

## **SYBA MINUTES MEETING**

January 9th, 2022

The Legion 6:00pm

Attendees: Brad Menden  
Jeff Schmitz  
Eric Schroeder  
Allen Larson  
Sean LaCoste  
Aaron Olson  
Mike Hanson  
Alex Jordan  
Rod Hicks  
Chad Stensrud  
Nick Von Bokern

Not in Attendance:

Rod Hicks  
Tom Schleper

### **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The previous meeting minutes were approved

### **Financial Review:**

Allen Larson did the financial review. The statement was thru mid-Dec. The SYBA received \$495 in donations from Wells Fargo/AT&T/Blue Cross Blue Shied/The Stemmer Family, as well as \$2,239.24 in Pull Tabs from Shakopee Bowl. We also took in \$1,307.63 from tournament registrations. We took in \$1,800 from the HS boosters for the West Middle School scoreboard. In addition there was \$22,000 in transfers from the Investment account into the checking account. During this timeframe there was \$24,452.16 spend on Field Improvements: Improvements included the trencher at Green Meadow, West MS/Green Meadow/Stemmer Scoreboard electronics, as well as West Tahpah and West Middle School.

Allen discussed an issue with our taxes being filed. Although we do not pay taxes as a non-profit, we still have to submit the paperwork to the IRS. The paperwork was submitted however there were a few boxes missed before submission on 10/23, due to these missed boxes the IRS did not, "accept," the taxes submission. Allen received a letter in November regarding a penalty of \$50/day being levied. Once Allen received the letter he contacted Brad Menden to discuss. They made the decision to pay the penalty of \$3,180 and also start the appeals process (to stop incurring additional penalties) and then discuss with the board during the next meeting in January. There was a letter of appeal filed with the IRS on December 17<sup>th</sup> and it was accepted by the IRS on December 24<sup>th</sup>. After 30days of receiving the

appeal we should get more info from if the IRS needs more time to process. As part of the appeal we could end up recouping the penalty amount. Allen has all the backup and he has sent to Brad.

The current cash balance is low, which is not unusual. It will start to rise toward the end of January when the season registrations open.

### **Online registration with fees**

The parent meeting for the upcoming season will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the West Middle School. Registration opens on January 30<sup>th</sup> and closes February 7<sup>th</sup>. Fees for in-house will go up \$25 after the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> date and fees with going up \$50 for travel. Allen is sending the board the fee structure.

### **Saturday Sessions(are we good?)**

1<sup>st</sup> sessions went well. There was conversation about establishing an email list with all the coaches and appoint a lead for each age group.

The Leads will be:

9s – Sean LaCoste

10s – Tyler Menden

11s – Aaron Olson and Jeff Schmitz

12s – Brad Menden and Chad Stensrud

13s – Jason Lenz

14s – Gary Schleper

### **Parent meeting/presentation/sizing**

Parent Meeting is Jan 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7pm at West Middle School. Gary Schleper will be there with the innovative graphics apparel to try on. We are encouraging all 8z/9z/10s especially to come to the meeting.

The presentation needs to be updated, and Aaron Olson is taking the lead on that.

### **Uniforms/Caps**

Aaron went over the uniforms for this season, with the board approving unanimously. The goal is potentially do hats w/ out names on the back so that we can do a higher quality hat and then give the option to each team if they want their names it can be done at Valley Sports or another business that does it.

### **What are coaches receiving this year (and amount of coaches per team)?**

There will be 4 coaches to team and each coach will get a dri-fit tshirt

### **Tournament update**

Registration numbers for the Shakopee Tournament as follows:

9AA - 1 Team  
9AAA – 3 Teams  
10A – 7 Teams  
10AA – 6 Teams  
10AAA – 3 Teams  
11A – 5 Teams  
11AA – 4 Teams  
11AAA – 5 Teams  
12A – 8 Teams  
12AA – 8 Teams  
12AAA – 4 Teams

We are currently 61% full, slightly behind prior years' pace. We do typically get outside the metro teams later.

We are having trouble with the 9AAA and based on the current registration numbers, we may have to cancel that group and find them another tournament.

### **Traveling tournament registrations/Tentative Travel Tournaments**

Aaron provide an update on the tournaments that have been registered. Almost all tournaments have been confirmed and paid, there are a few tournaments in which the check has been sent and awaiting final confirmation.

The Des Moines, IA tournament this year is not a part of the tournament schedule and teams will be given the option to vote on whether to register or not after try-outs and teams are established. This tournament will mostly be offered as an option for the AAA teams and potentially a AA team/teams. Based on the teams that went last year, Aaron will be registering for 6 teams and has until April 2<sup>nd</sup> to cancel if need be.

### **Website New Layout**

Allen brought up that the 1<sup>st</sup> thing we see on the website is the multi-lingual. There was conversation about moving that down the page, and moving registration/parents meeting/tryouts/Saturday workouts to the top. Alex is going to move these around and also make tweaks to the calendar.

There was another conversation about moving the community league out of the in-house drop down because they are separate. Alex is going to review what other communities/associations do for their labeling and placement on their websites.

### **Swap Meet**

Swap meet will be a part of the tryouts and will carry over the evaluation day for the in-house/community

Neil Johnson asked about potential equipment to potentially donate to Haiti. The conversation was maybe we check in after fall ball.

### **West Tahpah Field Improvements**

Allen is looking into the dugouts costing. Tom Schleper is looking into the batting cages costing. Allen is going to send to Alex to solicits bids from the community. There was conversation on creating a punch list for future field improvements, to get a handle on what we think needs to be done next and beyond.

Brad provided an update coming out of his meeting with the Shakopee Softball Association. They are in for helping out with the Miracle Field project. We are going to work together on the red folder potentially and maybe also the SACS news letter. In addition Brad discussed the use of the Neil Johnson complex and although the fields are run by the school Softball wanted to be included in the conversation due to the amount of field improvements they have donated for that complex. The agreement is that SYBA can utilize the complex for the Shakopee Tournament weekend with the exception of the Varsity Field.

### **Tryouts**

Tryouts will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Saturday will be hitting in the gym and Sunday will be fielding in the fieldhouse. There was conversation about trying to secure the High School turf field if the weather makes it possible. There was additional conversation about booking the HS turf just to have even if we end up no utilizing it. Also there was conversation about trying to do the tryout all in one day on Saturday. Aaron is going to reach out to Tom regarding the schedule and get an update.

Right now we have the fieldhouse booked from 10am-6pm.

### **ReMax Advantage Opportunity**

Eric Malmberg would like to donate to the SYBA but in more of a development aspect (i.e. bringing in outside training). He is really open to anything. We will continue the conversation and see what type of outside options would be available.

Another additional topic that arose during the meeting was in regards to 8z trying out and playing with the 9s. There was questions about whether there was anything in the bylaws. The final agreement the board voted unanimously on was that we are not cutting any 9s to allow an 8 to play. The example would be if we only have 24 9s tryout, making two teams of 12 then the 8 or 8s would not be allowed to play with the 9s. There will be an email blast to the association letting everyone know that 8s will be allowed to tryout for 9s.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday February 8th at 6:00pm at The Bowl**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm**