



SYBA MEETING AGENDA

**Sept 30th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
The Bowl**

Attendees: Eric Schroeder

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

Not in Attendance: Dan Woodall

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Approved

- Financial Review**

Rob Dueth reviewed the latest financials for the board.

Date of the latest statement was 7/16/24 through 8/15/24

Total Deposits during this time period were \$6,572.74: \$500 in a tournament refund for 12AAA, \$234.34 for SYBA Venmo, \$1,250 on Dibs Checks that were cashed, \$764.40 (\$144.40 from tournament excess sold to the Shakopee Indians, and \$620 in starter cash from the in-house tournament), \$125 from Jr Legion Gate Fee, and \$3,699 from the Gopher State Baseball Tournament (\$2,899 from Venmo cashout and \$800 from starter cash).

Total Withdrawals for this time period were \$23,816.49: \$2,615 in background checks for coaches, \$2,638.69 in field improvements (these field improvements include, door knobs at SACS, hand pumps, Diamond Dry, Shelves, Clay Box Slab done by F&B Construction, and Biff payment for Westminster). \$154.84 in Field Rental in July, \$312.08 in medals for the In-House end of the year Tournament, \$17.05 to Shakopee Public Utilities for the Jackson Township Field Scoreboard, \$645 in umpire payments for Jr Legion, and \$125 in Jr Legion gate fee, \$400 in tournament fees for a replacement tournament for the 12AAA, \$202.10 in Omaha payouts, \$62.50 paid out in fall ball scholarship, \$10,031.23 in SYBA Tournament

expenses (stater cash, tournament t-shirts, tourney umpires, golf cart rental and gas, tourney supplies, and Biffs rentals). \$5,458 in umpire payments for May/June/July, and \$1,155 transferred to the Legion Account.

Ending Balance for this time frame is: \$13,524.91

Savings Account Ending Balance for this time frame is: \$40,032.66 (only transaction is \$0.68 in interest).

Motion to approve the current financial statement unanimously approved by the board
Rob proposed a new format for the financial statements for the board, he reviewed the changes and the differences from the current financial statements. This new format was unanimously approved by the board.

- **Legion Financial Review**

Rob went over the latest Legion Financial Statement, this statement covers 6/30/24 thru 7/31/24.

Total Deposits for this time period was \$20,218.18. \$12,269.18 in transfer from savings, \$1,155 transferred to Legion account for umpire checks still to be cashed, \$3,000 in advertising from Sub State, \$3,794 in gate fee taken in from Sub State.

Total Withdrawals for this time period was \$785. \$360 for umpires for Jr Legion, \$300 in Sub State umpires, and \$125 in Jr Legion Gate Fee.

Balance at the end of this statement is \$19,433.18

- **14's Omaha trip**

Aaron Olson reviewed the process for the Omaha trip (parents vote to go or no). He discussed the vote for Omaha that the 14 parents did a couple weeks ago, with the majority voting to go to Omaha for next summer.

He discussed how Omaha is funded (fundraising and the normal tournament fee that is funded by SYBA)

Hotels have gone out to the parents, and the registration is complete for 2 teams.

- **14AAA head coach**

Aaron discussed the 14AAA Head Coach, with Gary Schleper retiring (who had the position for the previous 15 years), should we hire another non-parent head coach for that 14AAA team. The position would be paid same amount that Gary was paid, as well as the parents of the players on that team would contribute an additional \$100/player. The board voted unanimously to approve to keep it a paid position and to start the search for the coach.

Once there is/are potential coach/s the travel directors will bring to the board for final approval

- **Tryouts fielding at Mash/ Tryout Schedule**

Shane Hofmann discussed this topic. Friday of the tryout weekend we have the opportunity to utilize the field at the MASH Facility. Saturday would all hitting (with additional fielding if need be), and baserunning/agility.

For tonight the board unanimously approved the additional spend to do the fielding portion of the try-out at the Mash facility. With additional discussions regarding tryouts and the schedule in future meetings

- **Travel survey results – Aaron & Blake**

Blake Grefe took the board through the travel survey results, doing a review of each section of the survey. The board discussed the positive as well as the negative within each section.

