

SYBA MINUTES MEETING

September 17th, 2021

Shakopee Bowl 6:00 pm

Attendees: Brad Menden

Jeff Schmitz

Eric Schroeder

Allen Larson

Sean LaCoste

Aaron Olson

Chad Stensrud

Tom Schleper

Rod Hicks

Nick Von Bokern

Mike Hanson

Alex Jordan

Not in Attendance:

New Board Member Welcome:

Brad Menden welcomed both new members of the board Mike Hanson and Alex Jordan

Review Confidentiality/expectations of our meetings/discussions:

Brad reviewed the confidentiality and expectations for all meetings and discussions, Tom Schleper added additional commentary on confidentiality.

Mission of SYBA/Board = clear purpose/mission statement:

Brad reviewed the SYBA mission statement. Tom added additional commentary, and asked each board member to review their individual positions. The board went around the room, introduced themselves and their positions within the SYBA.

Financial Review:

Allen Larson handed out the financial summary/banking statement from 7/15/21 – 8/16/21 that included all deposits/withdrawals and balances of each account. Highlights, Wells Fargo donated \$150, The second payment from Scheels for the West Tahpah Scoreboard Advertisement was deposited \$2,500. The 2021 City fee was paid \$17/person.

There are 4 accounts the SYBA manages, a checking account, an investment account (savings), a traveling account (The Omaha account), and also the Warren Stemmer Fund (This account is not funded by the SYBA it is only maintained). Allen closed the traveling account, because we were being charged a \$5/month fee. Remaining \$95 was deposited into the checking account. During the meeting Dave Johnson came in and made a donation to the Warren Stemmer Fund.

Bylaw Changes:

Allen reviewed the Bylaws changes that were previously agreed upon by the board, but not updated on the website. Allen and Mike will ensure that the proper updated Bylaws are signed and posted to the website. Within the bylaws it states the board can appoint At-Large members, the board voted unanimously to appoint Alex as an at-large member.

Fall Update/Fall Ball Learnings:

Allen reviewed the fall ball registrations. There were 315 registrations for Fall Ball and of those 135 were players that did sign up for summer leagues.

A few points on fall from Rod, 2hrs seems to long for the 1st/2nd graders, suggested cutting down to 90mins instead. Feedback received on Tom's pre-fall league clinic for coaches was really positive. Rod feels we need to dedicate one coach in charge at each level.

There is a need for more equipment for the 1st graders, there are players without any equipment, suggestion to do an equipment exchange for 1st-3rd grade sizes.

Another suggestion to utilize the fall ball to train new umpires.

Field Coordination:

Eric is taking over the field coordination as part of his duties. There was discussion on the potential for next season to schedule out practices all at once, and then the coordinator would only do rainout reschedule. Current process of first come first serve and being able to schedule out only 2 weeks in advance can be a little troublesome. Tom discussed MBL wanted to utilize Riverview as a site, but someone would need to take care of the field after and MBL would need to pay.

Field Improvements – Scoreboards:

Allen discussed we ordered Bluetooth for 3 fields (Green Meadow, West, and Stemmer). Green Meadow still needs electric and controller box hook up, while west needs a trench dug. West was getting the electrician scheduled.

The backstops are Sweeny need to be fixed, they have curled up at the bottom. Tom will be contacting the city to get them fixed. The distance marker signs have been added to all fields.

Equipment Needs – Catchers Gear and Portable Mounds:

Allen discuss that we currently have 18 med/large size mounds in decent shape, as well as 6 small ones that are in good shape. There was a proposal to buy 4 more bigger mounds. The cost right now is \$1,695/per mound but looking for a lower price.

Catchers gear will soon need to be NOCSAE approved, there was conversation about tabling until next board meeting. Due to COVID and the long leads times however Tom was going to check with Gary on availability and Eric will verify current inventory.

There was discussion about purchasing a gator/husky shelving for the Sweeney Shed

How To Handle Fertilizer and Weeds at Jackson:

It was discussed that the city will most likely not doing anything additional as they are only budgeted for 1x/yr. Aaron Olson is going to contact Dwayne to see what the cost would be to hire him to do the physical labor.

Brad discussed sending an email to the association for a lawn mower donation or for cheap for fields that don't have one for their infields

Next Meeting will be at the Shakopee Bowl on Sunday October 17th at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm