



March 12th 2025 Board Meeting

Attendees

Gabe Bryan, Nathalie Schairer, James Schairer, Steve Budko, Drew Pitynger, Keith Adams, Alyssa Belmonte, Marcus Wolf, Tim Welsh, Dan Cinotti, Nadine Knapp, Basso, Erick VanTuyl, Mike Yip, John Hyatt, Joey Wannat, Herm Gonzalez, Jim Whalen

Approve Treasurer's Report – Nadine Knapp, Marcus Wolf

Approve Minutes Report – Marcus Wolf, Tim Welsh

Old Business

none

New business

1. Fundraising
 - a. Discussed potential for ordering multiple uniform shirts at registration next year. A request came in to buy a second uniform for a player who spends time at 2 different homes. It would be nice to offer that up front so it could be ordered with the large bulk order. Otherwise, it is not possible to order one at a time after the fact.
 - b. We do not need the money right now for anything specific so we should limit fundraising to only events that benefit the community.
 - Group trip to a college game – Jim will look to find a Friday night or Sunday game
2. Umpires
 - a. All are ready to go and happy so far. Majors are covered, a little less coverage on the minors but should be fine.
3. Fields
 - a. Got a bunch of fence quotes (\$70k-\$200) The town will be starting with Wright's Field.
 - b. DPW will also start tilling fields to get them ready for opening day. They will maintain upkeep once season starts in accordance with the schedule Nathalie shared.
 - c. Reminder - Bathrooms not usable until March 17th.
 - d. Memorial is in bad shape. Hard to upkeep because it does not drain well. Maybe that is a good enough reason to apply for Green Acres money to turf that field. Can we ask the Town Council to address that with flood mitigation work?
 - e. A big issue is dogs running around on the fields when we are not using them. Nadine will discuss with DPW.

- f. Nets at all batting cages have holes in them. Wrights needs to be totally replaced. Vassar nets are too short and need to be replaced. Felton and Wrights need L-screens. New net in the shipping container for Vassar. Keith will get a quote from My Handyman to put it up.
- 4. Safety Update
 - a. Sat March 29th 9am – noonish @ the Civic Center At least one coach or asst coach from each team needs to be there for training from the fire department. Alyssa will Send out an email to coaches to remind them that one per team needs to be there. If there is a nurse or paramedic or doctor on the team, they are exempt.
- 5. 8s Rules Clarifications
 - a. If the pitcher throws 4 balls, then the coach steps in to pitch. There are no walks, no bunting, no tee use and no max run rule. Encourage every kid to pitch. Three outs or you hit through the order. Introduce stealing from 2nd to 3rd halfway through the season.
- 6. Coaching Concerns
 - a. 5-8 year olds only - If coaches express concern with having trouble fielding a full team due to kids on the team with scheduling issues, we can suggest they take the last kid from the batting order on the other team to help fielding in the outfield. If there are other kids hanging around not playing in that age group, they can ask one to join the team to play. Not allowed to call other coaches to recruit subs if you know you will not have a full team.
- 7. Player of the Game
 - a. 8-13 year olds only - Coaches should send a player of the game to their league VP after every game. This is not an official list. The board will not be using it to determine all-star team players. It is just a way for the board to have more information to use during those discussions i.e. A player is not on the nomination list from the coach, but they were on the player of the game list multiple times throughout the season. The group will need to discuss why that player was not nominated.

Upcoming Dates

Friday March 14th – 4pm Board members meet at Felton Field House to clean it out.

Saturday March 22nd – 8am Board members meet at Vassar to hang signs

Saturday March 22nd - Place food/drink order at Costco for snack bar

Saturday March 22nd - Pants will be available at Vassar for any player who needs them

Thursday March 27th – Costco food delivery

Tuesday April 1st – snack bar health inspection

Saturday April 5th – Opening Day and picture day

Fire Inspection TBD