

Spring Grove Baseball Association

November 12, 2024

6:00pm



Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:01PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Attendees: Jon Kilmer, Jen Sipe, April Gruver, Damian Sipe, Amanda Rivera, Kris Phagan, Mike Nicholas, Mike Frey, Amber Roth

Guests: Jenn Bankert, Tim Hunter, Tiffany Hunter, James Senft, Jason Trayer, Eric Tracy, Andrea Phagan

Vice-President's Report, submitted by Jon Kilmer:

- October meeting minutes approved by all.
- Treasurer's Report approved by all.
- We received a compliment from a fall coach on how well the organization is run. THANK YOU!

Treasurer's Report, submitted by April Gruver:

November MTD 2024	
Beginning Balance	\$37,223.56
Credits	\$ 1,026.24
Debits	\$ 60.55
Ending Balance	\$ 38,189.25

- People's Bank recently merged with Orrstown Bank. The branch in Jefferson has closed and there is a new bank card coming to us which will affect any of our accounts that have the bank card linked.

Secretary's Report, submitted by Jennifer Sipe:

- Jen compiled a calendar of typical items that are needed for each month of the year to support the organization. A copy will be sent to all board members to discuss at next month's meeting.
- Jen also compiled a list of open items from previous meetings that we did not have a resolution to. These items are listed in the old business section of the minutes.

Equipment Director, submitted by Doug Arnold:

- Equipment and first aid kits to be turned in on November 7 from 6-6:30pm. Umpire fees will need to be returned or reimbursed based on the number of playoff games. Damian will send out a text to the coaches group announcing equipment turn in.
- Additional catcher's equipment may be needed for the Spring season.
- Doug has gathered enough players for a Legion team in the Spring.

Technology Director, submitted by Michael Nicholas:

- Registration numbers are currently at 33 players signed up.

League Liaison, submitted by Amanda Rivera:

- Nothing to report

Fundraising and Sponsorship Director, submitted by Amber Roth:

- Currently in the process of revising the forms for sponsorships and applying the new tiers for the golf sponsors and annual sponsors.
- We need to send out the forms to last year's sponsors to request sponsorships for the 2025 season.

Player Agent/Player Development Director, submitted by Kris Phagan:

- Kris has confirmed that use of the equipment at the tech center is approved.

- Kris is also developing a plan for evaluations that might involve the HS coaches and/or players.

Communications Director, submitted by Mike Frey:

- Mike will be sure to send out communications regarding registration every 2 weeks for now and then every week for the last month of open registration.
- We will also push notifications out on facebook.

Fields and Grounds Director, submitted by Damian Sipe:

- Damian is working on developing a budget for fields for 2025.
 - Need to evaluate the condition of each field and the needs at each field.
 - Diamond Tex will be needed for SG Boro, River Rock and St. Rose fields.
- The batting cage at NC will need to come down in the next 2 weeks.
- We will be pulling out all the home plates for the winter.
- The Bobcat/tractor is currently getting serviced
- Still waiting on a response for use of the tech center on Sundays and an additional key for the equipment room.
- Registration yard signs are ready to be placed. Everyone should take at least one and place it throughout the area.
- First aid kits will be given to Matt/Lacy to refill for Spring
- We will need to purchase new equipment bags and catcher's gear
- A new screen at NC upper is also needed.

Old Business:

