

SYBA MINUTES MEETING

July 17th, 2022

The Bowl 7:00pm

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

- **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Approved

- **Financial Review**

Allen Larson reviewed the 5/16-6/16 statement with the Board. The following deposits were made: \$13,745 in total donations, with \$12,500 from Metro Baseball League (MBL), for the West Tahpah improvement project being the largest amount.

Withdrawals were made/paid in the amount of \$1,280 to Trusted Coaches, \$163.80 in materials for the replacement of the Pearson Benches, \$90.10 to Biffs for the Biffs at Westminter, \$451 for Legion Baseball Insurance, \$210/\$260 for Registration for Legion and Jr Legion. \$2,287 in Registration Refunds, \$12,005 for Tourny Fees and Trophies (for the Shakopee Tournament), \$3,955 on our bankcard for Des Moines Tournament payments, \$4,496 for Umpires, \$3,100 and \$4,700 for In-house and Community League Jerseys. Looking forward the West Tahpah Dugouts/Batting Cages Project bid is \$48,650 and we have already collected \$5,000 from Lions with another \$5,000 coming at a later date, and we have already collected \$12,500 from MBL.

- **Tourney P&L**

Allen reviewed the P&L for the Shakopee Tournament. Overall there was a \$6,856 profit from Concessions and also \$2,280 in Sponsorships. Total tournament profit was \$16,441 which was less than last year, however we did have less teams registered this year. Expenses included, umpires, Biffs, Facility Rental, State Qualifier Fees, Golf Cart Rental, Tourny Machine Website.

- **Fall Ball**

Rod Hick led this discussion on a need for a plan for fall ball for this year. He really liked what was done last year, offering free fall ball and would like to repeat this year. Feel like last year worked well, but needs more structure on coaches. In addition there was conversation on when to start fall ball and for how many weeks. After discussion it was decided to start after Labor Day and go until the first weekend in October. Rod to work with Nick Von Bokern and Brian Heil on the younger age groups to get as much participation as possible. Brad Menden has a lot of the signs that were used last year, and will get those put up around the city as soon as possible

to start advertising. Although it is free, we will still have people register so we can understand the amount of players and at what age group. It will be offered for 2nd/3rd/4th/5th (next seasons 11 year old), grades only. There is a follow up on understanding what days are the other sports for the fall. Tom Schleper's suggestion was have a "lead," coach at every level who does the practice plans and is in charge of communication with the other coaches.

- **West Tahpah Update**

Brad updated the board on the West Tahpah project, the City of Shakopee has concerns on both irrigation and also electrical that might be in the same areas of the proposed batting cages. Brad and Tom are going to go out to West Tahpah to line/stake out the bullpens/batting cage proposal to bring back to the city to review. Brad will also follow up with MBL to provide updates, with the goal to start work on the project before the end of the year. There was a question on the West Middle School Batting Cage that was destroyed during a storm earlier in the summer, Tom is going to follow up with the school.

- **Field Improvements After West Tahpah (Grass Infields at Westminster)**

Mike Hanson open the discussion up to the board, with West Tahpah's final payment made, and also the improvement of the dugout tops/batting cage/bullpens where are the next fields we should look at for improvements? One suggestion is putting in grass infields at Westminter. Brad stated we would need to cost out, with a suggestion of inquiring within the association if anyone can or has the ability to do it. Once concern on putting in grass at Westminter is that both Softball and the Lions have these fields as back ups if need be. Also we would need to ask for city approval for this project. Another suggestion is trying to out up stands or even a grand stand at West Tahpah.

Rod also brought up the need to fixed the backstop at Pearson, and Brad stated he will follow up with the school district.

- **Mite Jamboree**

The Mite Jamboree will be held on July 30th, and we will be utilizing all 8 fields at Tahpah from 9-12:30pm. Rod is talking to Sheri at the City to ensure the bases are accurate. Different than last year will be a relay race w/ ribbons. The awards this year were more expensive than last year due to more kids than last year, and also inflation. In addition they will be doing concessions and Rod inquired if we had people that still needed to fulfill their Dibs hours, this could be a chance for them to fulfill. Also if their were no dibs still needed do we have the mite parents volunteer or hire people to do it? Follow up needed.

- **Year End Survey**

Allen is going to be sending out the year end survey again this year. He will send the Board the questions that were asked last year, and if any members have additional question for this year he will add before sending out to the association to complete.

- **Year End Meeting/Presentation**

The Year End meeting (still to be scheduled as of this meeting) will be the week of August 21st or August 28th at The Bowl. The year presentation will need to be updated. The following members terms expired: Allen Larson, Alex Jordan, Nick Von Bokern, Sean LaCoste, Chad Stensrun, and Brad Menden. The board discussed and then unanimously to expand the board with 3 new positions: 1. Community League Coordinate, 2. Assistant Tournament Director, 3. Communications/Social Media. Job descriptions will need to be made or updated, with Tom/Alex/Allen taking the lead.

- **Bonus Topics**

Eric Schroeder asked the board if teams needed any additional equipment. Similar to ball bags and equipment bags, he would solicit the association for sponsorships. One idea was new batting tees. Eric will cost out and follow up at a later date.

Jeff Schmitz discussed the hosting of Gopher State Tournament of Champions by the 11AAA Team, and thought it went great. He recommended to the board that we try to put in an application to host for at least one of our age groups at Tahpah.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm

- **Next Meeting Date: Annual Meeting August 22nd at 6:00pm at The Bowl**