

SYBA MINUTES MEETING

October 16th, 2022

The Bowl 6:00pm

Attendees: Brad Menden
Jeff Schmitz
Eric Schroeder
Allen Larson
Sean LaCoste
Aaron Olson
Mike Hanson
Chad Stensrud
Tom Schleper
Brent Vannier
Shane Hofmann
Rod Hicks
Dan Woodall

Not in Attendance: Brian Heil
Rob Deuth

- **Bryan from ETS**

Provided information about who ETS is and what they do. They are talking to different associations, and have had growing interest from athletes in Shakopee. They currently have partnerships with youth associations, and if we have interest we can have further discussions. They offer multiple types of strength and performance training. They can run an annual combine for associations, they can do team training, and individual training.

- **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Approved

- **Financial Review**

Allen Larson just received the statement a few days before the meeting so he will put together the financial review for the November meeting. He stated that we received our IRS refund check in the mail, and we should be receiving the additional donation from the Lions in October.

- **Set a day to look at fields?**

Brad Menden brought up the topic of the board going to all the fields in Shakopee together to look at the condition of the fields, how the fences look etc. this could happen in the fall or also next spring once the snow melts.

- **Next field improvement/ideas**

The Board discussed additional field improvement opportunities. Currently the West Middle School infield is being worked on. There were additional conversations about doing grass infields to Westminster. Brad is going to follow up on the feasibility of that happening.

- **Club Day at WMS or Fieldhouse**

Aaron Olson discussed this topic. There has been interest from people in the association to help sponsor bringing in clinics. Aaron is going to contact some club coaches to get a quote for ages 9-14. The idea would be to still have the parent coaches be involved to assist during these types of clinics.

- **In House Catchers Gear**

Eric Schroeder led this discussion on catchers gear that is worn and needs replacing for in-house. He will need to order new gear this fall due to supply issues to ensure we can receive in time for the spring. The potential need is 10-12 full sets of gear

- **Off Season Pitching (12-15 year olds)**

Eric Schroeder led this discussion on off season pitching in particular for 12-15 years. This is when kids can start throwing curveballs. Is there an option to potentially utilize Tom and the High School staff. Also we can potentially get estimates for Clubs similar to what was discussed in the Club Day conversation. Really want to ensure kids are learning the right mechanics and the right way to throw a curve ball

- **Extra Topics Not on Agenda**

Rod Hicks discussed Fall Ball, he felt the 4wks calendar for this year was better than last year. For 1st grade thru 4th grade we had 90 total kids. Further discussion needed on how old do we go with fall ball, 5th grade did not have a lot of registrations. It currently is unstructured and is usually based on how many kids show up each day. Should we move to a more structured practice plan? Also for regular season and fall ball, do we want to think about starting to utilize pitching machines for mites, this is some concern about electrical not being readily available at the fields that the mites are utilizing.

Also Tryouts will be the weekend of March 24th, with the Shakopee Tournament being the weekend of June 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

- **Next Meeting Date: Tuesday November 22nd 6:30PM at THE BOWL**