

Mosinee Youth Baseball Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: January 5th, 2025

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Location: Mosinee City Hall

Board Attendees

Brandon Schreiner (President)

Chris Savickis (Vice President)

Linda Sabatke (Treasurer)

Melissa Vachowiak (Secretary)

Ryan Talbert

Jason Borski (A)

Brian Zell

Brad Menning

Steve Cherek

Matt Stankowski (A)

Jodi Maguire (A)

Tom McCarty (A)

Stacy Hogan (A)

Jim Henaman

Carl Walport (A)

Jerrod Gould

Dallas Weiler

Paul Haas (A)

Kyle Sabatke

(P) – Phone in (A) - Absent

Guest Attendees

Ty Cook

Action Items

1. Board

- a. Send Brian Zell ideas for new sponsors.
- b. Send Kyle Sabatke ideas for what we want in our individual/team photos and recommended photographers.
- c. Identify incentives to sell more raffle tickets than the 5 required (per league).

2. Brandon Schreiner

- a. Bylaws – Finalize by signing and add to Google drive and Website.
- b. Provide board member respective website and Facebook access.
- c. Work on Director's documents.
- d. Reach out to Dale about no longer doing the candy bar fund raiser.

3. Chris Savickis

- a. Setup the Dick's Sporting Goods partnership and sale weekend the end of Feb. or beginning of March.
- b. Discuss with Zach Newton on Field 2&3 lights.
- c. Install caution tape to the entrances of the fields.
- d. Investigate fixing of the vertical fridge.

4. Jerrod Gould

- a. Reach out to Charlie's and get a list of items for the raffle.
- b. Contact Andy Adams about getting the raffle license and printing the tickets.
- c. Review the tax implications of setting up an account to help the HS finances.

5. Kyle Sabatke

- a. Clarify Babe Ruth umpire scheduling and bussing expense.

6. Jim Henaman

- a. Continue selling legacy raffle items and provide periodic updates to the board.

7. Brad Menning

- a. Contact AE to see if we can get the athletic style jersey for the \$16 price or get a better price on the current jerseys.

8. Tom McCarty

- a. Reserve gym for two different days the 1st week of March for Spring Travel tryouts and Junior League combine.
- b. Reach out to 13U team and tell them they may be bumped if we don't get another team to add on the extra bracket.

9. Steve Cherek

- a. Facebook post for Nextreck challenge completion.
- b. Research pizza fundraiser option.

10. Dallas Weiler

- a. Review equipment in the Field 1 shed and investigate other equipment MYB could use.

11. Website

- a. Brian Zell – update About Us page.
- b. Brandon Schreiner – update Board Page

12. Registration

- a. EVERYONE - Setup Crossbar accounts, and test registrations on Crossbar so they can be live ASAP.
- b. Brandon Schreiner – Create fliers for registration and distribute via email and social media.
 - 1. Chris Savickis to distribute fliers to schools and 4K programs.
 - 2. Linda Sabatke to distribute to 4K at St. Johns.
 - 3. Brad Menning to distribute to the Chamber of Commerce.

13. Rules Committee: Brandon Schreiner, Brad Menning, Kyle Sabatke, and Ryan Talbert

- a. Work on tournament rules, coach's documents, and Code of Conduct updates.

14. Concession Stand Building Committee: Matt Stankowski, Ryan Talbert, Steve Cherek, and Paul Haas

- a. Determine plan for construction for the 2025 season.
- b. Discuss the 5-year plan for concessions and potential towers. Provide ideas in next meeting.

15. Concession Stand Point of Sale Committee: Steve Cherek, Melissa Vachowiak, Linda Sabatke, and Jarrod Gould

- a. Committee spend up to \$1200 on expenses related to purchasing a point-of-sale option.

16. DIBS Committee: Ryan Talbert, Jason Borski, Brandon Schreiner, and Jim Henaman

- a. Finalize DIBS requirements.

17. Family Fun Day Committee: Kyle Sabatke, Melissa Vachowiak, Linda Sabatke, and Steve Cherek

- a. Steve Cherek to schedule a committee meeting in January.
- b. Meet, determine plan, and request funds needed at the next meeting.

18. Parade Committee: Linda Sabatke, Steve Cherek, Melissa Vachowiak, and Kyle Sabatke

- a. No actions currently.

