

SAXONBURG AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
February 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2021 – 7:30PM – MEETING AT Jefferson Twp. Building

CHANGED DUE to WEATHER

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jamie McSwaney (JM)	President	X		Scott Kriley (SK)	Twp. Liaison		X
Nick Dreher (ND)	V. P.	X		Todd McCurdy (ToMc)	Colt/Legion		X
Kim Andrews (KA)	Secretary	X		Troy McCurdy (TM)	Pony	X	
Cassie Beres (CB)	Treasurer	X		Ron Perkins (RP)	Bronco	X	
Todd Feidt (TF)	Field Maint.	X		Bryon Breese (BB)	Minor	X	
Ali Ciz (AC)	Concessions	X		Matt Johnston (MJ)	Farm	X	
Kevin Thompson (KT)	IT/Web		X	Jim Boris (JiBo)	T-Ball		X
Jill Black (JiBl)	Sponsorship	X		Sam Naples (SN)	Tax Preparer		

JM opened meeting at 7:31 PM. – Minutes from prior month reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE – Jamie McSwaney (JM) JM Reported:

- **Evaluations:** Tuesday, March 1st: Bryon, Wednesday, March 2nd: Matt, Thursday, March 3rd: Ron from 6 -9 PM
- Registration adjustments will be made as needed
- JM met with Spencer and Caruso to discuss non-profit status, small games of chance, etc. and we have done well with what we have set up.
- We must create a log for small games of chance license for every raffle (inclusive of All Stars) to protect the organization.
- All All Star teams must have a checking account under SABA name.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Cassie Beres (CB) CB Reported:

- General Checking: \$22,292.19
- All Stars Checking: \$11,865.00
- Concession Checking: \$5,000.00
- Savings: \$23,056.76
- Scholarship Savings: \$1,000.00
- Investments: \$21,119.14
- Gross Account Balance: \$84,333.09
- We are tracking financially the same as last year at this time
- Squad Locker money has been pulled
- **Motion to open 7 new accounts for all the of All Star Teams.**
 - **ND 2nd, TrMc 3rd**
 - **Motion passes with all 11 board members in attendance voting for the motion to open the accounts.**
 - **Coaches will monitor the accounts and have check books to write and pay expenses.**
 - **Cassie will begin the process this week**
- Small Games of Chance – Google Forms has been set up to keep track of all raffle tickets. We must spend 60% of what is brought in each year within that year. As of October 1st, 2021, Cassie will be asking for information from all Fundraisers that have taken place from All Stars since that time.

CONCESSIONS – Ali Ciz (AC) AC Reported:

- Purchase of a large coffee maker and hot box.
- Comparing prices for Sysco and will report next week.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Todd Feidt (TF) TF Reported:

- Field dry – Saxonburg Feed doesn't seem to be concerned with getting it but prices have gone from \$15.99 to \$16.99 and chalk is now \$6.49/bag – up 50 cents
- We will need to purchase 2 pallets of field dry and one pallet of chalk.
- We will need to get rakes for \$60-80
- Bases \$600 a set – Legion is probably due for bases
- Dirt – S&S and Dura Edge and another in Slippery Rock – looking at these places for prices
- Everything is lined up to get the French drains in on Farm as soon as the snow melts
- Purchase of gravel for lower concession stand – will be added when the French drains are put in
- Approved from the Township – running electricity from the lower concession stand to the lower shed. Electrician will also look at the upper stand, the scoreboard, and some other electric needs

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Scott Kriley (SK) SK absent:

- No new business to report.

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

- Facebook Ads are running for \$38 –n reach of 13000 people – 214 clicked
- Saxonburg Area Baseball Association Gear Trader Group – private group that he would like to link into our Facebook page
- No opposition to this link
- Pirates Charities is mailing items to Venezuela of used gear. We could gather information and share with them JiBl will be connecting with them

SPONSORSHIP – Jill Black (JiBl) JB Reported:

- Diehl Auto has agreed to be our Community Day Sponsor.
- New Life Preschool has agreed to be our Tball Clinic Sponsor.
- Bar Bingo – Feb 26th – Saturday from 9 – 10 am to move the patio furniture. Needs 2 -4 people.
- Arrive between 5:30 and 6 pm.
- Boost ad on Facebook for Bar Bingo
- All Star Sponsorships need to be run through Jill to make sure we are not double dipping.

LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER – () Reported:

- No new business to report.

COLT COMMISSIONER – () Reported:

- No new business to report

PONY COMMISSIONER – Troy McCurdy (TrMc) TrMc Reported:

- No new business to report for Pony.
- Middle School team is going well.
 - Schedule is posted
 - All home games are at 4:30 pm on Pony Field
 - Buses are set
 - Uniforms are ordered along with helmets that will stay with the team. Hats will stay with the athlete.

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – Ron Perkins (RP) RP Reported:

- ARL meeting in March
- Beginning to line up coaches

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Bryon Breese (BB) BB Reported:

- Nothing new to report
- Working with 10U team to get team up and running

FARM COMMISSIONER – Matt Johnston (MJ) MJ Reported:

- No new business to report.

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

- 7U team had first practice.
- Working with Jason Gillis and the boosters to assist at T-Ball Clinic
- 27 Tball registrations

VICE PRESIDENT – Nick Dreher (ND) ND Reported:

- No new business to report.

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

- **JK (Parent)**– Spoke to the recent Bylaws change and its effect on his son. Feels as though it should be done across the board since the change does not affect anyone but his child. Feels as though the loss of a year in All Stars and potentially bumps someone from the team he is moving to. His questions:
 - **Only effects one child – Response:** does not only effect one child – there are several youth effected in the All Stars groups and have been effected over the years.
 - **Grandfather clause –Response:** it was not discussed when the rule was voted in but doesn't mean that it is off the table
 - **Why now? – Response:** little league rules were changed in 2017/18 and we held onto our guidelines until 2019. It was determined that we would make our adjustments in 2020. When COVID hit, we didn't implement that year so it is backed up to this year. We are currently 5 years behind this rule change. ARL and other surrounding leagues, stand with the August 31st cut off. We implemented this in Bronco last year.
 - This was not a decision based on Knoch High School.
 - It was suggested that we implement this change starting with new 7-year old teams instead of the 8, 9, and 10 year olds.
 - **JK suggested a Grandfather Clause that reads “Established players on established team will be grandfathered onto the team that athlete(s) currently players for.**
 - **RP suggested to split his time between the 8 year old team and a 9 year old team**
 - **For reference, please see the October special meeting minutes**
 - **Voted on by board 6-3 to stay with grade.**
- **Concordia Donation:** They are fully engaged in supporting the Middle School team - \$5,000 over the next 3 years. Jamie had a personal meeting with the CEO.
- **Commissioners will need to submit coaches by Feb 22nd and we will vote via Google Forms on Feb 24th.**

JM ended meeting at 10:50pm.

Next meeting March 10th, 7:30 PM at Jefferson Township Building