

SEPLL Board Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2022

Peter, Matt Duckworth, Heather, Jeff, Matthew Kory, Cicely, Mary and Tony, Mike Swanson, Betsy Halvorson, Jason Habalar, Mario Deieso, Beth Lutz, Jake Weiss

- Finance/Budget
  - Registration
    - Revenue close to budget
  - Uniforms
    - Still a projection
  - Fields
    - Only \$100 over budget
  - Bank balance \$64K
  - Expense
    - Field permits (just over \$10K)
  - Still looking to be in the red by end of year
  - As we look into further expenditures, check in with Beth
  - Recouped just over \$300 from last year's balances.
  - Sponsorship
    - Just over 20 last year
    - Could we put something on the website about donating to a specific ask, e.g. portable mound? Yes this can be done.
- Uniforms
  - Getting rough numbers in the next two days
  - Do we need two sets of Majors for softball?
  - Order 18 for Juniors since there are currently 15 registered. Make sure to get some larger sizes.
  - No sponsor request for name on jersey. Need to know about this soon. Can be done at the last minute.
  - Betsy will connect with Beth to use credit card for patches.
  - Trimming back on extra hats this year.
  - Betsy will get a Spiritwear store up and running soon to be ready for pick up on opening day.
- Registration
  - Baseball
    - Ahead of last year's numbers
      - Tball 42, cap at 70 for boys/coed side
      - Rookie 98, cap at 110
      - Farm 46, cap at 48
      - Minors 105, cap at 110

- Majors 61 - cap at 66, so 6 teams of 11; might want to consider going up to 12 kids per team to make sure there are enough kids for each game
  - 50/70 22
  - No one on the waitlist; leave open in case enough players end up on the waitlist then can form another team, as long as there is a coach available. This applies to farm and younger. For older divisions, the waitlist can be a deterrent to waiting to play in SEPLL, as sometimes families will go find another league. Need to be able to get kids enough time on the field, so don't want too big of teams.
  - Smaller teams on younger side; could still get younger kids signing up
- Softball
  - Tball full
  - 2 rookie
  - 2 farm
  - 2 minor
  - 2 major (13)
  - 1 Junior; having 15 players is ok since they do double headers, so ok to have a bigger roster.
  - Will girls move up to a senior level next year? Not likely.
- Rosters
  - Park Permits live on March 11
  - Goal to get rosters out by March 4 to make use of the permits
- Safety Training
  - First two weeks of March
  - Ellie Schmidt stepping in as safety officer this year
- Equipment
  - Plan to hand out \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prioritize with older levels
  - Plan for soon after March 11
- Field Day
  - Usually starter to closer to start of games, late March
  - Weekend before spring break
  - Need to do Essex and Brooklyn Parks
  - Tony will set up breakdown time now to stay on the good side of PPR.

- Softball tries to get theirs up early at the Cleveland field as they rely on the SEPLL fencing.
  - Peter canceled Youngson field as it wasn't used. Heather will sit down with a smaller group and comb through the permitted fields.
  - Peter will call the city and see if anyone has permitted the Westmoreland fields yet? Would need a portable mound for the upper level. Lincoln youth baseball uses these along with Cleveland JBO.
- Challengers Baseball
    - A special needs league. East County has a team and is very interested in SEPLL's efforts to start one too. Tony is planning on spearheading this effort.
- Upper League Options
    - Junior Division for Baseball
      - Probably have enough to field a team this year.
      - Could we play non Little League teams, e.g. JBO, etc. In the past this wasn't allowed. Need to reach out to the district and check on this. Don Wylar.
      - LL has tried to form travel clubs for older kids. This is a new provision within LL.
      - Charter and insurance through LL and hence the limitations.
      - Bloomington is a 60/90 field but would need significant work to upgrade it to playable level.
      - Right now there aren't any teams above 50/70 in District 2.
- Old Timers Baseball Club went ahead and sent in the \$1500 donation instead of waiting until the April banquet.
- Peter will put together a board contact list.
- Upcoming Dates
    - Clackamas hosted tournaments
    - Opening Day April 9
    - Rosters out by March 4
    - LL day at Mariners June 12
    - Next board meeting is likely March 15.