Important Dates

- February 16th, at 6:00 pm at Mosinee City Hall: Next MYB board meeting
- ASAP to February 21st, 2025: Travel League Registration
- ASAP to March 7th, 2025: City League Registration
- March 3rd-7th, 2025: Travel Spring Tryouts and Junior League Combine
- April 8th and April 10th, 2025: Registration Pickup
- July 18-20th, 2025: 9U, 11U, and 13U "Battle for the Bling" Travel Tournament
- July 25-27th, 2025: 10U, 12U "Battle for the Bling" Travel Tournament

Minutes

Financial Review

General Overview & Budget

- Any big income or expenses?
 - Savings: ~\$21k
 - Checking: ~\$16k
 - Still need to deposit Midwest Beverage refund - \$506.82
 - Registration fees that have not cleared - \$1500
 - Outstanding exp – team registrations for tournaments
 - \$2,600 made from previous raffle items.
- Revisit money market account at the end of the 2025 season.

Venmo Account

- Brandon Schreiner converted account and it has been in use to receive the travel league holding fee.

Raffle Items

Previous Year's Items

- Jim Henaman has helped sell three of the items raising \$2,600 for MYB.
- Four more items are currently out at bars. Nine more items to go.
- Jim Henaman to continue selling legacy items and updating the board with progress.

2025 Season Items

- Will Charlie's consider going back to not having to purchase the items for the raffle?
 - Yes, we don't need to purchase the items up front.
 - Jerrod Gould to reach out to Charlie's and start getting a list of items.
- Do we need to do anything about the raffle license?
 - Jerrod Gould to reach out to Andy Adams on this process.
- Want to print 2,500 tickets right away.

Attire

- Brad Menning to acquire some quotes from other suppliers and make a recommendation on who to get our attire through.
 - 4 seasons – No quote received – last season's quote is same as Smiles + Heart
 - Next Level Creations – can reach out again through Facebook Messenger
 - Smiles + Heart – received quote - \$14/shirt for athletic material, \$12/shirt for cotton, additional \$12 for name and logo per shirt.
 - A&E – have not reached out yet – last year's cost was \$16/shirt for cotton and between \$17-\$18 for athletic material.

MOTION 1: MYB to use AE for our attire and see if the athletic style jersey can be the \$16 price or get a better price on the current jerseys.

Moved by: Steve Cherek

Seconded by: Brian Zell

Unanimously approved

Sponsorships

- Brian Zell drafted up the sponsorship documents – support document and packages.
 - Brad Menning helped to add in the Travel League items.
 - This will be easier than doing many different packages just for travel league and introduce the idea for next year.
- Brian Zell requested updated logos from sponsors for the website in his email.
- Prices stayed the same as last year with some adjustments for the travel league banner item.
- Brandon Schreiner to give Brian Zell sponsor website access.
- Board to send Brian Zell sponsor ideas for new sponsors.

Photography

- Kyle Sabatke to gather board ideas for what we want in our photos and if you have a recommended photographer.
 - Next meeting we will discuss reaching out to our current photographer and any we want to consider.

City League Items

Babe Ruth

- The Mosinee Middle School appreciated the letters of support and discussed the proposal. There were some concerns with the current plan of the school adding these as a sanctioned sport.
 - Financial uncertainty: School is dependent on the bi-annual budget and other factors that make it impossible to predict financially absorbing the sports in three years.
 - Transportation: is currently at issue in the spring. While we think that we could provide it, that is before any weather turns our spring schedule to mush which then puts us in a spot where either we have to get MS teams to their events 3 hours early or cancel the game due to driver shortages to provide event transportation and fulfil our evening routes.
- The Mosinee Middle School is proposing adding MYB and MYGS as endorsed clubs; like how figure skating and trap shooting is handled.
 - MYGS and MYB would be able to use the Mosinee Indians school name and access our Middle School conference as an affiliated club to our Middle School.
 - Mosinee Athletic Department would work with our bus company to provide transportation to all possible events. This expense would be paid for by your respective groups. Any games that a bus could not cover, there is more flexibility for parents to transport for club events than school athletic events rather than cancelling.
 - Mosinee School District would not register any of the athletes or collect fees from them. This would be the responsibility of the clubs. This would allow you to charge a typical fee you normally would to cover your costs of this arrangement.
 - Mosinee School district would not hire or pay your coaches. Your club would choose the coaches and choose any/if any compensation for those coaches. We would need proof of background checks and all other requirements for those individuals to be around kids.
 - MYGS and MYB would provide the uniforms for the teams. Again, you could either build this into a registration cost or have an added uniform fee to assist with this.
 - As part of our conference, the games would be scheduled by our AD and our Conference. Umpire schedules would be coordinated between our AD and your organization. Umpire fees would be paid by your organization.
- Kyle Sabatke – ask Tom McCarty – clarify umpire scheduling. We understand we would pay for it. Also, clarify bussing expense.
- MYB to go down the proposed path by the Mosinee School District and investigate the fees so we can start registration.

