SYBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/18/26
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Shakopee Legion

Attendees:

- ❏ **Shane Hofmann*** (President) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Kyle Rice*** (Vice President) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Jason Mousel*** (Treasurer) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Sean Dolan*** (Secretary) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Jason Lenz*** (Travel Dir) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Ryan Schmitz*** (T-Ball Wiffle Ball Dir) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Christina Tibbetts*** (Field/Facil) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Jim Juenemann*** (In-House Dir) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Mike Weispfenning*** (Co-Asst Trny) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Tatum Heil*** (Tourney) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Sara Lewis**** (Co-Social Media) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Tracey Domke**** (Co-Social Media) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Amy Wllma*** (Equipment) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Michael Kockelman*** (Umpire Coord) (exp 09/28)

Not Attending

- ❏ **Blake Grefe*** (Travel Dir) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Jill Juenemann*** (Comm. Lge/T-Ball) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Billy Wermerskirchen*** (Fundraising) (exp 09/27)
- ❏ **Eric Schmitz** (Varsity Coach) (Standing)
- ❏ **Zach Minnich*** (In-House Dir) (exp 09/28)
- ❏ **Guest- Bob Zondlo** (Legion)
- ❏ **Guest- Rick Krebs** (Legion)

*Voting Member

**Partial Voting Member

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes *(S. Dolan)*

- Prior minutes approved all in favor

II. New Business

- **Financial Overview (J. Mousel / S. Hofmann):**
  - Immaterial recent expenses; primary transfers were from capital to operating accounts for baseballs and Trunk-aor-Treat.
  - Detailed monthly financials will be excluded from published minutes to avoid misinterpretation, aligning with standard practice. Full statements will be presented at the annual meeting.
- **Website Page Ownership (J. Mousel):**
  - Directors now own and maintain their respective program pages following the migration from SportsEngine to Crossbar.
- **Wiffle Ball Program (R. Schmitz):**
  - Scheduled for Mondays, Jan 4 – Mar 1 (8 weeks, 2 hrs/session) at Eagle Creek (Jackson backup).
  - Fee set at $25/player (includes shirt/hat); board agreed to subsidize remaining facility/equipment costs.
  - Outreach: S. Hofmann contacting Softball Board for joint participation; high school players invited to assist.
  - Registration targeted for Nov 5; will include option for parent volunteer coaches.
- **Miracle League Update (S. Hofmann):**
  - Fall participation grew to 22 athletes (up from 18 in summer); positive community feedback received.
  - Drafting a formal Use Agreement with the City (field is reserved exclusively for adaptive activities).
  - Future marketing will route through the school district (Peachjar/Gloomies).
- **Fundraising Committee Update (S. Hofmann):**
  - Continuing mailings and SNAP Raise campaigns.

    - Exploring a high-dollar raffle tied to a local venue (e.g., American Legion); plan to announce at Travel Kickoff.
    - **Action Item:** Fundraising Committee to submit local event permit application for the raffle.
    - Gold Card door-to-door "blitz" proposed during tryouts (encouraged, not mandatory; reps on-site).
- **Umpire Pay & Rates (M. Kockelman):**
    - Maintaining current rates (approved in Feb), which remain competitive with MBL.
    - **Action Item:** M. Kockelman to send training dates to C. Tibbetts for facility booking.
- **2027 Tournament Dates (T. Heil):**
    - Locked for **June 12–14, 2027** (majority vote, 1 dissenting) to avoid conflicts and allow travel directors to book by Nov 1.
- **Winter Open Gym (C. Tibbetts):**
    - Proposed Mon/Wed 8:00–10:00 PM to align with High School Captains' practices.
    - Requires coach/adult supervision; strictly not a parent drop-off event.
    - **Action Item:** Development Committee to draft drill/activity guidelines for supervising coaches.

III. Open Discussion / Announcements

- **9U Feeder Discussion:** Discussed adding extra attention to players coming out of 8U/9U in-house to let them know travel is a viable option for most
- **Player Development:** In-house coaches to complete end-of-season evaluations and notify parents of kids ready for travel baseball. Soccer assn does this and has high success with kids transitioning to travel program.
- **Parent Information Meeting:** Scheduled for **January 24** in the High School Thrush Room (small auditorium).
    - **Action Item:** C. Tibbetts to book High School Thrush Room for the Jan 24 Parent Meeting.
- **Batting Cage Maintenance:** Netting is disintegrating.
    - **Action Item:** J. Mousel to check capital depreciation schedule for cage replacement funds.
    - **Action Item:** Amy to obtain vendor quotes for new cage netting.
    - **Action Item:** S. Hofmann to contact the City regarding cage replacement options to avoid volunteer liability.

IV. Action Items

- **Fundraising Permit:** Fundraising Committee to submit the local application for the major raffle.

- **Umpire Training:** M. Kockelman to send training dates to C. Tibbetts for facility booking.
- **Open Gym Outline:** Development Committee to draft drill/activity guidelines for supervising coaches.
- **Room Booking:** C. Tibbetts to book High School Thrush Room for the Jan 24 Parent Meeting.
- **Cage Funding:** J. Mousel to check capital depreciation schedule for cage replacement funds.
- **Cage Quotes:** Amy to obtain vendor quotes for new cage netting.
- **City Liability:** S. Hofmann to contact the City regarding cage replacement options.

V. Next Meeting

- **Date:** 11/15/26
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** The Legion