

Mosinee Youth Baseball Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: April 13th, 2025

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Location: Mosinee City Hall

Board Attendees

Brandon Schreiner (President) (A)

Chris Savickis (Vice President)

Linda Sabatke (Treasurer)

Melissa Vachowiak (Secretary)

Ryan Talbert

Jason Borski (A)

Brian Zell (A)

Brad Menning (A)

Steve Cherek

Matt Stankowski

Jodi Maguire (A)

Tom McCarty (A)

Paul Haas

Jim Henaman

Carl Walport

Jerrod Gould (A)

Dallas Weiler

Kyle Sabatke

(P) – Phone in (A) - Absent

Guest Attendees

Ty Cook

Action Items

1. Board

- a. Determine 11U home tournament team.
- b. Determine who's leading Family Fun Day and start taking actions for planning this.

2. Brandon Schreiner

- a. Work with Brandon Zimmer on rings for City and Travel league.
- b. Provide Stacy with the list of sponsors, head coaches, and schedule so she can plan the picture days.
- c. Working with Robyn Leigh Photography on acquiring a quote for Travel League photos/banners.
- d. Finalize scholarship work with school.
- e. Communicate schedules, rosters, and other updates publicly and upload on Crossbar.
- f. Update Junior League rules based on coach's meeting discussion.
- g. Work with Steve Cherek and Tom McCarty to get the Travel League tournaments working on Crossbar.

3. Chris Savickis

- a. Turn on sprinklers.
- b. Sell the old lawn mower.

4. Brian Zell

- a. Acquire new banners and work with the board to hang them up.

5. Jim Henaman

- a. Finish selling legacy raffle items and provide an update to the board.

6. Brad Menning

- a. Continue to acquire MYB League attire.
- b. Communicate fundraiser store through Crossbar & Facebook. (Brandon Schreiner to help as needed)

7. Jerrod Gould

- a. Draft a communication to parents about how to hand in and get more raffle tickets throughout the season.
- b. Monitor raffle ticket sales, etc. throughout the season.

8. Jodi Maguire / Brandon Schreiner

- a. Update the tournament rules document, board review, and share.

9. Legion Bank Account

- a. **Ty Cook / Linda Sabatke** – Finalize the Legion Bank Account.

- 10. Concession Stand Building Committee: Matt Stankowski, Ryan Talbert, Steve Cherek, and Paul Haas**
 - a. Complete construction so concessions can open.
- 11. Concession Stand – Kyle Sabatke/Jason Borski**
 - a. Lead team(s) to complete concession stand setup and open!
- 12. DIBS Committee: Ryan Talbert, Carl Walport, and Jodi Maguire**
 - a. Upload DIBS opportunities to Crossbar when they are determined.
 - b. Monitor DIBS throughout the season and communication with the concession stand team.
- 13. Family Fun Day Committee: Kyle Sabatke, Melissa Vachowiak, Linda Sabatke, and Steve Cherek**
 - a. **Steve Cherek** – Reach out to the board to see who can take this over.
 - b. Meet, determine plan, and request funds needed at the next meeting.
- 14. Parade Committee: Linda Sabatke, Steve Cherek, Melissa Vachowiak, and Kyle Sabatke**
 - a. No actions currently.

Important Dates

- Next board meeting will not be scheduled during the season unless necessary.
- May 13th, 2025: MYB Youth Night (**POST MEETING NEEDS TO BE RESCHEDULED**)
- May 30th, 2025: MYB Woodchucks Game
- 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

- Savings: ~\$21,679
- Checking: ~\$68,552

Raffle Items

Previous Year's Items

- Jim Henaman – (1) more item to raffle off and nothing is left at Charlies.

2025 Season Items – (No update as Jerrod Gould was not in attendance)

- Raffle tickets are handed out to most parents between both registration pickup days and Spring Cleanup.
- Jerrod Gould to keep most of the raffle ticket bundles at home and be the main keeper of tickets/money.
 - ~~Discuss with Jerrod Gould in meeting on how to hand out more tickets effectively to parents through the concession stand.~~
 - Jerrod Gould to draft a communication to parents about how to hand in and get more tickets throughout the season. Brandon Schreiner can help communicate this once drafted.
 - Are we going to announce leaders bi-weekly through the season? This could get parents to turn in and get more tickets regularly.

