

# Spring Grove Baseball Association

October 24, 2023

7:00pm



**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 7:05PM at the Jefferson Borough Building

**Attendees:** Josh Fishel, April Gruver, Damian Sipe, Jon Kilmer, Tim Steinhauer, Blane Reichart, Mike Frey (via phone)

**Guests:** Amanda Rivera, Kris and Andrea Phagan

## **President's Report, submitted by Josh Fishel:**

- September minutes approved.
- Revs Fall Classic Tournament concessions earned \$228 between 10/21-10/22.
- Jefferson concession stand clean out and removal of banners will be 11/12 at 3:00.
- Board positions for next year:
  - President and Treasurer will not be up for nominations this year as they are continuing the 2-year term commitment.
  - All other board positions are up for nomination. Nominations will occur at the November board meeting with voting at the December meeting. Newly acquired roles will begin January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Current Vice President has submitted resignation, and the board approved the motion to accept.

## **Treasurer's Report, submitted by April Gruver:**

- Fall R&K sandwich sale profit was \$1,630
- Final concession stand deposit will be made on Friday
- Message to be sent to coaches inquiring if additional umpire fees are need for the upcoming playoff tournament
- Coaches finishing the season with unused umpire fees will be asked to return them during the November equipment collection
- SGBA will apply for 501(c)(3)

<i>October 2023</i>	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$ 31,608.72
<i>Credits</i>	\$ 4,160.00
<i>Debits</i>	\$ 2,885.75
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 32,882.97

## **Secretary's Report, submitted by Jennifer Sipe:**

- Nothing to report.

## **Equipment Director, submitted by Jon Kilmer:**

- Equipment turn-in scheduled for Nov. 10 from 6-7 pm and Nov. 11 from 10-11:30am at the Equipment shed. Email to be sent to coaches including dates, times, and location address
- Possible purchase of extra baseballs from 2TheTee for spring - checking on quantity.
- Golf Tournament
  - Hickory Heights on Saturday July 27th at 8am
  - Hickory Heights will provide the catering including food and beverages for \$55
  - \$100 per person for tournament registration
  - Begin sending out sponsorship information and include SGBA families
- Coaches Evaluations
  - Head coaches will receive an evaluation form to provide feedback on their assistant coaches. This will help guide coaching assignments for the spring. If the form is not completed, coaches will be

unable to coach in the future. This document will be sent to all head coaches from the spring and fall seasons

**Technology Director, submitted by Michael Nicholas:**

- Nothing to report

**League Liaison, submitted by Blane Reichart:**

- End of season tournament dates are 10/28, 10/29 and 11/4. York County recently shared the schedules.

**Fundraising and Sponsorship Director, submitted by Amber Roth:**

- Nothing to report.

**Player Agent/Player Development Director, submitted by Tim Steinhauer:**

- Tech Center will be available for winter workouts each Saturday in January-March from 2-6pm
- Player evaluations will occur Feb. 17th and 24th
- Teams assigned before March 2nd
- Opening day April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Registration:
  - Open registration Nov. 1 and close Feb. 9th at 11:59pm
  - Late registrations will be accepted with an additional fee of \$50 until Feb. 16th at 11:59pm
  - Registrations beyond 2/16 will not be accepted due to the uniform ordering timeline
  - Registration fees will remain the same
  - Families with multiple players will receive a discount - Registration fees are capped at \$250 per family, not including the purchase of a new jersey
  - Players on 8uA and up may reuse their previous jersey from last spring/fall or choose to purchase a new one for \$35
  - During registration, families should include their jersey number if reusing from last season. If purchasing a new jersey, they must select 3 preferred numbers. All players will receive a new hat and should select a hat size on the registration form
  - T Ball and 8uBC players will all receive new jerseys
- Concessions:
  - All teams, including T ball, will be assigned a date to work the concession stand next year. Discussion was had about implementing a volunteer opt out option where families could pay a fee and opt out of the required volunteer hours. The board decided that this will not be an option for the 2024 season but could revisit the idea at another time.

**Communications Director, submitted by Mike Frey:**

- A community member reached out to share a grievance regarding candy thrown at them by a walking parade participant during the Halloween parade. All SGBA players rode the float. Apology issued on behalf of SGBA for the incident.
- Concerns had been shared with the board about our 13u team regarding coaching guidance and the wish for a more positive environment. Practice has been observed and conversations with the coaches have occurred. Next steps and coaching considerations will be determined prior to the spring season.

**Fields and Grounds Director, submitted by Damian Sipe:**

- Game balls needed for playoffs
- Boro field - issues with water drainage, considering purchase of a large tarp to cover the field. Checking on cost and if SG Parks will allow it.
- NC upper also has water issues and could benefit from tarping. Contacting NC Township to get approval
- St. Rose - We have been given the ability to use the lower field to use for our older players. It will require considerable labor and cost which SGBA will be responsible for funding. Estimates will be shared in the future
- River Rock - awaiting meeting with the boro Future field use for 8u and Tball

- NC - approval to place artificial turf in the batting cage.

**Open Floor:**

- Amanda Rivera inquired about how the league determines A, B, and C level teams. There is question about why travel organizations place their teams at the B level when they should be placed in A
- Response: The administrator for each organization determines the A,B,or C placement. It is recognized that this is an issue in the York County League. Our League Liaison will seek additional answers and information at the next meeting.
- Kris Phagan is attending to express his interest in joining the board for 2024.

*Announcements:* The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Jefferson Borough Building. Future meetings schedule:

*December 12 at 6pm at Jefferson Borough Building*

*Adjournment:* Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Sipe, Secretary