



SYBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 PM

SYBA Board Meeting Summary

Meeting Called to Order The meeting was called to order, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved with **all votes in favor**.

Key Decisions & Motions

- **Financials:** The July and August financial reports were approved with **all votes in favor**.
 - **Board Structure:** A new board committee structure and its associated responsibilities were formally adopted with **all votes in favor**.
 - **Board Positions:** The following positions were filled with **all votes in favor**:
 - **In-house Director:** Trevor Jones
 - **Field Director:** Christina Tibbets
 - **Assistant Equipment Director:** Sean LaCoste (This non-voting position includes a 50% registration discount and does not require meeting attendance).
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New Business

1. Software Platform Review Brian presented the **Crossbar platform** as a potential replacement for SportsEngine.

- **Pros:** Simpler user interface, integrated facilities management, single sign-on, ad-free platform, and robust financial tools (e.g., split payments, volunteer hour tracking).
- **Cons:** Does not include a tournament management product (would still need Tourney Machine) and the association would be responsible for most of the website migration.
- **Outcome:** The board was favorable, but a formal vote was tabled for the next meeting.

- ☐ Shane Hofmann (President)
- ☐ Rob Deuth (Treasurer)
- ☐ Jason Lenz (Travel Director)
- ☐ Blake Grefe (Travel Director)
- ☐ Brent Vannier (Umpire Coordinator)
- ☐ Jason Mousel (In house Director)
- ☐ Ryan Schmitz (Community League Coordinator)
- ☐ Katie Johnson (Assistant Tournament Director)
- ☐ Tatum Heil (Assistant Tournament Director)
- ☐ Tyler Menden (Fields)
- ☐ Sean Dolan (Secretary)
- ☐ Tracey Domke (Social Media Director)
- ☐ Sarah Lewis (Social Media Director)
- ☐ Mark Amundson (Communications Director)
- ☐ Billy Wermerskirchen (Fundraising)
- ☐ Allen Larsen - GUEST
- ☐ Brian Bonin - GUEST
- ☐ Dave Johnson - GUEST

Not In Attendance:

- ☐ Kyle Rice (Vice President)
- ☐ Eric Schmitz (Varsity Baseball Coach)
- ☐ Trevor Jones (In-House Director)
- ☐ Christina Tibbetts (Field and Facilities Director)
- ☐ Sean LaCoste (Assistant Equipment Director)

2. Joe Schleper Stadium Fund Update Allen Larson provided an overview of the stadium fund, a 501(c)(3) that maintains the stadium.

- **Recent Projects:** New bullpens, infield replacement, and a new backstop.
- **Upcoming Fundraiser:** The fund will host the **2026 State Tournament**, which will require significant sponsorships and volunteer support (~400 shifts).
- **Future Plans:** A 10-year plan has been presented to the city, though a proposed hitting facility faces challenges due to high snow removal costs.

3. Financial Report Rob presented the year-end financial reports for July and August.

- **Operating Account:** July saw high expenses for umpires and jerseys, with income from concessions and tournaments. Tax returns have been filed.
- **Legion Account:** The ending balance is approximately \$15,000, with a goal to maintain a \$10,000 balance year-over-year.
- **Outcome:** The reports were approved with all votes in favor.

4. Equipment Planning The board discussed creating a strategic plan for replacing aging equipment.

- **Immediate Needs:** New tarps for Green Meadows' home plate and mound (est. \$900-\$1500) and new L-screens.

5. Committee Structure A new committee structure was reviewed and adopted with all votes in favor. The first board member listed for each committee will serve as the initial chair. All committee expenses require pre-approval from Rob or Shane.

Other Business

- **SHED Training:** A proposal for a 6-week, pre-tryout training program (est. \$18,000-\$20,000) was discussed.
 - **Logo Redesign:** Discussion was tabled for a future meeting. It was noted that it is common for associations to own their own logo. The board expressed a desire to keep using Gary for shirts and jerseys, as he is a good partner, and also noted that Gary would not be upset if the association moved to a new logo.
 - **Team Leveling Framework:** This will be a primary topic at the next meeting, focusing on how to best assign teams to AAA, AA, and A levels.
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Action Items

- **President:** Gather further details on Crossbar's platform fees.
 - **Field Improvement Committee:** Develop and propose a plan for replacing aging equipment so the Treasurer can start reserving funds.
 - **Development Committee:** Present a formal plan for the proposed SHED training program for a vote at the next meeting.
 - **Travel Directors:** Establish and propose a framework for assigning team competition levels and present next meeting
 - **Treasurer:** Begin creating a more strategic and calculated way of allocating funds for future equipment purchases.
 - **Field Coordinator:** Communicate field clean-up responsibilities to coaches.
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Next Meeting

- **Date:** October 19, 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** The Bowl, Clubhouse Room

SYBA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: 9/21/25

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Bowl, Clubhouse Room

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - APPENDIX C

II. New Business

- **Cross Bar Discussion** - Brian Bonin / Shane Hofmann (15 min)
 - Brian Bonin from Crossbar will give a 15-minute virtual presentation.
 - Shane H - Google meet details
- **Joe Schleper Stadium Fund (JSSF)** - Allen Larson (10 min)
 - Discuss JSSF organization, activities, an update on the 2026 state amateur tournament, and continued collaboration with SYBA.
- **Financial Report:** Rob Deuth
- **Equipment needs:** Shane & Tyler
 - Fields need new tarps for the mound or home plate (or both).
 - L-Screens need repair or replacement.
- **Committee Assignment and Discussion** - Shane
 - See Appendix A and B
- **Open Board Positions** - Shane Hofmann & Katie Johnson
 - In-House Director: Trevor Jones has applied.
 - Field & Facility Director: Christina Tibbets, Jim Malone, and Adam Stier have applied.
 - Assistant Equipment Coordinator: Sean LaCoste has volunteered as a non-voting member. Note, he prefers not to have mandatory board meeting attendance.

