

SGSL Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2024

Attendees:

Jason & Anya Bounds	Jillian Gentile
Bryan & Heather Cohen	Liz Callahan
Alyssa Cohen	Scott Kennedy
Chris Lineberry	Kristen Keska
Kristina DiDominzio	Dan Longo
Annie Wellington	Carol Pietrowicz
Jennine Albert	Philein Griffin
Liz Ganza	

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

May 2024 Meeting Minutes

With minor formatting corrections, motion to accept made by Kristin Keska and seconded by Philein Griffin.

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed summary report – down \$9,921.69 for month in part to scholarships, will recoup when tournament (Jen) is hosted.
- Funds expended on:
 - In-season pitching clinics
 - Maintenance
 - Administrative expenses
 - Umpire fees
- Athena (\$5K) will likely not be additional income; no word from them to date.
- Will inquire with Jen Hapanewicz to see if she is interested in booking a showcase on that weekend.
- Southington Orthodontics is looking to make a \$10k donation; Jason met with the group to give a tour of the park. Ideas discussed included additional batting cages.
- Additional ideas would include lighting on the field, technology etc. and Liz Ganza indicated there would be a possible committee put together to continue exploration of details and town buy-in.

Vice President's Report

- Kristen walked the attendees through the events calendar activities including sandlot board meetings, and registration for Fall Ball.
- There was no new information to report on Umpires.
- Jewel Classic Summary – Overall positive event, a lot of good feedback received.
 - Positive: Diamond Divas was a huge hit. Looking to add Diamond Divas to Jewel Classic Day.
 - Do Differently: Pretest audio system.

President's Report

- Rec Season wrapped up last week.
- Allot of positive feedback was received, playoff games were fantastic (great pairing) and thanks to the contributions of all.
- Coordinating with outside agencies – including travel and rec fall ball is the most current focus. Philein and Anya represented SGSL for the information share.
- Collaborating with:
 - Travel to ensure all fields are utilized.
 - Working with Jen H regarding her summer camp.
 - North Baseball regarding the independent group trying to start softball
 - North regarding Diamond Divas/Challengers
 - Wolcott and Silver City regarding playing during by-weeks will continue for Fall Ball.

Player Agent Report

- Not much to report; working on fall ball preparations.
- Things went well this season.
- Anya is in the process of creating the Fall Ball schedule/details on the website with a Go Live Date targeted for Friday, June 14th.
- Diamond Divas – 10 signed up with 5 that showed to make for a successful interaction with 5 players from Challengers. Allot of positive feedback from families and interest in a future program. Working with Chris (baseball) to collaborate for future help and promotion of our program.

Equipment Manager's Report

- This was a learning year for all the silent steps the role entails. – Thanks to all who helped.
- Half of the returned bags have been checked, with only 2 teams still needing to return their equipment bags.
- Equipment will be inventoried (bags/sheds) and moved to storage. Then focus on needs for Fall Ball and Sandlot.

- Liz will send a reminder to coaches to return with a deadline.
- Broken tee's will be discarded and a determination of what needs to be replaced will be done.
- May investigate creation of lost and found shelves in the sheds.

Field Maintenance

- Lines being painted in the parking lot next week.
- Jeff – thanked coaches for raking after games; fields weren't as difficult to groom.

Committee's Report

- A. Sandlot – Communication is out to current Rookie/Farm, Minor, Major coaches and families. Three/Four reached to assist with coaching. There are 49 signed up to date:
 - 13 Major
 - 7 Minor
 - 12 Farm
 - 7 Rookie

Will continue to send reminder email and posting in website. An email containing assistant expectations will be shared.

- B. Draft Procedures – This group will review all draft procedures with review of board and family survey information.
- C. Rec Fall Ball – Anya gave update through player agents report. Discussed final registration cost:
 - Farm: \$80 (8-week season)
 - Minor/Major: \$120 (8-week season)
 Kristen made a motion to accept the registration cost breakdown and Philein seconded.
- D. Scholarship Committee – J. St. John left detailed instructions for new chairperson. Liz requested committee volunteers:
 - Bryan volunteered Heather.
 - Kristen
 - Kristina DiDominzio
 - Annie Wellington

Old Business

- A. Double Play Swap – Thank you Liz Callahan for standing this up!
 - There are still a lot of pants.
 - All donations can be given to Bryan.
 - Considering a beginner, mid, end season focus going forward.

New Business

- Two end of season surveys (families/coaches) will be out by end of weekend.
 - For Family Survey: Minors – Adding general feedback question for modified rules this year specific to the coach pitch/sliding
 - For Coaches Survey: Seeking input on rule changes for Minors.
- No new meeting attendees or board nominations.

Open Floor Topics

- Dan Longo confirmed this is his last board meeting and provided his official resignation effective at meeting adjournment.
- Bylaws and Constitution – invited to consider (as a board) anything we'd like to change/add/delete.
- The idea was offered to expand sliding to Farm age group.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 PM.