**8/2/23 BGSA Board Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Paul, Crystal, Jillian, Brian, Matt, Corey, Steve, Colleen, Dave

\* Paul completed financial review YTD

\* 2024 budget planning:

Projects in Priority Order:

* 1. Batting cage – tear out old asphalt and replace. Dave can do after fall ball is over / material cost estimated $250
	2. New Garage
	3. Infield Machine

\* Fall Ball (teams registered / not including Bellingham)

* 1. 4 10U teams
	2. 4 12U teams
	3. 3 14U teams

Bellingham Registration #s so far:

11 10U players

13 12u

8 14u

17 8u

Tryouts scheduled for Sunday 8/6 10u (9am) 12u (10am) 14u (11am) 8u (12pm) – need to email & post by tomorrow.

Makeup date 8/8 (6-7pm)

* Consider Fall Ball move ups based on what age group girls would be in for Summer
* There is still conversations with Hopedale/Milford to change Spring Season from grade to DOB to be consistent with USA softball rules for summer & fall
* TVL will be offering an 8u program in the Fall

\* Claire is thinking of using Towards Chaos for Fall shirts and we will look for new vendor for next year. Goal is to try to use local vendor for uniforms but look to create an online store with online vendor that can keep open all year and support 1 off orders.

\* Winter Training – reduce from 12 weeks to 6 weeks (Suggested time to Start March 3 – April 14). Need to determine facility and availability (Colleen will get proposal from BNB for their facility so we can compare to Next9Up)

\* Consider opening summer registration in November and tryouts to create a tournament team?

* Survey to ask about cost/commitment?
* Interest if we offer separate practice/training clinic for the summer team?

\* Create a coaching class / Clinic to provide more support for volunteers leading up to Spring Season

\* Need Claire to order Fall Ball shirts (Crystal will email Claire)

\* Fall Skills Clinic: concern is that there aren’t enough volunteers to offer a separate session in addition to regular practice and games on Saturday and that families will not have any additional time to attend because of competing fall sports.