

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2026

Start time: 7:02 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

- AA/A Commissioner: Brian Drolshagen - present
- Concession Stand Manager: Melissa Sigmund - absent

Key Positions

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

Additional Attendees:

- In-person: Danielle Bridenhagen and Eric Niziolek
- Zoom: Brian Drolshagen, Krisitin Maahs, and Mitch Zblewski

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

- The January meeting minutes were not available for review at this time. Their approval has been deferred to the March meeting agenda.

Treasurer's Report

- The current balance is \$100,505.79.
- Teams from Freedom, Menasha, and Marathon have not yet cashed registration checks.
- Discussed clearance for Babe Ruth and insurance payments.
- Items have been separated for Youth Baseball and the Glow Event.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Update:

- Mike Wodalski mentioned there is nothing new to update since the January meeting.
- Discussed looking for padding for the cement walls of the dugouts and wind screens.
- There is a recognized need to buy mounds and mats for inside the batting cages.

Kennedy Donations:

- It was reported that five donations were made toward the project.

Travel Update 2026:

- There are currently four players on 8U and a couple on 9U who still need to complete the registration process; 11U, 12U, and 14U are all signed up. The status of 10U was not mentioned during this update.
- A Google Doc of the tournaments the teams are signed up for has been shared with coaches.
- Indoor practices have started, and every team should have had at least one practice by now. It was noted that when practices are held at the Middle School, real baseballs

cannot be used; however, teams can work on a variety of skills using wiffle balls or specific drills.

- Families have been receiving credits toward their recreational registration if they did not need a new uniform this season.

Glow Event Update:

- Twenty-seven businesses have donated and signed up to sponsor a team.
- There will be 10 adult teams and 11 youth teams participating, including participation from area schools.
- Volunteer coordination is being managed through Sign-Up Genius.
- The schedule and rules have been set, and each leader will receive them soon.
- Umpires are already set.
- The event will feature raffle baskets, a DJ, and other raffles. While travel teams may donate raffle baskets, it was noted that participation is optional.
- We have paid for wiffle balls and some decorations.
- It was reported that everything is going well and emphasized the importance of a high attendance. Attendees were encouraged to spread the word to family and friends.
- Planning meetings are held on Wednesday nights upstairs in the concourse and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

March Indoor Tournament:

- The tournament dates are March 20th–22nd.
- Registration currently includes 10 teams in 11U and 5 teams in 9U. There will be a Gold and Silver bracket for the 11U division.
- We are working to accommodate travel needs when scheduling the Friday evening games.
- Rules are out, and umpires are set.
- Rings have been ordered, and we discussed the possibility of awarding a ring or a special chain to the home run derby winner.

Volunteers

- Volunteer opportunities will be available in CrossBar for families to sign up for the three home tournaments.
- Tom Coleman will be attending a training session on this process, after which all three tournaments will be uploaded into CrossBar.
- There was a suggestion to include a disclaimer that game times may change, ensuring volunteers remain flexible regarding their arrival times.
- Discussed the possibility of having "extra slots" in the system to allow onsite volunteers (those who did not pre-register) to sign up later and ensure they get credit for their hours. A paper sign-in copy may also be kept at each station for accuracy. It was emphasized that our goal is to ensure all volunteers receive proper credit; members are encouraged to contact us directly if manual adjustments to their hours are needed.

Summer Tournament Planning 2026:

- Splash 1 (June 19–21): 12U and 14B divisions are currently full. Openings remain for the 9A and 10U divisions.
- Splash 2 (July 24–26): The 14U division is currently full. Openings remain for 8U, 9B, and 11U divisions.
- Reviewed current advertising strategies to fill remaining spots, including Infosports, coach outreach, emailing other organization presidents, and paid Facebook advertisements.

Online Team Stores:

- Nate Davidson provided information on the equipment store based out of Marshfield and reminded the board that the apparel store closes tonight for home delivery. The store can be opened again in the future. Anyone who ordered a green helmet will receive a yellow tree sticker for it.
- Every player will receive a new hat; Nate will stop by practices to measure players for sizing.
- Each team receives three coaches' jackets; additional coaches must pay for their own.
- Due to member interest, Nate is looking into the addition of branded bat bags to the equipment offerings.
- The 20% off weekend at Dick's Sporting Goods for Everest Baseball is scheduled for March 20th.

REC Update:

- 162 players have registered for the recreational season so far.
- A and AA will practice 20 minutes before their games.
- In response to feedback regarding insufficient practice time in previous seasons, AAA and Majors practices will be pre-scheduled to ensure field access and ease the burden on coaches.
- Evaluations for AAA and Majors will be held on two nights (March 9th and 11th).
- Discussed the need to place players accurately. Before the first game, coaches may suggest moving players to a different level based on ability. Coaches can manage these conversations or reach out to Jimmy Olafsan for assistance.
- Deliberated on the benefits of having travel players participate in recreational evaluations to assist in overall skill assessment.
- It was mentioned that 8th graders can start umpiring recreational games, and training will be offered.
- Reviewed the requirement for Pike Lake families playing on Everest travel teams to also participate in the DCE recreational league.
- A parent from the Pike Lake area presented their specific concerns regarding the dual-participation requirement. A formal request was made for an exemption, allowing the player(s) of this family to fulfill their recreational requirement through the Pike Lake League instead of DCE. After discussion, the board approved this exemption.

Need Commissioners:

- Discussed the roles of the following positions that remain OPEN:
 - Travel Commissioner (8-10U): OPEN
 - Travel Commissioner (11-14U): OPEN
 - Babe Ruth Commissioner: OPEN
 - Majors Commissioner: OPEN
 - AAA Commissioner: OPEN
 - T-Ball Commissioner: OPEN

Key Positions

- Coach/Player Development Lead: OPEN
- Field/Facilities Lead: OPEN
- Parent Committee Lead/Picture Lead: OPEN

Open Topics:

- Jodi Teige reported that businesses want their banners displayed in high-visibility areas to ensure maximum exposure and she will review banner pricing and sizing to ensure consistency across baseball and softball.
- Ongoing conversations are happening with the softball organization regarding shared signage/banners space.

- Our goal aims to distribute both baseball and softball banners across all shared fields rather than isolating each sport to a single location.
- Discussed whether to keep or switch the team photographer and identified possible new ones to contact.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Glow Games is on February 28th
- Indoor Tournament is on March 20th-22nd
- DCE Varsity Game Youth Night: TBD
- DCE Varsity Spring Camp: TBD
- Recreation Evaluations are on March 9th & 11th
- Opening Day is on May 2nd
- DCE Woodchucks Night is on June 10th

NEXT MEETING

- Date: March 15, 2026
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Greenheck Turner Center

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motioned by: Jimmy Olasfon
- Seconded by: Tom Coleman
- Status: The motion was approved.

End time: 8:35 PM