

SAXONBURG AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
November 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9th, 2022 – 8:30PM

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jamie McSwaney (JM)	President/ TWP Rep	X			Twp. Liaison	X	
Nick Dreher (ND)	V. P.	X			Colt/Legion	X	
Kim Andrews (KA)	Secretary		X	Troy McCurdy (TrMc)	Pony		X
Cassie Beres (CB)	Treasurer	X		Curtis Walbert (CW)	Bronco	X	
Todd Feidt (TF)	Field Maint.	X		Bryon Breese (BB)	Minor	X	
Ali Ciz (AC)	Concessions		X	Brandon Mowry (BM)	Farm		X
Justin Thompson (JT)	IT/Web	X		Jim Boris (JB)	T-Ball	X	
Jake Ingram (JI)	Sponsorship	X		Sam Naples (SN)	Tax Preparer		

JM opened meeting at 7:37 PM. – Minutes from prior month reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE – Jamie McSwaney (JM) JM Reported:

- Cornhole Tournament for the Schroeder Family
 - October 30th at Saxonburg Carnival Grounds
 - SABA offered to sponsor as 501c3
 - Very successful event for a local family

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

- General Checking \$36,582.98
- KMS Checking \$19,460.07
- Concessions Checking \$11,359
- Savings \$23,060.57
- Scholarship Savings \$395.13
- Investment \$20,441.25
 - Gross Account Balance \$91,833.25
- Discussion to par down accounts to new starting minimums. \$15,000 for General, \$5,000 for Concession – motion moved to par down
- Review of prior month expenses
- Upcoming expenses: SGOB Renewal, Trailer Rental, Fall All-Stars Registration transfers, Outgoing funds from cornhole tournament, meat raffle prize (~\$1200), baseballs (~\$2200)
- All-stars will continue to balance out their year
- Moved investment account to a money market fund to avoid market conditions

CONCESSIONS – Ali Ciz (AC) AC Absent:

- No new business to report.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Todd Feidt (TF) TF Reported:

- Porta johns removed
- Dumpsters – unknown if they’ll be removed but not being charged for offseason
- Nets need to come down, TF & JM will handle

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Jamie McSwaney (JM) JM Reported:

- Township has postponed the concession stand, redrawing plans

WEB/IT/SOCIAL MEDIA – Justin Thompson (JT) JT Reported:

- Will be working on registration this month and CB will get social media logins

SPONSORSHIP – Jake Ingram (JI) JI Reported:

- Will start sending letters after Thanksgiving and continue working with Jill to be ready to go

LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER – () Reported:

- No new business to report.

COLT COMMISSIONER – ()

- No new business to report.

PONY COMMISSIONER – Troy McCurdy (TM) TM Reported:

- No new business to report.

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – Curtis Walbert (CW) CW Reported:

- No new business to report.

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Bryon Breese (BB) BB Reported:

- Will be cleaning out the shed in the spring
- Decided to leave the mount out this year, no reason to move it.

FARM COMMISSIONER – Brandon Mowry (BM) BM Reported:

- No new business to report

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

- Mars didn't work out very well for the lower leagues in the fall, consider alternative options in 2023

VICE PRESIDENT – Nick Dreher (ND) ND Reported:

- All-Stars wrapped up for all teams
- KMS team is in process, had 4 workouts
 - Booked winter workouts at Battleground for January & February - \$100/half hour
 - Hat quotes submitted

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

- **Proposal to change our public name to something Knoch related**
 - Suggestions:
 - Knoch Youth Baseball
 - Knoch Area Baseball Association
 - Knoch Baseball Club
 - Knoch Baseball League
 - Vote to change name pending research and league survey. **9 YAY 0 NAY**
- **Age Change Issue**
 - Pony International Baseball has officially changed their age back to the April 30 cutoff. ARL has adopted this age change, contradicting the catch-up age we just moved to in 2021.

- Consider following grade-then-age as we do for All-Stars, it will align age cutoffs with All-Stars and in-house
- Consider staying with current age, will expose younger kids of those playing ages to more competitive baseball.
- Proposal to implement for Bronco and up
- Vote to abide by April 30th cutoff with Grade first then Age supercedes grade. JM Propose, ND second.
 - Unanimous 9 YAY, 0 NAY.
- **Proposal to amend bylaws to alleviate future age change deliberations:**
 - **SABA will follow the predetermined grade-then-age cutoff for team eligibility. Saxonburg will adhere to Pony International Age Standards or whichever national body is mandating the league that we are playing in for Bronco and Up.**
- Going into registration, consideration for any potential exception requests and rules surrounding those. Discussion of these with all commissioners prior to registration opening in December.
- **Registration will open Sunday, December 18th and close Monday, February 20th.**
 - **Same rates but \$40 mandatory fundraiser**
 - **Concession opt-out will be \$100**

JM ended meeting at 9:22pm.

Next meeting (Closed): 12/8/22 7:00am @ Field House