- **Tryout Process**

Pitching and Catching as a evaluation process (this has been done in the past as part of the coaches selection process on the last day of the tryouts, but the discussion involved bringing it in as part of the scoring process). The hitting evaluation process was also discussed. A discussion on how the process has been done in the past and potential changes for future will continue in future meetings. For tonight the only decision was utilizing the MASH facility for Friday of tryouts

- **In-house survey results – Jim & Butter**

Jim Malone and Jason Mousel brought the board through the in-house survey results, through each section that was asked of the in-house parents. Similar to the Travel survey results, the board discussed the positive as well as the negative within each section.

- **At-large board positions – Tyler Menden as assistant equipment coordinator - Sarah Leuthardt as fundraising/sponsorship coordinator**

Shane has nominated Tyler Menden to be the assistant equipment coordinator to shadow Eric Schroeder to the field, as this is Eric's last year on the board and the equipment coordinator is a large responsibility.

Also Shane nominated Sarah Leuthardt as the fundraising/sponsorship board member.

Both of these position would be at-large (non-voting members of the board).

The board voted unanimously to approve both at-large positions.

- **Gym scheduling – Kyle**

Kyle Rice discussed this topic, reviewed last year's schedule and then Ryan Schmitz ran through a proposal for the 2025 winter training. There was additional discussion on what was done from a week to week perspective as well as bringing P2P in for several weeks, and how that went, and room for improvement.

- **Fundraising update – Sarah, Rob, Shane**

1. Fundraisers? ... Raffles? (with sponsors) items, gift cards?

Rob, Shane, and Sarah were on a call with SnapRaise, an email or text campaign asking for donations. This is done in other sports/associations. Discussion was had about the potential to utilize this service in the future as a fundraiser. There is potential for this company to come to a future board meeting to discuss. Other fundraising ideas/options, raffles at different event (silent auctions), and other additional options to raise more funds for the association. Sponsorships for the Shakopee Tournament (overall tournament and field sponsors) and potentially for teams.

The group will be re-doing and redesigning the sponsorship package (will be discussed at future meetings).

- **How to keep and get new kids into the sport.**

This topic was tabled for a future board meeting

- **Creating new templates for coaching. Make it more than just a practice. (Team Building)**

Mark Amundson discussed this topic, bringing more/new drills and ideas for future teams/coaches. Once suggestion was for video clips and a library to be housed on the SYBA website. This discussion will continue at future meetings.

- **Social media goals? Is it just to inform parents? - Or find a way to connect to kids on other platforms?**

1. Facebook Page

Mark discussed this topic to understand what the boards goal for the Social media is. He discussed additional opportunities beyond just Facebook and Instagram, and will come to the board with a formal plan for the SYBA Social Media accounts.

- **Equipment needs/wants – Eric**

Eric reviewed the needs for the fields, after taking inventory at the fields this fall. This list included: rakes, combination locks, low flight balls, chalk strings, first aid kits, as well as clay needs. Eric to provide Rob and the board with a forecasted amount for all the needs.

- **Try baseball for free for really young ages (3-5). Jason Lenz idea, done in Eden Prairie – Jason Mousel**

Jason discussed this topic and reviewed an association's young youth type program. They have offerings for 4&5 year olds as well as T-Ball. The discussion continued on potentially doing this or something like this in Shakopee to draw more kids to SYBA, along with a potential partnership with The Bowl, that is already offering T-Ball.

- **11U to Umpiring**

Brent Vanier discussed this topic, and it involves our youth umpires. Currently we have MBL that takes care of our umpiring needs for 11U and up. We potentially have an opportunity to bring on the 11U games to be umpired by the SYBA. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

- **Youth team sign up for each home game**

1. Team signs up and will have each player introduced with a varsity starter and run onto the field in uniform. Stay on the field with them during the national anthem and then run off.
2. Sign up genius

Eric Schmitz discussed this topic, this is something that was seen from a different HS. The Youth Team would be assigned a game to come and be introduced and attend the game.

- **SYBA night May 14th 2025 at 7pm**

1. all SYBA teams practice on Tahpah fields- whiffleball, kickball, fun events
2. come over to the varsity game at 7pm

Eric also discussed this topic, inform the board of the SYBA night and block off this night from practice/games so the teams can go to the game.

- **Saber Ball**

1. Fun way to get kids to play ball.
2. Could be used in the Try Baseball for Free or if we can get WMS space in the winter for the 6-8U players

Discussed in a previous section

- **2025 Winter Training**

1. I looked back at the last 2 years of offerings and put together a schedule to review and align to
2. We should make a decision on the dates and times tonight so we can book it now

Discussed in a previous section

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday October 22nd at 6:00pm at The Bowl.