Registration

- Website Registration Completion
 - We will want to get this completed ASAP so we can open registration.
 - Pricing to stay the same.
 - DIBS/Volunteer amounts.
 - Shirt/hat sizes.
 - ~~Candy bar costs~~
 - Code of Conduct
 - Kyle Sabatke to help review registrations before going live.
- Board to setup Crossbar accounts
- Flyers need to be created, printed, and distributed to the schools and programs 4k and up.
 - 25 sets of 25 will be needed for each school.
 - Digicopy will print and separate them for you if you choose to use them.
 - Chris Savickis to distribute fliers to schools and 4K programs
 - Linda Sabatke – 4K at St. Johns
 - Brad Menning – to post on Chamber of Commerce
 - Brandon Schreiner – Flyer design to be the same, just change the logo
- Emails with the digital flier will also need to be sent out to the schools and previous parent email list.
 - Brandon Schreiner can send out this email from the MYB Gmail.
- Registration to be open until March 7th.
- Registration Location
 - Where do we want to have the registration location for candy bar/raffle pickup and to help solve any registration needs?
 - At the MYB fields on April 8th and 10th – revisit each meeting.

Dick's Sporting Goods' Partnership

- Setup the Dick's Sporting Goods' partnership with Kyle Flanagan. Need to pick the shipping date and set the rest of the background items up.
- Chris Savickis to handle this with Kyle Flanagan.
 - Try weekend end of February or beginning of March

Lawn Mowing Equipment

- Chris Savickis pulled the mower batteries and keep on charger over the winter
- Chris Savickis to look at existing mowers and see if he can help with these as well

Field Maintenance

- Field treatment quotes, fences, lights
 - Save for next meeting.
- Chris Savickis was in contact with Zach Newton and will meet up with him before next meeting.
 - Zach Newton is still interested, but not sure about being able to do two donations in a year.
- Chris Savickis to put up caution tape to the entrances to the fields.

Equipment

- Dallas Weiler will look through the equipment in the shed after hunting season.
 - Chris Savickis and Jerrod Gould available to help move items in the way.
- Dallas Weiler will investigate other equipment MYB could use.

Fund Raising

- Candy Bars
 - Which candy bars are we selling? \$1 (current), \$2, \$3.
 - \$1 bar cost has gone up \$1 PER CASE (not per bar). Worlds Finest Chocolate (WFC) is encouraging us to move to the \$2 bar.
 - Brian Zell to order 100 cases of the \$1 bar and have it shipped to Charlie's Hardware. Contact Jeff Kyhos at Charlie's to let him know they are coming.
 - Buyout amount
 - Keep the same setup

MOTION 2: Brian Zell to purchase \$1 box, 100 cases, at \$37 per case.

Moved by: Steve Cherek

Seconded by: Brian Zell

Unanimously approved

***This motion was rescinded by a motion later in this meeting.**

- Steve Cherek is researching the pizza option.
 - In discussions with Pizza Market.
 - How does this affect Pit Stop sponsorship and sales in concession?
 - This might be a good additional fundraiser for this year.

Travel League Items

Registration Review

- Registration fee tracking
 - Two 10U, four 11U, and one 12U yet to pay. MYB will not send out another reminder since final registration setup on the website.
 - MYB will issue \$50 discount codes to the parents that paid.
 - There is one parent that said they sent a check, but do we know if it was cashed? - We can reach out to the parent and if they say it was sent and it was cashed, we can issue the discount code then.
 - Linda Sabatke to investigate her tracking and Brandon Schreiner to ask if it was cleared.
- Website Registration Completion
 - We will want to get this completed ASAP so we can open registration.
 - February 21st will be the end of registration.
 - Prices were set November meeting.
 - Shirt/hat sizes
 - Pass on AE information for hat sizing
 - Pole question asking if parents want to purchase additional attire items.
 - Discount code for parents who have paid the \$50.
 - Code of Conduct.

