

SAXONBURG AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
November 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 8th, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Justin Demek (JD)	President/ TWP Rep	X		OPEN	Twp. Liaison		
Justin Thompson (JT)	V. P.	X		Jamie McSwaney (JM)	Colt/Legion		X
Melissa Stobert (MS)	Secretary	X		Curtis Walbert (CW)	Pony	X	
Tom McDougal (TM)	Treasurer		X	Mike Hedglin (MH)	Bronco	X	
Steve Tuzikow (ST)	Field Maint.	X		John Van Lenten (JVL)	Minor	X	
Ali Ciz (AC)	Concessions		X	Joe Brose (JB)	Farm		X
Angela Shoop (AS)	IT/Web		X	Drew Weleski (DW)	T-Ball		
Jake Ingram (JI)	Sponsorship	X			Tax Preparer		

JD opened meeting at 7:20 PM. – Minutes from prior month reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE – Justin Demek (JD) JD reported:

- Nothing new – brief report that field clean-up went well. Lots of catchers’ equipment found in shed and usable. Significant amount of items disposed of that are no longer needed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Tom McDougal JD reported:

Some money to be shifted to put in savings. 39,000 and 15,000 to be taken down to where season starting.

- General Checking – \$46,699 net balance
- KMS Checking - \$9,804.55 net balance
- Concessions Checking
- Savings
- Scholarship Savings
- Investment
 - Gross Account Balance
- Total of all accounts - \$89,735.69

CONCESSIONS – Ali Ciz (AC) JD reported:

- No new business to report.
- JT noted that a notarized letter from SABA in order for power company to remove the meter on lower concession stand.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Steve Tuzikow (ST) ST Reported:

- Fields may need cut one more time. Fill would be nice for farm field – dirt vs. limestone (?)

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Reported:

- Nothing to report – Next meeting in January 2024

WEB/IT/SOCIAL MEDIA – (AS) AS Reported:

- No specific web info reported.
- Will be posting registration dates soon....

- registration cost to be explored further...would like to offer Black Friday discount, but need to determine what that discount will be in order to still maintain sufficient registration income for the league. JD to look at cost per player, last year's registration cost, etc. to make a better determination about early bird registration vs. "late" registration fees.

SPONSORSHIP – Jake Ingram (JI) JI Reported:

- JI reported that the Mansion (owned by Concordia Lutheran Ministries) has availability every weekend in Feb and March for a purse bash/ladies night out. Cost would be \$1500 and provided venue is cleaned and without damage, the \$1500 will be donated back to the league. Discussion about forming a subcommittee for this fundraiser and other big fundraisers.
- Tentative date of 2/10/24 decided on for Galentine's Event. Fundraiser will likely consist of designer purse raffles, games, vendors, etc.
- Sponsorship legacy letters to be sent out, but no team photos immediately available...work in progress obtaining photos and once received, letters will be sent.
- AS reported that the local chiropractor in Saxonburg is interested in sponsoring KYB.

LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER – (JM) JM Reported:

- No report

COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) JM reported:

- No report

PONY COMMISSIONER – Curtis Walbert (CW) CW Reported:

- No report

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) MH Reported:

- MD made suggestion that commissioner responsibilities be broken down into a guideline sheet so all commissioners know their duties and expectations for every month of the year. All commissioners agreed that it would be great to have something in writing to reference for what needs done/accomplished throughout the year. Suggestion made for similar list for every board member, coach, etc.
- Looking at pulling teams in from local areas for Bronco and Minor Leagues.

MINOR COMMISSIONER – John Van Lenten (JVL) JVL Reported:

- Conversation needed about moving forward with seeking out 2 groups to participate in game play with KYB. (Mars, Deer Lakes, Freeport are possibilities)
- 6 players not coming back from last year due to other league play

FARM COMMISSIONER – Joe Brose (JB) JB Reported:

- Fall league was won by Center Twp. It was a successful season.
- Travel team coaching needs determined due to multiple kids leaving league for Hard Core

T-BALL COMMISSIONER – Drew Weleski (DW) DW Reported:

- No update

VICE PRESIDENT – Justin Thompson (JT) JT Reported:

- Timing of registration, uniform ordering, evaluations, pictures, etc.

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

- New bylaws proposal discussed – athlete must make 60% of KYB in-house games to be eligible to play on tournament team – exceptions would include injury, illness. Athletes can play for other travel teams AND KYB in the same season. Athletes cannot play for another organization's rec tournament team in the same season.
- Drafting – consistent drafting between Farm and Minor level. Head coaches to be permitted to select 1 assistant coach.
- Some verbiage to be adjusted in proposed bylaws. Proposed bylaws to be voted on and if approved will be posted on league website.
- Brief discussion about previous conversation regarding splitting t-ball into two age groups. This is likely not feasible for 2024.

JD ended meeting at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting (Closed): December 7 @ 7:00 PM @ Field House