



SYBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/17/26

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Shakopee Legion

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

- ALL VOTES IN FAVOR

II. Prior Meeting Action Item Review (Brief Status Updates)

- **Butters:** Present consolidation and financial details regarding the Prior Lake (PL) partnership.
 - Butters: We are passing because it won't work for scheduling. We need to reach out in Jan next year if we want to make work
- **Travel/Community Committees:** Provide brief reviews for Tryouts, April 11th Evaluations, and the May 2nd SYBA Varsity Night.
 - RS - Community League - not needed
 - Group as a wholeIn-house - We should keep it as a mini session to help balance teams while we hold a parent meeting
 - Trevor has left the board
 - Consider keeping parents on for dibs next year and potentially have more to alleviate board time
- **Tyler M.:** Research storage container pricing (\$2,900 long-term) and rental units following the loss of Gorman storage.
- **Tyler M.:** Schedule "Biffs" (portable toilets) and send notifications for Red Oak and Westminster fields.
 - Completed
- **Billy W.:** Inquire about available storage space at Jackson Township / Boy Scouts room.
 - No space

III. New Business

1. **Finance (R. Deuth)**
 - **Revenue & Collections:** * March registration: ~\$24,000; April registration: ~\$15,000.
 - i. Received additional sponsorship funds and a Tribe check.
 - ii. In-and-out tournament revenue collected for Legion and SYBA tournaments.
 - iii. Funds from the Omaha tournament returned to the account.
 - **Cash Position:** * Current operating account balance is ~\$150,000 (up ~\$15,000 compared to the prior year).
 - i. Funds are being actively reinvested into player training and facility rentals (e.g., Savage Dome, SHED).
 - **Miracle League Account:** A separate account was established for the Miracle League with a \$200 initial seed allocation. (*Board Approved*)
2. **Operational & Facility Expenditures**
 - **Facility Rentals & Training:** High School gym space (~\$1k), Savage Dome (~\$1k), SHED (~\$5k), Travel Training at SHED (~\$11k).
 - **Tryout Costs:** Evaluator fees paid.
 - **Community Contributions:** Approved \$1,000 donation to Shakopee Dollars for Scholars.

Attendees:

- ☐ **xShane Hofmann*** (President) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xKyle Rice*** (Vice President) (exp 09/25)
- ☐ **xRob Deuth*** (Treasurer) (exp 09/26)
- ☐ **xSean Dolan*** (Secretary) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xBlake Grefe*** (Travel Dir) (exp 09/26)
- ☐ **Jason Lenz*** (Travel Dir) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xJason Mousel*** (In-House Dir) (exp 09/25)
- ☐ **Trevor Jones*** (In-House Dir) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xRyan Schmitz*** (Comm. League) (exp 09/26)
- ☐ **xKatie Johnson**** (Co-Asst Tourney) (exp 09/26)
- ☐ **xTatum Heil**** (Co-Asst Tourney) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **Eric Schmitz** (Varsity Coach) (Standing)
- ☐ **xSara Lewis**** (Co-Social Media) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xTracey Domke**** (Co-Social Media) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xMark Amundson*** (Comm. Dir) (exp 09/25)
- ☐ **xBilly Wermerskirchen*** (Fundraising) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xCristina Tibbetts*** (Field/Facil) (exp 09/27)
- ☐ **xTyler Menden*** (Equipment) (exp 09/26)
- ☐ **Brent Vannier*** (Umpire Coord) (exp 09/26)

Guest:

- ☐ **Bob Zondlo** (Legion)
- ☐ **Rick Krebs** (Legion)

Not Attending:

- ☐ **Sean LaCoste** (Asst Equip) (N/A)

