

Board Members:

Bill Craig, President  
Rob Speer, Boys' Commissioner  
Eric Lawlor, Treasurer  
Tim Mantick, Secretary  
Mike Plasko, Scheduler  
Eric Rumberger, Field Manager

Mike Rynn, Vice President  
Denise Cavanaugh, Girls' Commissioner  
Adam Diodata, Equipment Manager  
Heather McConnell, Concessions Manager  
John Kosko, Tournament / Travel Director

**SFBSA Board Meeting Agenda**

February 11, 2018

1. Roll Call/Sign-In Sheet: Heather McConnell, John Kosko, Mike Plasko, Rob Speer, Mike Rynn, Denise Cavanaugh, Eric Lawlor, Eric Rumberger, Adam Diodata, and Tim Mantick in attendance -- Bill Craig absent
2. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. No update on account status as there is no access to the online account.
3. Boys' Commissioner Report:
  - a. SFBSA Spring 2018 Bat Rules – See
    - i. Ryan Neve's question regarding safety with using the old Mako bats –
      1. Rob Speer – majority of all travel players will use new USA Baseball Bats
        - a. Managers should work together when assigning pitchers and the lineup
    - ii. Sam Gioia asked if any rules changes have been implemented for the new season.
      1. Rules changes will be explained at Managers' meetings
    - iii. Ryan Neve question on what level age change would be implemented.
4. Girls' Commissioner Report:
  - a. All age divisions besides 8U will be playing in CVC
  - b. CVC Board Meeting was held in January
  - c. February 18<sup>th</sup> Board and Rules Vote Meeting
  - d. March 18<sup>th</sup> – Fees due to CVC – \$65 per team
  - e. April 8<sup>th</sup> Managers' meeting for CVC
  - f. Season to begin 4/23 -
5. Scheduling Report:
6. Equipment Report:
  - a. Still some outstanding equipment from non-travel coaches that needs returned
  - b. \$100 Equipment deposit per team to ensure return of equipment
  - c. In need of new screen drags, new bases
  - d. Look into pitching machines, currently have 2 non-working ones – look to repair.
    - i. Signout sheets for use of the pitching machines.
7. Concessions Report:
  - a. Need more volunteers to help with concession stand
    - i. Specifically with Fairview.
  - b. Need new combo lock for Fairview installed by township
  - c. Need new window installed in Morgan Concession Stand.
  - d. Requesting vote to get the Square System –

- e. Water turn on date at Morgan Park from township?
- f. Need travel coaches to provide scheduling of games to Heather for the opening of the concession stand.

8. Facilities / Fields Report:

- a. Field Maintenance Day, Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, Make-up date Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Tie Attendance at Field Maintenance Day to Manager All-Star Vote?
    - 1. Township to send workers down to assist that day
    - 2. Field leveling and proper infield dirt to be installed this year by township
    - 3. Will be doing Field Walkthroughs to ensure that all safety precautions are taken
- b. Lead Field Assignments
  - i. Will look to have Field Leads assigned for each field.
- c. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball team – 3 days per week from 3pm-5:30pm at Fairview B

9. Tournament / Travel Update:

- a. Baseball All-Star dates set and will be posted to MCAA in next few weeks. (Softball not set as of yet)
  - i. Check has been sent to MCAA to allow for posting of the tournaments on website.
- b. Will address at coaches meeting responsibilities & expectations of All-Star coaches & families.
  - i. Expectations of coaches, assistant coaches and families to be explained at managers meeting
- c. Sunday scheduling of home games for spring.
  - i. Coaches to work together on scheduling of fields for Sunday games and then provide schedule to Mike Plasko to uploaded into the system.

10. New Business

- a. Mike Rynn
  - 1. Update on Sign Sponsors and Fundraising Efforts
    - a. Still looking for sign and T-Ball sponsors for the coming season
      - i. There are several returning sponsors from last year.
  - 2. Presentation of By-Law Updates for age change eligibility
    - a. Mike explained the age changes for the T-Ball and Coach Pitch levels moving the age cutoff date from 4/30 to 8/31
- b. Tim Mantick
  - 1. Registration Status Update
  - 2. Field Requests made at Parks & Rec Meeting
  - 3. Parks & Recreation requesting bids for Parks Master Plan designers. The bidding companies will be requesting surveys from the community on what they would like to see.

## **SFBSA Spring 2018 Baseball Bat Rules**

As you may be aware, Little League of America / USA Baseball has changed their bat composition standards for the upcoming season, effective 1/1/2018.

Since the South Fayette Baseball & Softball Association (SFBSA) is not affiliated with Little League of America, we are not required to adopt these new standards immediately. For 2018, the SFBSA will allow players affected by this change (7 & 8 / 9 & 10/ 11 & 12 year olds) to use both the old standard (USSSA 1.15 BPF) bats (**NO** big barrels with 1.15 BPF stamp allowed) as well as the new standard (USA Baseball) bats for in house play to lessen the financial impact on our families. This ruling will apply to spring of 2018 only and the SFBSA will consider changes for fall 2018 at a later date. Please keep in mind the USA Baseball stamp will be the standard going forward, so it is suggested that any new bat purchases have the USA Baseball stamp as the USSSA 1.15 BPF models may be obsolete after spring of 2018.

For those players considering travel baseball in 2018, please note that USSSA Baseball Tournaments as well as Nations Baseball Tournament Association have decided to not follow the new USA Baseball bat rules for 2018. As such, travel players participating in tournaments sanctioned by these associations will be permitted to use both USSSA 1.15 BPF and USA Baseball stamped bats. Travel players participating in community tournaments outside of South Fayette will need to follow the rules of that community which could require the use of USA Baseball bats only.



### **Bat Specifications by SFBSA Divisions Spring 2018:**

#### T-Ball (5/6):

- T-ball players may use:
  - USSSA 1.15 BPF bats with a "TBALL" stamp
  - Any bat with a USA Baseball stamp

#### Coach Pitch (7/8) / Kid Pitch (9/10) / Little League (11/12):

- (7 & 8 / 9 & 10/ 11 & 12 year olds) players may use:
  - 2 1/4 inch barrel bat with USSSA 1.15 BPF stamp (**NO** big barrels with 1.15 BPF stamp allowed)
  - 2 1/4 inch or 2 5/8 inch barrel bat with USA Baseball stamp

#### Pony:

- For bat information please visit - <http://www.pony.org/>