



SYBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/19/26

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Shakopee Legion

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (S. Dolan): Appendix A

- ALL VOTES IN FAVOR

II. Email Votes by Board (Brief Status Updates)

- **Pay for shipping of turf donated by Augustana for SYBA to use in Cages.**
 - **Status:** PASSED (Majority Approval | Initiated by Shane Hofmann)
- **SYBA Email Vote Summary: MASH Fall Program**
 - **Status:** PASSED (Majority Approval | Initiated by Shane Hofmann)
 - **Approved Motion:** Book the MASH facility for a 6-week Fall "MashUp" program for In-House players (Oct–Nov 2026, Sunday evenings), capped at \$10,000 from SNAP Raise funds.
 - **Key Details:** Estimated cost \$5k–\$10k; ~\$50 player fee for commitment; potential for a 2nd 6-week session if demand is high.

III. New Business

1. **Finance (R. Deuth)**
2. **Shakopee Tournament Feedback**
 - Need to better stagger start times next year to better allow for field maintenance
 - For bracket play, need to make 2.5 hour allotments vs. 2 hours – many games started late and it got worse as the day went on
 - Suggestion to use Westminster on Friday to get more games in early so Saturday is less busy
 - Need more overall help at Johnson / Meunchow next year, one board member was even assisting during his son's games
 - Ask early for more side-by-sides from SYBA families vs. renting – can save significant \$\$
 - Put together a training video or flyer for next years maintenance people
 - May need to pay \$\$ (\$15-20 hr) for additional help next year if short on dibs hours again
 - Post dibs hours 4 weeks prior vs. 2 weeks
 - Better schedule board members at locations throughout the weekend
 - At Johnson – Setup a tent next year vs. using their concession stand. Were visibility and cleanliness issues that should be avoided.
 - Suggestion was made to increase dibs up to \$1,000 (similar to hockey) – This was not voted on
3. **Jamboree Tournament – This weekend**
 - Board members to assist as available once Jason knows his daughters schedule
4. **T-Ball**
 - Last game/ practice day is 7/20 – some board members to coordinate dilly bars and photo for the kids
5. **2027 Tryouts**
 - Proposed having Mash tryout date on Friday, March 19th (4:00-10:00 PM) and Saturday, March 20th at the HS (hitting and running). Board members approved the Mash cost and dates unanimously.
6. **Removing Outfield Fencing**
 - A removing fencing (to allow for shorter fences of 150-200) idea was proposed and generally garnered excitement from the board. The fence would allow for more home runs for our younger

players (7-11 years old). A fence for one field would be roughly \$1,000-\$1,200. Jason and Blake will look into the possibility with the city and come back with a proposal.

7. Development Committee

- Needs to meet and come up with a proposal by next meeting on places to spend our development \$\$ in 2027.

8. Coaches Appreciation

- The board discussed the need to appreciate all of the coaches that have contributed to SYBA over the past year. We will be hosting all coaches (travel, in-house, community league) for a happy hour for 1 hour prior to the annual meeting in August (location is TBD). The board voted on and unanimously approved a \$2,000 budget/ cap for drinks and food.

9. 2027 Board Positions

- The board voted on and unanimously approved the following:
 - Social Media and Communication positions will be combined into one Social Media / Communication Director position.
 - Uniforms and Wiffleball will be a newly created position (split off from Community League Director positions).
 - T-Ball will be included with the Community League Director positions.

10. AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS Board Positions

- **VP:** K. Rice
- **Treasurer:** Mousel
- **Travel Director:** B. Grefe
- **In House Directors:** Z. Minnich/ J. Juenemann
- **Whiffleball/ Uniform:** R. Schmitz
- **Asst Tourney Director:** Mike Weispfenning
- **Umpire Coordinator:** Michael Kockelman
- **Comm League / Tball:** Jill Juenemann
- **OPEN**
 - i. **Equipment Coordinator**

VI. Next Meeting

- **Date:** August 23, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Mana