

DCEYB Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2025

Start time: 7:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Executive Board

- President: Jimmy Olafsan - present
- Vice President: Mike Wodalski - present
- League Advisor: Mitch Zblewski - present
- Treasurer: Katie Howard - present
- Secretary: Rachel Niziolek - present

Commissioners

- Travel Commissioner (8-10U): OPEN
- Travel Commissioner (11-14U): OPEN
- Babe Ruth Commissioner: OPEN
- Majors Commissioner: OPEN
- AAA Commissioner: OPEN
- AA/A Commissioner: Brian Drolshagen - present
- T-Ball Commissioner: OPEN
- Concession Stand Manager: Melissa Sigmund - present

Key Positions

- Advertising Director/Fundraising: Jodi Teige - absent
- Apparel/Uniform Lead: OPEN
- Coach/Player Development Lead: OPEN
- Equipment Manager: Mike Peterson - absent
- Field/Facilities Lead: OPEN
- Inventory Lead: Kelly Ziegelbauer - absent
- Parent Committee Lead/Picture Lead: OPEN
- Registration Coordinator: Brian Pensinger - present
- Scheduling Lead: OPEN
- Volunteering Lead: Tom Coleman - absent

Additional Attendees:

- In-person: Eric Niziolek and Sarah Olafsan
- Zoom: None, as the Zoom link was not offered for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve the September meeting minutes:

- Motioned by: Mitch Zblewski
- Seconded by: Katie Howard
- Status: Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: \$79,490.99
- The new Treasurer confirmed account access but still needs the passwords and the key for the P.O. Box.
- The email addresses for the Treasurer position were confirmed.
- New catcher's mitts were purchased.

- Mentioned a plan to pay Coach Langbehn for camps.
- Received a \$3,000 check from the Woodchucks for having a good youth night during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Kennedy Project Update:

- Fields are getting closer to being done. Fencing is going up and is almost complete. Scoreboards are installed. Turf and sod are in. Dugouts are done except for the roofs. The North field now has grass and irrigation installed. The South field is scheduled for grass/irrigation installation this week. Electrical work is underway.
- Mentioned a plan to have drone footage of the progress.
- Explored the possibility of scheduling recreational games on the new fields this spring, contingent upon grass growth.

Kennedy Park Fundraising:

- Both fields are fully paid for except for the lights on the second field.
- D.C. Everest Softball donated \$12,500 toward the project and \$3,000 toward concessions.
- Discussed having a concert at the park to raise money, and possibly asking a local band.

Travel Update 2026:

- Most age levels are figured out.
- The 14U Silver coach opted out; the team currently has 6 players. The 14U Green coach would like guidance from the league to discuss the 14U team and tournaments.
- Discussed the possibility of having a different photographer for team pictures.
- A discussion focused on ordering uniforms similar to travel basketball and hockey to make that process easier.
- Mentioned the idea of having a meeting with the 9U & 11U teams' parents before January 11th to discuss uniforms and the turf tournament, a meeting date yet to be determined.

Registration 2026:

- 30% of the players are registered.
- Green-\$100 down with registration and \$100 each month for 4 additional months, or the option to pay in full.
- Silver- \$100 down with registration and \$50 each month for 4 additional months, or the option to pay in full.
- Monthly payments are available via automatic withdrawal.
- Currently, not set up for late fees.
- Approximately half are paying in full, and half are selecting the monthly option, and positive feedback about having the two options.

Concessions and Volunteer Proposal 2026:

- Travel is set at 10 volunteer hours.
- Rec A and AA are set at 2 volunteer hours.
- Rec AAA and Majors are set at 5 volunteer hours.

- Discussed whether families could volunteer at the Glow-in-the-Dark Wiffle Ball Tournament.
- A request was made to prioritize volunteer placement at Jones Fields 1 & 2 to ensure full concession stand operations.
- Discussed having some t-ball games played at Kennedy Park and the possibility of having a Saturday event, and maybe t-ball parents could volunteer.

Glow-in-the-Dark Wiffle Ball Tournament:

- The upcoming meeting is being held next Tuesday at 7:00 PM.
- Waiting for the insurance company to get back with quotes for the event because they want to be covered.
- Set at 24 teams, and may consider taking more teams.
- Registration is ready, \$500 per team, and a business could sponsor a team.
- They are reviewing the rules, need someone to take the lead with shirts, and are looking into black lighting options.
- Merrill Iron and Steel donated \$30,000 to the event and is a major sponsor.
- Motion to donate \$2,000 to the Glow event
 - Motioned by: Jimmy Olafsan
 - Seconded by: Brian Pensinger
 - Status: Motion approved

March Indoor Tournament:

- Date: March 20, 21, and 22.
- \$600 for a registration fee.
- 3 teams have registered so far in each age division.
- Planned to share the information again to have more teams sign up.

Camps:

- Catcher's Camp: October 13, 20, and 27. *46 players are participating.
- Hitting Camp: November 3, 10, and 17. *25 players have already registered.
- Fielding Camp: December 26.
- Pitching Camp: January 12, 19, and 26.

Summer Tournament Planning 2026:

- Softball requested the fourth weekend in June.
- Splash 1 is scheduled for June 19-21 for 9A, 10, 12, and 14B teams.
- Splash 2 is scheduled for July 24-26 for 8, 9B, 11, and 14 teams.
- Discussed whether a spot will be needed for a 14B team at the Splash Tournament based on the status of the team.
- Planned to have 10 teams for the smaller age groups, and stay at 6 teams for the big field.
- Discussed having a silver and a gold bracket, and then we would have two champions per tournament, which is becoming more popular at tournaments.
- We need to follow up about the number of rings left from last year so we can place an order around November.
- Discussed having a home run derby at our outside tournaments.

REC Rules Update:

- Mike Wodalski will be the leader for the subcommittee and plans to ask parents who shared concerns and/or ideas to be a part of it.

Filling positions:

- Discussed the need to fill the open positions and share with people who may be interested and accountable.
- Commissioners and Key Positions are encouraged to attend board meetings, but it is not mandatory.
- The following positions are OPEN:

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IMPORTANT DATES

- October 13, 20, 27 - Catcher's Camp
- November 3, 10, 17 - Hitting Camp
- December 26 - Fielding Camp
- January 11 - Travel Parent Meeting
- January 12, 19, 26 - Pitching Camp
- February 28 - Glow-in-the-Dark Wiffle Ball Tournament
- March 20, 21, 22 - Indoor Tournament

NEXT MEETING

- Date: November 16, 2025
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Greenheck Turner Center

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motioned by: Mike Wodalski
- Seconded by: Brian Drolshagen
- Status: Motion approved

End time: 8:00 PM