III. Open Discussion/Announcements

IV. Next Meeting

- **Date:** 10/19/25
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** The Bowl, Clubhouse Room

Attendees:

- ☐ *Shane Hofmann (President)*
- ☒ *Kyle Rice (Vice President)*
- ☐ *Rob Deuth (Treasurer)*
- ☐ *Jason Lenz (Travel Director)*
- ☐ *Blake Grefe (Travel Director)*
- ☐ *Brent Vannier (Umpire Coordinator)*
- ☐ *Jason Mousel (In house Director)*
- ☐ *Ryan Schmitz (Community League Coordinator)*
- ☐ *Katie Johnson (Assistant Tournament Director)*
- ☐ *Tatum Heil (Assistant Tournament Director)*
- ☐ *Tyler Menden (Fields)*
- ☐ *Sean Dolan (Secretary)*
- ☐ *Eric Schmitz (Varsity Baseball Coach)*
- ☐ *Tracey Domke (Social Media Director)*
- ☐ *Sarah Lewis (Social Media Director)*
- ☐ *Mark Amundson (Communications Director)*
- ☒ *Billy Wermerskirchen (Fundraising)*
- ☒ *Allen Larsen - GUEST*
- ☒ *Brian Bonin - GUEST*

APPENDIX A: SYBA Committee's and Assignments:

FUNDRAISING: President, Vice President, Fundraising Director, Treasurer, Social Media Coordinator (5)

TOURNAMENT: Treasurer, Field & Facilities Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator, Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Concessions (non-board) (6)

DEVELOPMENT: Travel Director 1, Travel Director 2, Field & Facilities Coordinator, In-House Director 2, Community League Coordinator (5)

UNIFORMS: Equipment Coordinator, In-House Director 1, Community League Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator, Tournament Director, Secretary (6)

TRYOUTS: Varsity Head Coach, Travel Director 1, Travel Director 2, In-House Coordinator 1, In-House Coordinator 2, Community League Coordinator (6)

14's HEAD COACH: President, Vice President, Travel Director 1, Travel Director 2 (4)

14's TRIP: Travel Director 1, Travel Director 2, Trip Planner/Coordinator (parent rep/dibs) (3)

CULTURE/MARKETING: Communications Director, Social Media Director, Fundraising Coordinator, Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director (5)

T-BALL/ROOKIE: Vice President, Communications Director, Social Media Director, Fundraising Coordinator, Assistant Tournament Director (5)

FIELD IMPROVEMENT: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Field & Facilities Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator (5)

MIRACLE LEAGUE: President, Treasurer, Communications Director, Equipment Coordinator, 3 non-board members (7)

IN-HOUSE/COMMUNITY LEAGUE: Secretary, In-House Director 1, In-House Director 2, Community League Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator (5)

APPENDIX B: SYBA Committee Assignments by Role

President: Fundraising, Field Improvement, Miracle League, 14's Head Coach

Vice President: Fundraising, 14's Head Coach, T-Ball/Rookie

Treasurer: Fundraising, Tournament, Field Improvement, Miracle League

Secretary: Field Improvement, In-House/Community League, Uniforms

Communications Director: Culture/Marketing, T-Ball/Rookie, Miracle League

Social Media Director: Culture/Marketing, T-Ball/Rookie, Fundraising

Varsity Coach: Tryouts Only

Equipment Coordinator: Uniforms, Miracle League, Field Improvement

Field & Ump; Facilities Coordinator: Tournament, Development, Field Improvement

Travel Director 1: Tryouts, 14's Head Coach, 14's Trip, Development

Travel Director 2: Tryouts, 14's Head Coach, 14's Trip, Development

In-House Director 1: Tryouts, In-House/Community League, Uniforms

In-House Director 2: Tryouts, In-House/Community League, Development

Community League Coordinator: Development, Uniforms, Tryouts, In-House/Community League

Umpire Coordinator: Tournament, Uniforms, In-House/Community League

Fundraising Coordinator: Fundraising, Culture/Marketing, T-Ball/Rookie

Tournament Director: Tournament, Culture/Marketing, Uniforms

Assistant Tournament Director: Tournament, Culture/Marketing, T-Ball/Rookie

APPENDIX C: August SYBA Board Meeting Minutes for Approval

Date: 8/26/25

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Bowl, Clubhouse Room

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Approved
- End of the Year Presentation
 - Shane Hofmann presented the end of the year presentation to the board and the members of the association in attendance. As well as answered questions from the association members. This presentation is posted on the Home Page on the SYBA Website
- Board Election Results
 - Election Results were as follows:
 - President: Shane Hofmann
 - Travel Director: Jason Lenz
 - Fundraising Coordinator: Billy Wermerskirchen
 - In-House Director: Open
 - Assistant Tournament Director: Tatum Heil
 - Assistant Equipment Director: Open
 - Social Media Director: Sara Lewis/Tracey Domke
 - Secretary: Sean Dolan
 - Field & Facilities Coordinator: Open

Attendees:

Eric Schroeder
Shane Hofmann
Dave Johnson
Mike Hanson
Ryan Schmitz
Jason Mousel
Blake Grefe
Dan Woodall
Kyle Rice
Aaron Olson
Tyler Menden
Katie Johnson
Jim Malone
Sarah Leuthardt

Not in Attendance:

Brent Vannier
Rob Deuth
Mark Amundson
Eric Schmitz