



SYBA MEETING AGENDA

**January 27th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm
The Bowl**

Attendees: Eric Schroeder

Shane Hofmann
Rob Deuth
Dave Johnson
Mike Hanson
Ryan Schmitz
Jason Mousel
Blake Grefe
Mark Amundson
Dan Woodall
Kyle Rice
Aaron Olson
Brent Vannier
Sarah Leuthardt
Katie Johnson
Jim Malone
Eric Schmitz

Not in Attendance:

Tyler Menden

- **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Approved

- **Financial Review**

Rob Dueth reviewed the latest financial statements. This statement covered 12/1/24-12/31/24. Inflows for this period was a total of \$17,421.48. Deposits for this period included: \$252.46 in a donation from American Online, \$8,211.62 in SYBA Tournament Registrations, \$2,201.96 in Metro Tournaments, \$5,399.30 in SYBA Registrations, and then an additional \$435.64, \$460.80, & \$459.80 in SYBA Registrations.

Outflows for this period totaled 17,918.93. This included \$129 to Sportengine for the SYBA website, \$660 in Gopher State Tournament Bids, \$1,000 in tournament registrations, \$17.05 for Jackson Township Field Utility bill (for the scoreboard), \$15,652.21 for the SYBA Mastercard to pay the balance, and \$460.67 in an additional travel tournament registration.

Ending Checking Balance at the end of the timeframe is \$23,122.54

Ending Savings Balance at the end of the timeframe is \$35,035.75 (with the only transaction being interest earned in the amount of \$0.59).

- **Legion Financial Review**

This statement covers 12/2/24 – 12/31/24. Total inflows were \$682.09 from Pulltab donations. Total outflows was \$3,307.50 for fieldhouse rental at MASH.

Ending Checking Balance at the end of the timeframe is \$9.625.28

- **Confirm dates & timing for all leagues registration/tryouts/snapraise campaigns**

Rob reviewed a handout in regards to SnapRaise that will be given to the parents of players in the association (Travel and In-House). The handout discussed what SnapRaise is as well as what is being asked of the parents.

Registration is confirmed for February 3rd, for all levels. Rob also discussed an early bird discount for the first 2 weeks of the registration. The Board Unanimously approved an early bird discount

Tryout dates are confirmed for March 22nd and 23rd.

The topic of Dibs came up regarding Legion players, if a player makes one of the Legions teams they will not be responsible for Dibs through SYBA (there maybe Dibs for the Legion Teams).

- **Sponsorship update & discussion (Affinity, Scheels, etc)**

Discussion regarding sponsorship updates, there was an email discussion previously that was tabled until the next board meeting. The board discussed what all options are available if a sponsor comes and wants to donate, what is available (banners, ball buckets etc.). Some of this was covered in the Sponsorship guide.

The board voted unanimously to allow a sponsorship this year on the jerseys. The sponsor's logo will be on the sleeve of the jerseys

Additionally the Board was approached from a business about being a tournament sponsor. Shane will be following up with the business, and bring back to the board an update.

- **SYBA player t-shirts – timeline, cost, etc**

Rob discussed this topic, regarding SYBA player t-shirts that will include the SYBA Sponsors on the t-shirt who have donated to the level to be included. These would be given out to the SYBA players

- **Open new bank accounts for player development (travel and in-house) and capital fund – need board approval for this**

Rob discussed the next two topics, regarding opening additional bank accounts to have specifically for player development and also for capital improvement. This allows to segment dollars away from the general operating account. The Board voted unanimously to approve the additional accounts.

- **Also need to discuss taking a portion of current dollars that we have saved and push to the capital fund and player development accounts.**

Covered in the previous topic

- **Charitable gambling – Blake has been looking into this and what it would take for us to do a 50/50 raffle, for example.**

Blake discussed this topic, this was in regards to additional fundraising opportunities, including a 50/50 raffle. Blake discussed some of the requirements to hold a 50/50 raffle. The Board voted unanimously to apply for an Exempt Permit, to be ready to hold a raffle this year if possible.

- **Westminster project update**

Shane discussed this topic. He handed out to the board the potential cost for field improvements at Westminster. It was broken down by phase by field. Some of the improvements discussed moving fences in, moving the scoreboard coinciding with the moved in fences, bull pens, bat racks, dugout screening, grass infield, irrigation, making the dugout concrete as well as other improvements. Blake has been doing research with local businesses to understand the potential cost of each improvement. Blake and Shane will continue to pursue and refine the forecasted budget.

- **14's paid coach update**

Aaron discussed this topic, regarding a paid coach for the 14AAA team. He has had discussions with a few potential coaches but nothing is final nor has a coach been selected.

- **Tee ball update**

Dave discussed that The Bowl will continue to run Tee Ball for this summer without a partnership with SYBA (previous discussions we were looking to sponsor). Adding in summer camps for players, there is potential for partnership for something in the fall or potentially in the future.

- **Uniforms – Aaron – final decision, when do we order, etc?**

Previously discussed – Uniforms have been approved

- **Concessions coordinator(s) –**

Katie discussed this topic, regarding having a 2nd concessions coordinator along with Amanda Keifer. This would potentially be a 2 year commitment. The Board will reach out to the association to try to find a volunteer.

- **Upcoming parent meeting – February 2 –**

Shane discussed this topic, the Parent Meeting is this Sunday Feb 2nd at the Saber Room at the High School. The Board has been updating the Power Point that will be presented. Gary will be at the High School prior to the meeting start with jersey samples for players to try on.

- **Feedback on first couple weeks of training – what is working well? Areas for improvement?**

Could we coordinate a pitching only session? A catching only session?

The Board discussed the first early weeks of training, attendance has been pretty good between 10-15 in the younger ages. With SYBA having some elementary schools as the locations, one thing that was discussed is in future years trying to utilize a different space, like the Savage Dome or MASH. For some levels, there has been an issue having enough coaches to run the sessions. The board discussed having a pitching only or catching only session to continue development, the board decided to change the Feb 23rd session to a pitching/catching session

- **SYBA website – Is there anything missing that should be on it?**

Kyle brought up this topic, as a reminder from previous minutes. One thing that is outstanding is training videos. Shane will continue to work to get training videos shot and ready to be on the website. Mark has done some updating and maintaining of the calendar.

- **Culture Champion(s) / Fun Committee – help organize around current scheduled events and generate some potential new opportunities to keep things fun & establish more of a Shakopee baseball culture**

Kyle discussed this topic, regarding ensuring collaboration across teams and age levels. Potentially different events. Have a few people to take on how to help and organize within the association. SYBA events, such as SYBA night at the Joe, potential other events that are happening within SYBA. Discussion continued with potential board position in the future for this type of position. This position could work with the Social Media Coordinator.

- **What are we doing to promote our program and get more kids out for baseball?**

Discussed in the previous topic

- **Tryout scoring and auto qualifiers**

Discussion was had by the board on what the current tryout scoring and if there is a need to change the scoring breakdown, as well as how many auto qualifiers per team.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24pm

Next Meeting Date: February 23th at 7:30pm at The Bowl