



January 8th 2024 Board Meeting

Attendees

Gabe Bryan, Drew Pitynger, Keith Adams, Jim Whalen, Joe Wannat, Andrew Basso, Steve Budko, Herman Gonzales, Eric Van Tuyl, Brian Costa, Andrew, Tim Welsh, Nadine Knapp, Nathalie Schairer, and James Schairer.

Approve Treasurer's Report – Keith Adams, Jim Whalen

Approve Minutes Report – Treasurers report was reviewed and approved, deposits for registration started coming in.

Old Business

- Schwab made an anonymous donation to the league.
- Concession stand has been cleaned and closed.
- Drew, Nadine, and Keith conducted a walkthrough with the head of the Rec Department, Mike S. They visited Felton, Wrights, Vasser, and Memorial Fields.
- Upper Memorial Field has significant issues, including a weed-filled infield. Mike will address this.
- Mike shares the board's concerns and agrees that our requests are reasonable.
- Installing turf would cost over \$600K. Grants can be applied for, but the process is lengthy.
- Increased use of Felton Field in Bloomfield was suggested due to its smooth outfield and lighting.
- Mike will address small issues at Vasser and work on making Challenger Field playable again.

New Business

Registration: Currently at approximately 200 and increasing. Emails have been sent to schools. The board is considering additional outreach methods, including QR code signs for schools (~\$200 cost). Was voted and approved unanimously.

Uniforms: A new vendor was discussed for uniforms and board shirts.

Important League Dates

February 21: Registration closes.

March 2: Skill assessment at the middle school for 9-13 year-olds (All hands on deck).

March 3 and 4: Coaches' draft for 9-13-year-olds.

March 9: Coaches must notify teams (preferably sooner).

March 23: 11-13-year-old clinic with the high school team at 9 AM (rain date March 30).

April 5: Opening day parade and picture day.

May 25-27: No baseball games on Memorial Day weekend.

June 14: Year-end picnic at Vasser Field (All hands on deck).

July: Hosting an all-star tournament (details to follow).

Dates to Determine

Gabe will discuss a coaches' clinic with Matt LoCarro from Lefty's.

Confirm Bloomfield town-wide track meet date.

Confirm Glen Ridge 6th-grade graduation date.

Brian and Erik will determine permit and field availability in Glen Ridge.

Gabe will discuss Bloomfield field permits with Mike S.

Nadine will investigate Brookdale Park permits and costs.

Sponsorship & Pricing Updates

The board approved a \$25 increase for signs and team sponsors (first increase in ten years).

Signs: \$300 for the first year, \$200 afterward.

Major and Minor Team Sponsors: \$500 and \$300 respectively.

Other Business

Andrew has a safety league document to review at an upcoming meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12 at 8:00 PM at the Rec Center.