

**SAXONBURG AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**September 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 8:30 PM**

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

**JD opened meeting at 8:04 PM – Minutes from prior month reviewed and approved.**

**MONTHLY UPDATE –**

JD reported:

Scoreboard on legion field (purchased by Seven Seas) is up and running. Sponsors are needed. Would like to have small, local businesses advertise – may offer these businesses a lower cost or no cost, to support the community. Seven Seas will have large advertisement at the top of the board.

JD motioned for Angela Shoop to fill the IT support position. Motion was seconded. Angie will be the new IT/Web support representative.

**TREASURER’S REPORT –Cassie Beres:**

CB reported:

New fiscal year began October 1.

September report– there are a few checks outstanding. Upcoming expenses: Dumpster cost, sponsor signs, porta john fee.

\$7,606 for concession deposited...total concession is \$14,788.

Yearly financials – Discussion about money funneled for the Dan Schroeder corn hole tournament/benefit/fundraiser. \$21,619 was raised and provided for the family. \$35,000 machine purchased. Registration was up this year.

All Star info: We have a small games of chance license. 60 percent of what the team makes/fundraises should be spent within that year unless there is a plan for that money.

**CONCESSIONS – Ali Ciz (AC):**

JD reported:

Trying to sell leftover water and Gatorade to Spartans football organization. Awaiting to hear from them. New lock put on upper concession stand due to key being lost. Renovations are moving along. Still pursuing larger concession stand for down below. JD and MH met with Mill Iron to discuss options and pricing. Recommendation made for a pole

building, but rough-cut shed may be more feasible. Need for a permit must be looked into. Rough cut shed estimate is \$5,500 for 12x30. Current shed is 12x20. Due to losing storage space at upper concession stand due to bathroom renovations, a larger shed (16x34) may be needed. Lots to consider: digging, necessity of pad, moving of old stand, ambulance access, etc.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE – Steve Tuzikow (ST):**

JD reported:

Fall clean up needs to be scheduled – Board decided on Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 AM (fields, sign removal and concession cleaning/closure/winterizing, batting cages disassembled). Sign up Genius to be distributed to facilitate increased support/volunteers.

Fall ball games will run 1 more week.

New minor field cage purchased. May want to split the cage to allow for more than one team to work in the cage at one time, especially during tournaments.

**TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE –**

JD reported:

No township representative yet. Meeting was last night.

**WEB/IT/SOCIAL MEDIA:**

No new info

**SPONSORSHIP – Jake Ingram (JI) JI Reported:**

No new sponsorship info.

Fundraising ideas were discussed: purse bash, gun bash, corn hole tournament – great potential. Board wants to consider something other than bar bingo, which has been traditional fundraiser in the past. Board agrees that the meat raffle would again be a good option for next fall. Big ticket item raffle (i.e. quad and trailer) may be a good option.

Fast signs – still need an invoice.

**LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER –**

Nothing new to report

**COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney**

Nothing new to report

**PONY COMMISSIONER – Curtis Walbert**

Nothing new to report

**BRONCO COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) MH Reported:**

MH reported:

Fall ball is going well – each Saxonburg team has 500 record. Season has been very competitive. Friday, October 6 ends the regular season. Next week possible playoff round. Lots of kids. Good season.

**MINOR COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) Reported:**

JVL reported:

Season ended Tuesday, Oct. 3. Both Sax teams lost first round of playoffs. Games were competitive. CT 8-year-olds are good ball players. Shin guards are needed for catchers. May look into playing other local teams next year – Mars, PR, etc.

**FARM COMMISSIONER – Joe Brose (JB) JB Reported:**

JB reported:

Season wraps up next week and then playoffs. CT has been good to work with – good communication. Overall, really good season. Got to play under the lights at CT. Probably work with them again next year. Still considering splitting ages for next year – two age groups for T-ball (3-4 year olds and 5-6 year olds).

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

DW reported:

DW also interested in splitting teams – 3 & 4 and 5 & 6, as noted above; suggestion made to do skills clinic for younger kids as an intro to the sport – possible “instructional league” for 3-4 year olds.

**VICE PRESIDENT – Justin Thompson (JT) JT Reported:**

JT reported:

Need to move up the dates for evaluations and registration, as well as pictures – goal to have pictures back to parents by opening day. Time frame for registration discussed with potential start date of Black Friday, running an “early bird special” through the first or second week of January, followed by a regular registration fee and then possibly a “late” registration fee. Would like to deter late registrants. Would like to have evaluations in February and pictures late March/early April. Discussion about in-house draft and ensuring competitive teams/avoiding “stacked” teams. Will consider having coaches rate players at the end of the season, with these ratings to be used in conjunction with evaluation scores to assist with drafting.

**New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:**

JD reported:

Concrete update for farm and t ball field dugouts: MH and JD met with concrete company – 26 yards of concrete needed for both dugouts on t ball, both dugouts on farm, with an estimated cost of \$16000-\$18000, which includes the cost of labor. Due to high cost, other options need to be considered: turf beads, plywood, artificial grass/indoor-outdoor carpet, etc.

JD proposes that we wait to vote for all-star coaches in January and run coaching January to January, rather than October to October.

Would like to see increased communication between all-star coaches and the board.

Draft of bylaws for game quota and draft methodology shared with the board. Board to review and plan to further discuss at next meeting.

**JD ended meeting at 10:25 PM.**

**Next meeting (Closed): 11/2/23 7:30 PM @ Jefferson Township Building**