Combine/Travel Tryout Location

- 2 hours, 2 cages, and a fielding area.
- We need to work with the Mosinee School District to setup the Junior league combine and Travel League Spring Tryout location
- Tom McCarty – Reserve gym for two different days the 1st week of March for Spring Travel Tryouts and Jr League combine.
- Steve Cherek will gather with other coaches to rank the Sr League prior to the draft.

2025 Home Tournaments

- Home Tournament Signups:
 - 9U – 4 teams (3 paid)
 - 10U – 3 teams (2 paid)
 - 11U – 5 teams (2 paid)
 - 12U – 3 teams
 - 13U – 6 teams (4 paid)
 - Hodag Little League
- Tom McCarty will reach out to 13U team and tell them they may be bumped if we don't get another team to add on the extra bracket.
- Steve Cherek sent out the email to umpires for these weekends.
 - Umpire situation looking good. Currently need one more for the first weekend and two more for the second weekend.
- Sun Balgord reached out about selling concession items at the travel tournaments again.
 - Yes, she can come for the 2025 tournament.

Travel League Player Status

- Should we be changing how players playing for multiple clubs vs strictly for MYB be handled?
- Tom McCarty, Dallas Weiler, Paul Haas, Brandon Schreiner, Ryan Talbert, Chris Savickis to determine how we want to structure the travel league player levels and see if any Bylaws need to be updated around playing for multiple teams and what costs should be charged to alternate level player.
- MYB will revisit this next meeting. This has been removed from the Bylaws and into another document.

Old Business

Website Committee

- It was determined that this committee is no longer need as the website is up and running.
 - Board members will work independently to update individual areas as needed.
- Battle for the Bling is its own page.
- Brian Zell to update About Us
- Brandon Schreiner to update Board Page
 - Only post last years' worth of minutes

DIBS Committee

- Committee proposed adding a 3rd person to each shift in the concession stand with a ½ hour overlap.
- Requirement Hours
 - Rookie – 3
 - Minor – 9
 - Junior – 9
 - Senior – 9
- City league must sell 5 tickets per player or owe for how many are not sold at the end of the year.
 - Increase registration by \$100 to include the 5 tickets cost.
 - Parents would sell and keep the cash or sign the name on their tickets and turn in.
- Buyout: \$200 for Rookie and \$500 for Junior-Senior
 - \$60 per hour paid for any unfilled hours and any signup, but cannot make it.
- Travel stays with 6 hours and 5 raffle tickets for Travel
 - Then they still need to sell the City tickets
- Board to review incentives to sell more raffle tickets than the 5 required (per league).
 - Competition for top sellers.

MOTION 3: The MYB raffle and DIBS buyout will be separate and parents can no longer sell raffle tickets to make up DIBS hours.

Moved by: Jerrod Gould

Seconded by: Jim Henaman

Unanimously approved

MOTION 4: Rescind Motion 2 and cancel the candy bar fund raiser and required parents to sell 5 raffle tickets per player.

Moved by: Steve Cherek

Seconded by: Melissa Vachowiak

Unanimously approved

Rules Committee

- Committee action: Work on Travel League Home Tournament rules, coach's documents, and Code of Conduct updates.
- Brandon Schreiner completed rules for Rookie through Senior league and has these posted on the website.
- Brandon Schreiner has completed updates for coach's documents except for the last edits that depend on website links.
 - Do we post these coach's documents on the main website page or have a private coaches' page that only coaches' will have access to?

Documentation

- Brandon Schreiner added the dissolution section, spouse section, Venmo comments, and some other updates to the next Bylaws revision.
 - This was sent to the board prior to the meeting for review.
 - The board agreed that it was not needed to be reviewed in detail during the meeting since there was a pre-review.
- Brandon Schreiner to finalize work on Director's documents with Board assistance.

MOTION 5: Motion to approve Bylaws updates in V25.01.1.