*Voting Member

**Partial Voting Member

- **Equipment & Windscreen:** Paid \$1,500 for replacement windscreens alongside standard equipment purchases.
 - **SNAP Raise Tracking:** At least 75% of SNAP Raise funds are directly allocated toward player training and development.
3. **In-House Program Enhancements**
- i. Contact D-BAT to organize a specialized training event for In-House players to replace standard practice dates.
 - ii. Organize a Home Run Derby event during the In-House Jamboree.
 - iii. Coordinate food truck vendors for the Jamboree.
4. **Shakopee Tournament Logistics (K. Johnson / T. Heil)**
- **Team Openings:** Spots remain open in the 9A and 12AAA brackets; offering free entry to fill remaining slots.
 - **Board Expectations:** All board members are expected to be on-site Friday through Sunday (7:00 AM – 10:00 PM) to handle site opening and closing duties. Closing site dibs will be tracked.
 - **Umpire Hospitality:** Field crews must ensure umpires receive complimentary food and drinks throughout the weekend.
 - **Scheduling & Dibs:**
 - i. Pool play schedules are under review by Jason Lenz (completion deadline: Wednesday).
 - ii. Dibs shifts are configured in 2-hour blocks via Crossbar.
 - iii. Tournament shirt order deadline: May 26, 2026.
 - iv. All member families (excluding T-Ball) are required to fulfill Dibs shifts. Extra board support requested at Muechow and Neal Johnson fields.
5. **Equipment Storage Update (T. Menden)**
- **Current Status:** Official notice received from the City regarding displacement from existing storage.
 - **Stadium Group Collaboration:** Partnering with local organizations (Indians, Coyotes, Boosters) on a unified facility proposal.
 - i. *Plan A (30x70 footprint):* Declined by the City.
 - ii. *Plan B (20x30 facility):* Located west of Garage 4 below the stadium. Space will be shared among four entities. Estimated timeline is 6 months pending engineering approvals.
 - **Funding & Future Vision:**
 - i. Stadium Group priority: (1) New batting cage, (2) Storage facility partially funded via State Tournament revenue.
 - ii. Long-term goal: Addition of a 30x80 indoor batting facility in future years.
6. **Fundraising Update**
- Snap Raise Opt-Out Process (S. Hofmann): Families who opt out of providing email addresses will have their \$100 opt-out checks cashed following the campaign close. (Current breakdown: 108 registered; 13 opt-outs). Fundraiser totals: Travel (\$17k), In-House (\$9k).
 - Apparel Partnership Proposal (S. Hofmann): An apparel vendor proposed hosting an on-site merchandise booth (t-shirts \$20, long-sleeve shirts, hats) offering a 10% revenue kickback to SYBA. Shane H. to verify compatibility with preferred vendor (Gary) via email.
 - MVP Card Recap & Strategy (B. Wermerskirchen): Initial test with 3 players sold ~40 cards without a full blitz. Program will be integrated into January New Business for next season. Cards cost \$2 each, with a \$5 Scheels gift card bonus awarded for every 10 cards sold. Remaining inventory will be sold at the Shakopee Tournament.
7. **Multi-Sport Attendance Policy Review (J. Lenz / B. Grefe)**
- **Policy Review:** The current travel policy lacks specific consequences for players missing baseball games for secondary sports during the regular season.
 - **Next Steps:** Policy cannot be amended mid-season, but language will be strengthened for next season to include clear guidelines and a strike system.
8. **Open Discussion & Operational Updates**
- **Board Vacancy & 7U Division Lead:**
 - Trevor's departure leaves a open board seat and 7U lead position.

- Sarah H. will coordinate finding a parent volunteer for 7U.
- Communication will be sent to families via Crossbar confirming the Jamboree is a Saturday-only event.
- Christina T. and Kyle J. will attend Tuesday sessions to meet families; Christina will print rules.
- **Jamboree Dates:** Scheduled for July 25–26, 2026.
- **Miracle League Opening Day:** May 27, 2026 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM) featuring Lions Club grilling. Promotion required across social media channels.
- **MASH Training Sessions:** Excellent feedback received from recent 1-hour sessions.
 - Motion: Re-engage MASH training under the same structure and location for next season (est. \$4,500). Approved (Unanimous).
 - Note: Instructors will utilize whistles to ensure quick transitions between stations.

VI. Next Meeting

- **Date:** June 21, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Shakopee Legion