- Golf Tournament meeting was held on 11/7. We developed some suggested tiers for sponsorships.
 - Jon to send thank you letters to sponsors with picture and sponsorship form for 2025 full season and 2025 golf tournament.
 - Corporate sponsor = \$2,500+ (whatever is agreed upon) – we will include 2 banners and a foursome entry into the golf tournament.
 - Jenn Bankert is talking with Morning Sun Market about a possible corporate sponsorship!
 - We need to continue to work on obtaining additional sponsors and donations for prizes.
- Suggestion previously made to change the look of the hats. All agreed to all blue hat with white SG letters outlined in red. We will include both the snap back and fitted hats.
- Questions for the league – Jen will send them to Amanda to bring up at future league meetings.
- Website updates:
 - Jr Legion has been removed from the website.
 - Damian and Mike N to work together to update the fields list on the website
 - Games and Practices are listed through November and December – this needs to be removed as the season is over.
 - If we were interested in switching website/web hosts, we would need to create a committee to tackle that project.
- Concessions for 2025
 - Need to assign donation items to each team/coach to supply
 - Need a drop off date/time established
 - Need to figure out staffing and schedules
 - We plan to use Jefferson and SG Boro for concessions as we have exclusive access to those two locations.
 - We can plan to schedule food trucks at NC when both fields are being used.
 - We would build a contract/partnership with the food truck vendors
- After reviewing pricing from other vendors, it was agreed to keep uniforms at Elliot's.
- We will explore using Prestige for Spiritwear and Accessories. Damian is working on a plan with Prestige.
- It was agreed that we will have an 8U championship during the Spring season.
- Fundraising ideas – winter restaurant fundraisers to start in January. Amber to coordinate.
- Coach's Guidance
 - Binder to be updated – committee of Tim, Damian and Kris.
 - To include practice plans, philosophy, stretches, fields, "fairness" rules, sportsmanship expectations, etc.
 - We will be working with Clubhouse Athletics to develop baseball specific programs.
- Winter Workouts plan
 - We will keep the possibility of St. Rose gym usage for future, if needed. Not currently needed at this time.
 - Damian has been in talks with Paradise township about building a pole building for sports use. He will keep checking in periodically on progress.

Open Floor:

- T-shirt fundraiser for each season
 - Amanda is working with Total Identity Solutions on this project. We need possible T-shirt designs (Amber has one and others should be brought to the December meeting)
 - Our goal is to have a sample ready for the December meeting and the T-shirts ready in January so we can promote this during evaluations.
- Eric Tracy suggested that we have all the field tractors serviced and repaired at a local small engine repair shop. Our tractors are currently in poor condition. Hopefully we can find someone willing to partner with SGBA with discounted pricing of some kind. We would offer to print and hang a banner at one of our fields. Amber knows someone who might be interested. She will send the information to Damian.
- Jason Trayer raised his concern for the future Spring legion team. He had many questions and the board requested that Jason share a list of his questions with Amanda and she can take his concerns to the next Legion meeting. Amanda will also bring more information to the December meeting regarding Legion.

Nominations:

- Due to lack of regular attendance by members of SGBA other than the board members, only board members are eligible for nominating and voting on new officers this year.
- President
 - Jon Kilmer – nominated by Kris Phagan and 2nd by April Gruver – nomination accepted
- Vice President
 - Mike Frey – nominated by Kris Phagan and 2nd by April Gruver – nomination accepted
 - James Senft – nominated by Mike Nicholas and 2nd by Amanda Rivera – nomination declined
- Treasurer
 - April Gruver – nominated by Jon Kilmer and 2nd by Jennifer Sipe – nomination accepted
- Technology Director
 - Mike Nicholas – nominated by Jon Kilmer and 2nd by Amanda Rivera – nomination accepted
- Equipment Director
 - Tim Hunter – nominated by Damian Sipe and 2nd by Jennifer Sipe – nomination accepted
- League Liaison
 - Amanda Rivera – nominated by Jon Kilmer and 2nd by April Gruver – nomination accepted
- Player Agent/Player Development Director
 - Kris Phagan – nominated by Damian Sipe and 2nd by Mike Nicholas – nomination accepted
- Fundraising and Sponsorship Director
 - Amber Roth – nominated by Mike Frey and 2nd by Kris Phagan – nomination accepted
- Communications Director
 - Mike Frey – nominated by Mike Nicholas and 2nd by Amber Roth - nomination declined
 - Jenn Bankert – nominated by Mike Frey and 2nd by Damian Sipe – nomination accepted
- Fields and Grounds Director
 - Damian Sipe – nominated by Mike Nicholas and 2nd by Jon Kilmer – nomination accepted
- The positions of President and Secretary will be up for re-election in 2025. President was filled this year due to the vacancy.
- Voting and written ballots are not necessary at the December meeting as there are no two people competing for the same position.

Announcements: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove (across from the paper mill).

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Sipe, Secretary