Attire

- Matt Stankowski updates on attire situations:
 - Everything is ordered – hats, jerseys, and t-shirts.
 - We had to expedite the Babe Ruth jerseys which added an additional \$18 per jersey cost.
- Brad Menning to draft a communication to parents for the fundraiser website and Brandon Schreiner to help communicate as needed.

Rings For City/Travel

- Brandon Schreiner has been working with Brandon Zimmer (Bownet Awards & Promotions)
- Brandon Schreiner has not ordered these yet but will soon now that teams and schedules have been completed.

Sponsorships

- The final document is on the Google Drive.
- We had to convert some team sponsors to banners since we had more sponsors than the number of teams.
 - Banners to be hung up once in and some banners need to come down as they are not a sponsor this year. Chris Savickis and Brian Zell to coordinate these efforts during the season.
- Overall learnings from this year are...
 - We need to push on sponsors deadlines harder so it is not down to the wire during roster creation and getting banners by Spring Cleanup. This may require board members to help Brian Zell in the January-February months.
 - With the revamp of the sponsorship levels to consider more travel ball, we should consider adding wording and/or how we offer becoming a team sponsor.

Photography

- Sticking with Stacy for the regular season photos.
 - Brandon Schreiner to provide Stacy with the list of sponsors, head coaches, and schedule so she can plan the picture days.
- Lindsey said that she did not want to take on our opportunity for the travel league photos/banners.
 - Brandon Schreiner is working with Robyn Leigh Photography on acquiring a quote for this.

Scholarships

- There are (6) applicants who applied for the scholarship and we need to choose (2).
- After review, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were chosen to receive the scholarship.

MOTION 1: Approves two \$500 scholarships for two of the six applicants.

Moved by: Steve Cherek

Seconded by: Jim Henaman

Unanimously approved

City League Items

Babe Ruth

- Steve Cherek is starting to keep track of things needed for future Babe Ruth leaders. There is a folder in the Google Drive for this.
- Any other updates?
 - Everything is up and running.

Registration

- There were a decent number of late signups and fewer drop outs that were handled between registration closing and the creation of the rosters and schedules.
- Board members worked on roster creation and the league schedule.
 - Brandon Schreiner has the final versions and will send out in a mass communication.
 - Mass communication to include Crossbar app information as it is a great tool for team communications.
 - Brandon Schreiner will also upload the schedule into Crossbar so it's linked to the teams.

Spring Cleanup

- Was overall a success with some learnings:
 - We need to control the number of DIBS openings next year and balance this with DIBS hours awarded.
 - Example, we could have many open spots, but award fewer hours knowing things will get done faster.
- What items are left over to complete??? – Concession stand has its own section, so cover that later.
 - Field 2, Guest Score
 - Need to finish painting the bleachers
 - Spread picnic tables back out

Field Supervisor Schedule

- Brandon Schreiner created this document, but the board still needs to fill this out.
 - Board to review this week before the season and fill out who's opening/closing.
- Chris Savickis to add a mowing section and discuss with mowing team general expectations.

Field Maintenance

- Chris Savickis – ordered materials updates
 - Ordered a new paint machine for the foul ball lines.
 - Looking to sell the old mower and paint machine to Football for the MAC field.
- Chris Savickis – Turn Sprinklers on

Equipment

- Most coach's equipment has been handed out.
 - As of 04/12/2025, (2) Rookie, (2) Minor, (1) Junior, (1) Senior, (2) Babe Ruth, 10U Travel, 12U Travel, and 13U travel bags still need to be handed out.
- Steve Cherek is looking for the umpire masks and they may have been mixed up with the catcher's masks. We may need to purchase a few new ones if not found.

Junior League Rules Updates

- During the coach's meeting, the Junior league special weeks rules were discussed. It was agreed to update the below items:
 - Update the week numbers to reflect GAME weeks.
 - Update the rule where if the pitcher has the ball, they do not have to be on the mound, and runners have stopped forward progress that runners must return to their base. Unless a play is attempted by the pitcher. This is to help speed up the "dancing" between catcher and 3rd base runner. We also considered implementing a quick time limit.
- Not a rule update, but we did clarify that during game weeks 3 & 4 where stealing 2nd and 3rd is allowed, but not home, that if the catcher tries to make a play on a runner, no matter what the runner cannot advance and steal home.

