

SYBA MINUTES MEETING

November 22nd, 2022

The Bowl 6:30pm

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
Brian Heil
Rob Deuth

Not in Attendance: Jeff Schmitz

Rod Hicks
Sean LaCoste

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Approved

- Financial Review**

Allen Larson took the board through the previous two statements. The first from 9/18/22-10/18/22. We took in \$7,578.77 in deposits from the following: Tournament fees from Pitch 2 Pitch utilizing West Tahpah for a Club Tournament, \$1,882.98 in Pull Tabs Donation, and \$3,280.79 in an IRS Refund. Total withdrawals were \$3,536.40 with \$3,215 of this being paid out to workers working the Club Tournament. \$70 for Trusted Coaches background checks, \$85.59 spent on field improvement for a ball return at Schleper Stadium, \$77.34 was spent on the renewel fee for the AED device at Schleper (this is a share expense with the Coyotes and the Indians), \$15.81 paid for the Jackson field utilities, and finally \$150 was paid out to the 14s as left over from their Omaha fundraising. Total Funds remaining at the end of this statement is \$72,988.69 between the checking and savings accounts.

The second statement was from 10/18/22-11/16/22. We took in a total of \$16,630 in total deposits, with \$10,000 being transferred from the savings account to the checking, we took in \$5,000 in a donation from the Lions for the West Tahpah improvements (this

is the last donation from the Lions for West Tahpah), \$1,500 from field rentals from Pitch 2 Pitch, then we also brought in \$130 in donations from the community. Total withdrawals were \$16,973.23, with \$15,780 going to Ron Lambrecht Construction for the West Tahpah Dugouts. There was \$135.67 spent on a sod cutter for both East Middle School and West Middle School fields. \$440 were spent on red bar tables for Schleper Stadium. There was \$246.75 spent for field rentals at Shakopee High School for July and September. Another \$15.81 for the Jackson field utilities and finally another \$250 spend on workers for the club tournament in September. At the end of the statement total funds remaining are \$62,646.53 between the checking and savings account.

- **2023 Fees**

Allen reviewed the fees for 2023 with the board. These fees included our Shakopee Tournament Fees, league fees, tournament costs, umpires costs, SYBA Umpire equipment cost, evaluation fees, uniforms/hats, catchers equipments, baseballs, background checks/concussion certificates, insurance as well as other expenses. Allen will be sending out to the board for final approval. Along with the fees discussed, the date of registration was set for January 29th.

- **Jerseys/Coaches Shirts**

Aaron Olson discussed with the board that him and Sean LaCoste were going to be meeting in the next week to discuss and finalize jersey's for the upcoming season, they will send out to the board for approval.

Regarding coaches shirts, the suggestion was to stay with shirts similar to the ones used this past season, and the board unanimously approved. Additional it was approved to utilize the same style hats as last year.

- **In-House Naming Convention**

Allen brought this topic up as it has been discussed in the past about changing the naming convention from mites to age/group. This was unanimously approved by the board.

- **2023 Tournaments**

Tom Schleper had communicated to Sherri with the City of Shakopee that the Shakopee Youth Baseball Tournament will be help 6/23-6/25. Tom responded to Bobby Stickland about 11AAA or 12AAA Gopher state for 7/21-7/23 but Jeff Schmitz will need to reach out again to see if we get approval. The dates have not been set as of yet for the in-house tourney. The in-house coordinators are going to connect, finalize, and then let Sherri know the dates.

- **Tournament registration (all levels and SYBA)**

Discussed during 2023 tournys

- **MBL registration**

Aaron discussed there will be no MBL Meeting, and that registration is \$450/team. With registration needed by 3/15

- **Winter workouts update (SYBA and H.S.)/ Winter Indoor space/STARTERS**

Allen requested the SHS Field House and Gym for a certain amount of dates and we were given our allocation and schedule based on ours and other associations requests. We will be having winter workouts starting in January thru Mid March and will utilize both West Middle School and the SHS Field House (potential for the HS turn if weather permits in March). There will be a cost to these winter workouts to offset the rental and custodial costs.

Tryouts will be 3/25 and 3/26 at SHS Fieldhouse (HS turf if weather permits) Tom will continue to have his camps running from Jan to early March. Schedule to follow for the winter workouts and Tom's camps

Practice plans will be developed and each board member is responsible for their age group, ensuring they are attending where possible but also coordinating with other coaches and dads to help .

There was a conversation about bringing in Club Teams coaches (such as Starters or Pitch 2 Pitch) for instructional clinics. Sean did get a quote from Starters, and based off the discussion the board is not interested at this time to utilize.

- **West Tahpah update**

Brad Menden provided the board an update on West Tahpah. The dugouts have been completed, the posts for the new batting cage are done, with the nets being done in the spring. In addition we need to get billed for the remainder of the work done. There was discussion within the board about trying to put concrete down and then turf over it, and potentially soliciting sponsors for that project. Also a note that the 9th grade team will be utilizing West Tahpah as their home field this spring.

- **ETS Performance Training Discount for SYBA families**

At the previous meeting the board met one of the owners of ETS Performance Training, there was follow up from ETS and the board discussed sending out an email blast to the association. There was discussion about doing a day or a free intro from ETS at West Middle School (not sure if feasible from their standpoint). The board voted no on doing the email blast, but potential for follow up on a day free intro.

- **Age and Grade (Mites/Little League)**

This topic was covered on during the naming conventions conversation. We will be going with ages and not grades.

- **Older players in the Association helping younger players**

Brian Heil discussed this topic of utilizing older players within the association to help out the younger mite teams. Tom mentioned that the High School has done mentoring programs in the past. The concern from the board was the older players schedule of practice and games. If we decided to pursue there would need to be a tremendous amount of flexibility. Should we assign an older player to a younger team and then they show up when able to was also discussed. One of the board members mentioned that both Football and Basketball do this. The board agreed it is a great idea, but need to understand further how we execute.

- **Bonus Topics**

Eric Schroader brought up mounds, and if the association wanted to invest in some mounds strictly for indoor use. The High School and Middle School do have a few, they are not as nice as the 6ft ones that were purchased before last off season, but we have them. There is a potential need for 2-3 more at the High School and maybe 1 more West Middle School. The board discussed purchasing 2 more for the HS and 2 for the MS either this year or next years. Again these would always stay in doors. Board voted unanimously to purchase the 4 mounds. Tom and Eric will have a discussion later on which mounds either the 1 piece or the 2 piece ones (space might be the determining factor).

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm**

- **Next Meeting Date: Sunday January 15th 6:00PM at THE LEGION**