

SYBA MINUTES MEETING

April 26th, 2022

The Bowl 7:00pm

Attendees: Brad Menden
Jeff Schmitz
Eric Schroeder
Allen Larson
Sean LaCoste
Aaron Olson
Mike Hanson
Alex Jordan
Rod Hicks
Chad Stensrud
Nick Von Bokern
Rod Hicks

Not in Attendance: Tom Schleper

- **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Approved

- **Financial Review**

Allen Larson reviewed the latest 2 financial statement for the board, the first was thru 3/14/22. We received the following infusions: \$2,000 in baseball camps (we collect but then are transferred out), the American Legion donated \$3,000, Best Buy donated \$30, and the The Bowl donated \$595. In addition we received back \$800 on tournament refunds (these are tournaments that we had signed up for, paid for our registration, but had to cancel out of). The following were withdrawals, \$1,650 for the new baseball bags, paid \$50 to utilize facilities for the parent meeting. We paid league fees for Jr. Legion. The next statement thru 4/17/22. We moved \$25K over from the savings account in addition we received \$2,500 from Scheels for their sponsorship of the Shakopee Tournament. We spent \$4,280 on game baseballs (as well as getting them branded with our logo). We made our 5th and final payment of \$10,000 for the West Tahpah to the City. ~\$5,000 on our annual insurance payment, and also \$5,900 that we owe annually for Metro Baseball League. Also we provided refunds for players who did not make a travel team roster.

We still have an outstanding \$22K bill to innovative graphics. We need to take in the donation dollars for the baseball ball bags. Eric Schroeder was going to be sending an invoice to Eric Malmberg to receive payment.

- **Master Field Schedule**

Allen has created a google doc w all games and practices on it by field by day and sent out to the board. This document will help with understanding what fields are being used and when (as well as city vs school field). Also it will make it easier when a game needs to be rescheduled. Brad Menden will send the document over to both the school and the city so they have a record to verify usage. Thru Brad, Tyler Menden is willing to be a pseudo field coordinator. This would entail managing the SYBA Email, and making the changes on the master field doc (i.e. moving a team that has a practice to an open field so a game can be made up). This will also help Tyler as he does most of the dragging of these fields for the City of Shakopee, and this will give him a clear view of which fields are being used and when. Although all the traveling games have been inputted, the High School community league will still need to be inputted (that will mostly be at West Tahpah). We will need to get communication out to the coaches that they will to utilize the email, when a change is needed and that Tyler will be the one contacting them for the changes.

- **West Tahpah Field Improvements**

We have finalized our proposal as the following:

Batting Cage - \$32,000 this would include two cages 20' x 80' with warmup area and batting net.

Dugout Roofs - \$16,000 two dugout roofs 10'6" x 32'

We are working with Metro Baseball for partial funding (they did a field visit). Also we are asking for a \$10,000 donation from the Lions. At this point the dugouts are the priority.

- **Tourney Update**

We currently have 2 levels that only have 3 teams signed up for the Shakopee Tournament (9AAA and 10AAA). We will need to reduce our entry fee around May 1st to see if that will entice another team to join (probably need a minimum of 4 teams). We need to inform MBL if we are going to reduce our entry fee. Allen reviewed the remaining levels to show the board where we are at. There are some levels that are not full, at this point we are going to wait and see, with the potential to reduce our entry at a later date. Allen will be meeting with Emily Brinkman soon to discuss concessions.

- **13AAA Travel Team**

Jason Lenz (head coach of the 13AAA team), came to the board to asked to be relieved of his head coaches duties in light of the fact his son broke his arm and will not be playing baseball for the rest of the summer. Jason has two other sons in the association and would like to be able to be at their games/practices. The board unanimously voted to relieve Jason of his duties. Next up if determining who will be the head coach for the 13AAA team. The current assistant coaches do not want to step into the head coaches role. Aaron Olson had mentioned Bill Schleper as a potential fill in. Aaron will contact Bill to see if he has interest. If Bill is not interested we need a back up plan. The Boards decision is to make as few of moves on the teams as possible (1 player moving up). The travel directors will work within the player evaluation rankings to determine who will be asked to move up to the AAA Team, as well as work with the 13AA team and coaches.

- **In House Evaluation Overview**

Rod Hicks gave an update on the In-House evaluations from this past Saturday. Overall everything went well. They were held indoor with 110 players participating, which was 20 more than last year. With 2/3rds 1st graders. It appears like we will have 14 total teams, 8 Mighty Mite Teams (with 8 kids per team, a few will have 9), then 6 mini mite teams (with 7 kids per team).

For Little League there were 41 kids, which means we will have 4 teams.

Minor Valley will end up having 3 teams.

These teams will utilize Tahpah 1-5 for the seasons.

In addition this year instead of a Mite tournament, there will be a jamboree on July 30th. The Little League and Mite teams will have 2 games on that Saturday. Rod is approaching Hy-Vee as a potential sponsor.

- **Equipment Update**

Eric Schroeder gave an update to the board. The equipment handout went smoothly. All the new gear was handed out to teams. He will be ordering an additional 4 sets of Youth Catchers Gear. The practice balls came in for the traveling teams. Each traveling team will get 3 dozen. Travel teams will also receive a new bucket with stickers. The old buckets will be repurposed for the Mites to be able to use. The goal is to recycle this equipment every 3ish years (trying to get rid of bad or plastic baseballs). Some of the balls that are still usable but in rough shape will be put at the 17th Ave cages to utilize. 4 Large Mounds were brought out to Westminster (2), and Muenchow (2). 4 Brand new rakes were bought and placed at: Green Meadow, SACS, Jackson Township, and Westminster. There are still 6 extra mounds at Schleper Stadium. Potential to bring 2 out to Tahpah 8. 2 to Westminster (for practice mounds), and an additional one each to Tahpah 6 and Tahpah 7 (these could potentially be utilized elsewhere).

- **Fundraiser**

Brad discussed this topic, he has heard from some people that they would like an option at registration to donate there.

Would like to not repeat the Popcorn fundraiser option next year, heard some feedback from parents that they were not big fans of it. We will need to look into new options next year. There was a suggestion from the board about doing an option of simply donating XX amount and then getting a Shakopee Baseball T-Shirt or Hat after a certain amount. This will be addressed at a later meeting.

- **Next Meeting Date: Sunday May 22nd at 7:00pm at The Bowl**