Travel League Items

DIBS Communication

- Brandon Schreiner to include in communications that Travel League DIBS must be completed during our Battle for the Bling tournaments.

2025 Home Tournaments

- 11U Tournament Team
 - Who will be coaching this and leading the charge to form the team?
- Tournament rules need to be updated so we can post on the website and send to the teams.
 - Jodi Maguire is working with Brandon Schreiner on this document. Brandon Schreiner to add to the website and provide to Tom McCarty to share with the visiting teams.
- Crossbar has the Tournaments section and this has been partially started.
 - Brandon Schreiner to work with Steve Cherek & Tom McCarty to get this setup within Crossbar for use during the tournament.
- Steve Cherek asked that the travel game schedules be shared as soon as possible so he can line up the umpires for each field.

Old Business

Concession Stand

- Melissa Vachowiak worked with Midwest Beverage and got all the refrigerators working.
- WHAT ITEMS REMAIN TO SUCCESSFULLY OPEN CONCESSIONS?
 - Finishing construction
 - Do we have space for the new freezer and who will purchase it?
 - Register setup
 - Purchasing of items
 - DIBS shift tracking
 - Who's communicating that we have workers and when emails need to go out asking for more?
 - Brandon Schreiner would not like to be the only one blasting emails for this...

DIBS Committee

- Carl Walport uploaded the list of DIBS to Crossbar.
- Carl Walport is working on the Volunteer/DIBS page to help parents understand their roles in helping the organization.
 - No cancelation options for DIBS. They will need to find a replacement if they need to cancel.
 - Reports can be run to show who signed up.

Website Committee

- Carl Walport has been working on the Coach Responsibilities page and is nearly ready to activate.
- Battle for the Bling Page – this should be updated before the Travel Tournaments...

Family Fun Day Committee

- Is there someone to take over leading this from Steve Cherek???
- We need this to be a success this year with last year's issues.

High School Programs and MYB

- Brandon Schreiner updated, signed, and posted new Bylaws with the approved changes.
- Jerrod Gould to determine the best person to appoint to this position. – Was someone found?
 - It was determined that Ty Cook would be the best person to appoint as the Finance Director for the American Legion.
- Election for the officer position for the American Legion Finance Director position:

MOTION 3: Elect Ty Cook as the MYB Finance Director for the American Legion

Moved by: Steve Cherek
Seconded by: Jim Henaman
Unanimously approved

Helmet Stickers for Tragedy at DC Everest

- Kyle Sabatke has these stickers and will hand out to the travel league coaches.

New Business

New Board Member Election

MOTION 2: Elect Ty Cook to the MYB Board

Moved by: Steve Cherek
Seconded by: Ryan Talbert
Unanimously approved

Baseball Team Alternates

- Alternates can only play in (2) tournaments but currently have to pay full price for the season.

MOTION 4: Alternates to only pay 50% of the costs/fees, provided the costs of the uniform is covered by the remaining costs/fees.

Moved by: Steve Cherek
Seconded by: Melissa Vachowiak
Unanimously approved

Next Meeting

- Next meeting to be held after the season is complete or mid-season if determined necessary.

Adjourn

Time: 7:48 pm

MOTION 5: Adjourn meeting

Moved by: Ryan Talbert
Seconded by: Melissa Vachowiak
Unanimously approved

Actions Not Covered, but Tracking

Will Wood Baseball Bats

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

Concession Stand – Building Committee

- 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.

Documentation

- Brandon Schreiner to finalize work on Director's documents with Board assistance.

Website Committee

- MYB Travel League page – mostly filled, but more information required to be to a similar state as City League
 - Jerrod Gould
- Battle for the Bling page – almost no work
 - Steve Cherek

Other

- Ryan Talbert was researching some tourism grants.

Items Not Currently Resourced

Board Organizational Items

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

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
 - Youth Clinic
- 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
- Travel League: Add more opportunities to draw people in – off season skills training, use HS players; make sure tryouts align with club teams.

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