Moved by: Chris Savickis

Seconded by: Jerrod Gould

Unanimously approved

Board Mission Statement

- Brian Zell sent mission statement options and core values in November.
 - Version 3 was voted and won.
- Currently, the website is using mission statement Version 3.

Concession Stand – Building Committee

- Committee action: Come up with plan for construction for the 2025 season.
 - Met to come up with plan to remove the wall and new layout.
- Committee action: Discuss the 5-year plan for concessions and potential towers. Provide ideas in next meeting.
 - Grants and funding to follow once a plan is determined.
- Vertical fridge?
 - Chris Savickis to investigate fixing this.
- Melissa Vachowiak to talk with Midwest Beverage about a new contract that includes coolers and potentially a sponsorship.

Concession Stand – Point of Sale Committee

- We will need to make a new place to lock the register

MOTION 6: Committee to spend up to \$1200 on expenses related to purchasing a point-of-sale option.

Moved by: Kyle Sabatke

Seconded by: Ryan Talbert

Unanimously approved

Family Fun Day Committee

- Steve Cherek to schedule a committee meeting in January.
- Committee Action: Meet, determine plan, and request funds needed next meeting.

Parade Committee

- Parade was a success!

Nextreck Recycling Challenge - Bench

- Steve Cherek to write a FB post to tell community thank you for their donations.
- Steve Cherek has the bench at his house and needs to assemble it.

Will Wood Baseball Bats

- Brandon Schreiner to collect the bats and let coaches know at the start of next city league.

New Business

High School Programs and MYB – Ty Cook

- Discussion on how MYB and the Mosinee High School can work together, possibly including funding.
- There is a checking account that needs to be converted from the HS Baseball and the ask is if a checking account can go into a club's account. It currently cannot be used based on how it was created.
 - The alternative would be having to set up a new club account.
 - Request that it would be a long-term relationship
- Mosinee Legion Baseball would have to be the account name
- Jerrod Gould to review the tax implications of setting up an account this way
 - Leaning towards it being ok

Board Member Review

- Stacy Hogan
 - Not attended any meetings since being voted in.
 - Brandon Schreiner tried to contact multiple ways and multiple occasions with no response.

MOTION 7: Remove Stacy Hogan from the 2025 board with the ability to rejoin after the 2025 season.

Moved by: Ryan Talbert

Seconded by: Linda Sabatke

Unanimously approved

Next Meeting

- Next meeting to be Sunday, February 16th, 2025, at Mosinee City Hall starting at 6:00 p.m.
- New business for next meeting
 - Any relevant missed items from project list, action item list, and items not currently resourced.
 - Chris Savickis will sell old mower in the spring of 2025.
 - Board to purchase new freezer in the spring of 2025.
 - Ryan Talbert was researching some tourism grants.

Adjourn

Time: 9:01 pm

MOTION 8: Adjourn meeting

Moved by: Brian Zell

Seconded by: Linda Sabatke

Unanimously approved

Items Not Currently Resourced

Board Organizational Items

- Board ID
- Website headshots
- Tournament app
 - Does Crossbar do this?
 - <https://exposureevents.com>
- End of Year Survey

League Finances

- End of 2025 season: Revisit money market account.

Season Potential Updates

- All Star Team Research / second season
- Research weather makeup games for season (low priority based on survey)
- Research additional practice opportunities within the season
 - Mini camps
 - HS baseball players to help
 - New HS coach
- Look into more events with the Wausau Woodchucks
 - "Bob Stephens" stephenscgcs@gmail.com – for a Mosinee game night exhibition game.
- Exhibition game where kids who move up a league play with those staying in that league
- Schedule update with Jr on one field and Sr on other

Grounds Changes/Updates

- Board parking
- One way only signs for by concession roads
- Emergency vehicle parking by dumpsters
- Rules posted around the field
- Review fields and determine plan
 - Overseeding, top dressed, etc.
 - Play material
- Field tarps
- Scoreboard tower buildings
- Pitching machine
 - Remove/fix rubber guides
 - Rules/SOP for use
 - Ways to stop from "creeping"
- Changing of locks on buildings?
 - Needed or not?
- Updated benches/seating (covered?)
- Sound system updates
- Playground

Concession Stand

- N/A