

Spring Grove Baseball Association

November 11, 2025

6:00pm



Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:02PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Attendees: Jon Kilmer, Jen Sipe, Mike Frey, April Gruver, Damian Sipe, Jenn Bankert, Tim Hunter, Amanda Rivera

Guests: Mindy & Eric Tracy, Alison & Dan Straughsbaugh, Kelsey & Cody Klinedinst, Brandon Shaffer, Jason Trayer, Kerry Hostetter, Sandy & Dan Diffenderfer, Gary Blaylock, Aaron Lehman, Zach Schuler & Mike Freed

President's Report, submitted by Jon Kilmer:

- October meeting minutes approved by all.
- October Treasurer's Report approved by all.

Vice-President's Report, submitted by Mike Frey:

- The tech center reached out and let us know that there is a teeball bag still left in the closet. We will need to pick this up and place it in the equipment room.
- 7th and 8th grade team update
 - Currently getting everyone registered.
 - Season to run March 21 – April. 10 games played through season.
 - PIAA rules with drop 5 and BBCOR bats.
 - Fee of \$70 per umpire per game.
 - Next year we will need to decide if we want a 7th grade and an 8th grade team or keep one team.
- Option from league – split into East and West
 - East = 70% of kids on teams must be from the area, no travel teams included.
 - West = No limit for players from the area, this will include travel teams.
 - Board chose East for the 2026 season. We would like to know if we can split teams between East and West? Amanda/Mike to ask the league.

Treasurer's Report, submitted by April Gruver:

November 2025	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$35,853.75
<i>Credits</i>	\$2,350.25
<i>Debits</i>	\$436.48
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 37,767.52

- We are down approximately \$4,000 compared to last year at this time. This can be attributed to higher costs and the cost of renting Clubhouse Athletics for winter workouts.
- Jefferson port-o-potties have been paid.
- Dicks Sporting Goods agreement has been completed.

Secretary's Report, submitted by Jennifer Sipe:

- Concession Stand update:
 - Playoff Weekend – profit of \$677 cash and \$95 Venmo for a total of \$772
 - Total costs for the fall season are \$394.77
 - Total profit for the fall season after costs = \$1,306.23!
- Clearances needed – Jen will reach out for updated clearances.
 - Tim Steinhauer expired 12/12/24
 - Josh Fishel expired 1/7/25
 - Doug Arnold expires 3/29/26

Equipment Director, submitted by Tim Hunter:

- Equipment return went well including receiving leftover cash for umpire fees from coaches.
- Currently working on getting replacement buckets.
- Equipment bags look good except for one.
- We will need to pick a day over the winter to reorganize and purge. Replace all catcher's gear that contains Velcro.
- Mike Frey informed from other organizations that there is moisture reported in the equipment room. Damian and Tim to check it out.

Technology Director, submitted by Brandon Shaffer for Michael Nicholas:

- Spring Registration is open through January 15

League Liaison, submitted by Amanda Rivera:

- There is a new policy with a lot of changes. Some changes listed here:
 - New Code of Conduct
 - New Disciplinary policy
 - New fees/fines that will be applied for violations
 - 24 hours to dispute the charges
 - SGBA will have to determine if the offenders will pay or if SGBA will cover the fees/fines
 - \$1000 fee to enter league due 2/1
 - Travel teams must play in 'A' or request an exemption for 'B'
 - The board has lots of questions and concerns regarding the new policies.
- SGBA will be planning a special meeting to discuss our plan of action around these new policies in January
- We will need ALL coaches to attend the coaches meeting in the Spring to cover all new policies.
- Policies will also need to be covered with families at the parent's meetings.

Fundraising and Sponsorship Director, submitted by Amber Roth:

- No report.

Player Agent/Player Development Director, position currently open:

- No report.

Communications Director, submitted by Jenn Bankert:

- Nothing to report.

Fields and Grounds Director, submitted by Damian Sipe:

- Banners are down at all fields.
- Genesis (who provides us with quick dry) will also be selling baseball gear and supplies for the fields. They will be in touch with Damian with a discount for SGBA.
- Someone is leaving the L-Screen out in the weather at Jefferson. We need to lock this up.
- Heidelberg – Damian will be talking to the new supervisors about possible use of the fields.
- Stoverstown – We are hearing rumors that NC will be charging the men's association for use of the field but not SGBA. SGBA has not heard from NC about this yet. More to come.
- NC might be adding more parking for NC Park by the church. More to come.
- Jon mentioned that a field in Codorus Township might be available 1 time per week for us.

Open Forum

- Jason Trayer expressed concern regarding a sink hole that is forming behind 3rd base on Jefferson's field. We do not maintain that field but will reach out.
- Gary Blaylock expressed that there is a condition for the 7th and 8th grade teams and academic eligibility. He is working on a way to check this.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report

Nominations:

- After review of regular attendance by members of SGBA other than the board members, Eric Tracy is the only member other than board members that is eligible for nominating and voting on new officers this year.
- Vice President
 - Mike Frey – nominated by Jenn Bankert and 2nd by Eric Tracy – nomination accepted
- Secretary
 - Sandy Diffenderfer – nominated by Jen Sipe and 2nd by Jenn Bankert – nomination accepted
- Treasurer
 - Jen Sipe – nominated by Jenn Bankert and 2nd by Tim Hunter – nomination accepted
- Technology Director
 - Brandon Shaffer – nominated by Damian Sipe and 2nd by April Gruver – nomination accepted
- Equipment Director
 - Tim Hunter – nominated by Eric Tracy and 2nd by Mike Frey – nomination accepted
- League Liaison
 - Kerry Hostetter – nominated by Mike Frey and 2nd by Damian Sipe – nomination accepted
 - Amanda Rivera – nominated by Jon Kilmer and 2nd by Mike Frey – nomination declined
 - Eric Tracy – nominated by Tim Hunter and 2nd by Jenn Bankert – nomination accepted
- Player Agent/Player Development Director
 - Zach Schuler – nominated by Mike Frey and 2nd by April Gruver – nomination accepted
 - Jason Trayer – nominated by Jon Kilmer and 2nd by Amanda Rivera – nomination accepted
- Fundraising and Sponsorship Director
 - Alison Strausbaugh – nominated by Jen Sipe and 2nd by Damian Sipe – nomination accepted
- Communications Director
 - Jenn Bankert – nominated by April Gruver and 2nd by Jen Sipe – nomination accepted
- Fields and Grounds Director
 - Damian Sipe – nominated by Jenn Bankert and 2nd by April Gruver – nomination accepted
- The positions of President and Treasurer will be up for re-election in 2026. Treasurer was filled this year due to the vacancy.

Announcements: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove (across from the paper mill).

Future Meetings: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00PM
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:00PM

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted, 
Jennifer Sipe, Secretary