in being a sponsor.

Equipment Needed:

- The Board identified a need for two additional sound systems and new game balls.
- Equipment damaged by moisture in various field sheds will be thrown out and replaced.
- Specific needs at field locations were discussed and will be addressed individually.
- Equipment will be removed from Gaska Park, as it is being used only by softball this year.
- Additional tape measures will be purchased to facilitate efficient adjustments to pitching mounds and base distances.
- The Board discussed the potential purchase of a new freezer for the concessions stand.

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.
- The 14U division is full; 11U and 12U are close to being full. There are openings for the 8U, 9U, and 10U divisions.
- Our threshold is to have at least 4 teams in each age division for a round-robin format. Currently, 8U only has 3 teams (Rhinelander, Altoona, and Everest).
- Six additional umpires are still needed for the Splash 1 tournament.

REC Registration:

- Registration has closed with 504 total participants.
- The Board discussed modifying next year's registration process to ensure more accurate contact information for coaching volunteers.
- Due to full rosters, some late registrants had to be turned away.
- Coaches have been secured for T-Ball and AA teams; openings remain for one AAA team and one Majors-Saints team. The possibility of having high school students as coaches was discussed.
- The Babe Ruth schedule is in progress; teams and coaches have been finalized.
- Team schedules are now available on Crossbar.
- Commissioners need to ensure coaches are proficient with Crossbar, league rules, and family communication.
- Coaches will be informed on the proper movement of field equipment to ensure pitching mounds and bases are set at the correct distances.

Photography:

- Kristin Maahs requested player counts for each team to finalize logistics.
- A "Sign-up Genius" will be sent to coaches to select photo dates and times.

- All ordering will be digital via QR codes; no paper forms will be used.
- Dates: May 12th, 14th, 19th, and 26th.
- Location: Kennedy Park by the playground shelter.
- Britany E. Photography will be the photographer this year.

Eagle Scout Benches:

- An Eagle Scout proposed a project to create and build four new park benches for their pathway.
- The Board discussed funding the materials (estimated at \$180 per bench).
- Potential memorial dedications for the benches (recognizing Bradyn Bohn, Austin Wolff, and Tim Fetting) were discussed.

Need Commissioners:

- The following Commissioner positions remain OPEN: Travel (8-10U), Travel (11-14U), Babe Ruth, Majors, AAA, and T-Ball.
- The following Key Positions remain OPEN: Coach/Player Development Lead, Field/Facilities Lead, and Parent Committee Lead/Picture Lead

Opening Day:

- Volunteers need to be set up in Crossbar.
- Melissa Sigmund has received orders from Sam's Club and Amazon; a plan is in place with Polito's for concessions. In the event of a rainout, Melissa must be notified to cancel the Politos' order.
- Discussions regarding sharing concession operations with softball need to take place.
- The Board explored having a food truck for the home tournament. The Village of Weston's requirements for a Mobile Food Vendor license must be verified. One interested vendor offered the league a choice of a \$250 flat fee or 10% of profits.
- Cooling options for concession volunteers, such as air conditioning or ceiling fans, were discussed.

Field Clean Up Day:

- Approximately 15–20 volunteers are needed for 2–3 hours to pull weeds, remove tarps, and set up screens.
- Long-term maintenance plans will need to prioritize significant improvements at Machmueller Park and Spring Street.

Open Topics:

- An exemption request was approved for a travel player to participate in the Pike Lake League instead of the DCEYB Rec League.
- The Board discussed Wi-Fi and mobile hotspot options for credit card processing in concessions. A \$5 minimum for credit card transactions would be used.
- Following the recent severe weather and tornado, we plan to reach out to the community to see if any baseball players have been affected. We want to offer help by donating equipment or anything they need to play baseball.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Field Clean Up Day:** April 25 (1:00-4:00 pm)
- **DCE Varsity Spring Camp:** April 26th
- **Opening Day:** May 9th
- **DCE Varsity Game Youth Night:** May 21st
- **DCE Woodchucks Night:** June 10th

NEXT MEETING

- **Date:** May 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM (Greenheck Turner Center)

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

End time: 8:25 PM