

SAXONBURG AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNE 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2021 – 8:30PM – JEFFERSON TWP BUILDING

| Name | Position | Present | Absent | Name | Position | Present | Absent |
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| Jamie McSwaney (JM) | President | X | | Scott Kriley (SK) | Twp. Liaison | X | |
| Nick Dreher (ND) | V. P. | X | | | Colt/Legion | | |
| Cassie Beres (CB) | Secretary | X | | Scott Kriley (SK) | Pony | X | |
| Erika Allison (EA) | Treasurer | X | | Troy McCurdy (TM) | Bronco | X | |
| Chris Schultz (CS) | Field Maint. | X | | Jon Schaffer (JS) | Minor | X | |
| Cassie Beres (CB) | Concessions | X | | Matt Johnston (MJ) | Farm | | X |
| Kevin Thompson (KT) | IT/Web | X | | Jim Boris (JB) | T-Ball | | X |
| Kim Andrews (KA) | Sponsorship | X | | Sam Naples (SN) | Tax Preparer | | |

JM opened meeting at 8:35 PM. – Minutes from prior month reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE – Jamie McSwaney (JM) JM Reported:

- See attached Notice of Action re: Farm League Incident. Farm League Coaches Vresko and Schnepf attended meeting and statements are below:
 - Larry Schnepf
 - Read a written statement.
 - Offended by perception that parent testimony and video were considered by the board without context. Felt that we should have a sit-down discussion with coaches and assistants.
 - Believes the root issue is lack of independent ump at games. Believes it forces him to be ‘harder’ on his own team on balls & strikes.
 - Didn’t feel that it was expressed to him that it is a development focused league. Thought Tball was for development and that the kids benefit from competition.
 - Believes his coaching philosophy is goal-oriented, tries to motivate players. Discussion of maximum effort mentality.
 - Felt they were being cheated in the game. Didn’t feel he handled the situation correctly, but thought he was standing up for what was right.
 - SABA President Response:
 - Of course it is important to win, but focus is on development. No place for cheating but need to be aware of the age and talent of the children.
 - When we have 14 parents reach out, league is given no choice but to act swiftly
 - Discussion will still happen with coaches and commissioner re: rules and what may/may not be working
 - Pointed out that there is the first time in President’s 5 years in farm league that this has been an issue. Unacceptable.
 - SABA VP Response:
 - Appreciates accountability taken.
 - Root issue may well be the rules and interpretation of the rules.
 - Does not believe umps are necessary at this age.
 - SABA Treasurer Response:
 - Given the age, the focus 100% needs to be on development. This is what allows for continuity of the league. Cannot allow competition to weed out kids in the community because they don’t have talent at this age.
 - Discussion of the winning/losing being an aspect of the game but absolutely not the point.

- SABA Tball Commissioner
 - Praise for both coaches, assets as volunteers
- SABA Minor Commissioner
 - Works with leagues above and below that level to bridge and continue development
- SABA Secretary:
 - Ask that if anything ever rises to the level where it's about to explode, please address before it gets to that point
- Rob Vresko
 - Discussion of scenarios that lead to the incident
 - Believes that board members that have personal ties to the Angels team cannot be partial
 - Details of incidents laid out in parent testimonies. Any additional details below:
 - Mention of child with behavioral issues that requires extra atio during games
 - During points of contention throughout the game, felt that Pirates coaches were outwardly aggressive
 - Felt he couldn't constructively help players on the other team with the baseline issue without animosity from Pirates coach
 - Examples of times Pirates coach pushed limits – various instances
 - Felt attacked and “backed into a corner” in the situation at hand
 - Suggestions for board actions in situations like this moving forward
 - SABA President Response
 - Ultimately, we have responsibility for safety of players, coaches, parents. There has to be accountability for losing tempers at any time.
 - SABA VP Response
 - Discussion about what could be handled differently
- CLOSED DISCUSSION NOTES:
 - When it comes down to it, how does this affect the kids?
 - How does it reflect on the league as a whole?
 - Discussion of appreciation of the rules that allowed this to happen
 - Vote to uphold disciplinary actions as they stand: UNANIMOUS YES TO BOTH COACHES
 - Will add the discussion of code of conduct to coaches
- COMMUNITY DAY DISCUSSION
 - Rhyshek Ceremony in the morning
 - Thoma's is ready to go
 - Huge thank you to Ron Perkins for the auction
- Vote to approve Brian Johnson for 6U Developmental/Tournament Team – Unanimous Yes
- Penn United check for \$500 for use of fields August 14th. Pony and Minor
- 12u will host tournament for N6 Team June 11-13
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TREASURER'S REPORT – Erika Allison (EA) EA Reported:

- Savings: \$5,745
- Concessions: \$3,750
- Investment: \$20,604
- General Checking: \$34,809.67
- Total of all accounts: \$61,355
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CONCESSIONS – Cassie Beres (CB) CB Reported:

- All-Stars meeting went well and all teams are set with dates and concession managers
- \$758 from 11U tournament, paid team \$109.20
- Lots of expenses including cheese machine, hot dog machine, propane, new fire extinguishers
- New tables are in
- Freezer in lower stand died, \$151 in losses – EA to see about a replacement if not we will use the one in the upper stand
- Scheduling issues – rule change to include no opt out after schedule is out
- League wide VSF checks collected

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Chris Schultz (CS) CS Reported:

- Need volunteers to paint the signs
- Need to cover the fronts before they get destroyed
- Benches at Concordia
 - McCalip and Raymond donations for plexiglass

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Scott Kriley (SK) SK Reported:

- No new business

WEB/IT/SOCIAL MEDIA – Kevin Thompson (KT) KT Reported:

- Sponsorship posts going well
- Kim has photos for use to promote community day

SPONSORSHIP – Kim Andrews (KA) KA Reported:

- Pictures delivered to commissioners
- New Agway sign coming
- Invited all sponsors to Community Day
- Discussion of Chinese auction items

LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER

- Will not have a Legion t

PONY/COLT COMMISSIONER – Scott Kriley (SK) SK Reported:

- Ways to make Colt more competitive
- ***Discussion of incorporating knoch baseball***
- ***Pony going well mound repaired***

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – Troy McCurdy (TM) TM Reported:

- Going smoothly

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Jon Schaffer (JS) JS Reported:

- Working on rescheduling rainouts

FARM COMMISSIONER – Matt Johnston (MJ) MJ Reported:

- Looking for umpires for playoff games, 8 total games – 1 ump, \$20 = \$160
- Jon will schedule the umpires
- 7U scrimmages are going well

- Request to put SandPro back where it goes or at least in eyesight of lower fields

Lots of development

T-BALL COMMISSIONER – Jim Boris (JB) JB Reported:

- Look at replacing the garbage cans with lids and wheels
- Get a medal for the kids at the end of the season

VICE PRESIDENT – Nick Dreher (ND) ND Reported:

- Allstars is updated

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

JM ended meeting at 10:05pm.

Next meeting (Open) 6/3/21, 8:30pm @ Jefferson Twp. Building