

# Greenville Youth Sports

Greenville Youth Sports' (GYS) mission is to promote the growth of baseball and softball at all levels of competition for the Greenville community.

## July 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date and time: 7/13/2022 at 8:00PM | Meeting location: Greenville Community Park

### Roll Call (20) PRESENT

Lori Donaldson (President)

Brittany Jack (VP)

Amanda DeHaai (Treasurer)

Pat Wetzel (Secretary)

Eric Barth (IT Coordinator/Machine Pitch Commissioner)

Sonja Jeter (Sponsorship Coordinator)

Nick Steudel (Equipment Coordinator)

Bonnie Gremore (Fundraising Coordinator)

Greg Reimann (Registration Coordinator)

Andy Garr (Peewee & T-Ball League Commissioner)

Ryan Krause (Major League Commissioner)

Mark Lund (Girls Tournament Team Coordinator and Softball Tournament Coordinator)

Aaron Lehmkuhl (Minor League Commissioner)

Doug Schacht (Junior League Commissioner)

Nicole Eidahl (Senior League Commissioner)

Andy Plamann (Coach Pitch Commissioner)

Megan Meyer (Website Coordinator)

Chris French (Umpire Coordinator)

Nicole Sommer (Diamond Scheduler)

Sam Obermeier (Volunteer Coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 8:09pm

### BOARD MEETING

- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Mark Beschta appeared inquiring on softball age parameters for tournament softball eligibility and asked about HYS and GYS coordinating more inter-league baseball games during the league season for younger ages.
- **RECOGNITIONS:**
  - N. Sommer recognized Eric Barth for filling in for her on recent rescheduling tasks.
  - N. Eidahl submitted commendation to Mark Lund for all his efforts running softball tournaments
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - B. Jack motioned to approve the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes as presented. A. Plamann seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### REPORTS

- **President's Update - Lori Donaldson**
  - Advised on improvements being made for onboarding new board members in future, to include references and expectations for board members to assist with home hosted tournament weekends: To-Do Lists, Open/Close, field prep, etc.

- **Vice President's Report – Brittany Jack**
  - Working with Sonja to coordinate Scheels presence at league ending tournament, will have pig roast/ham available at concessions courtesy of Dan Kern who is donating his time and charcoal.
- **Treasurer Report - Amanda DeHaai**
  - Financials submitted for review. Advised on credit card points available to be utilized for the benefit of GYS via additional prizes for golf outing, etc.
  - Overall board discussion was held on considering gift cards to be supplied to league coaches for the efforts they put forward for leagues.
    - N. Sommer motioned to reimburse each league coach with a \$15 gift card via GYS credit card points as a thank you for service this season. B. Jack seconded the motion. Motion passed. E. Barth and P. Wetzel abstained from voting.
- **Registration Report – Greg Reimann**
  - Nothing new to report as season is nearing an end.
  - Discussion was held on the type of information (emergency contacts, etc.) that may be able to be utilized or expanded in SportsEngine. General discussion only, no action taken.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator Report –**
  - Reported on mesh banners for future banner program. Working with Scheels for participation in the league ending tournament Saturday.
- **Fundraising Coordinator Report –**
  - 155 players haven't fulfilled raffle calendar requirements as of yet. Discussed whether to explore alternative forms of payment in future (i.e. venmo, electronic methods).
- **Equipment Coordinator Report**
  - Will work to coordinate end of year equipment turn in for league teams after season ends.
- **IT Coordinator Report**
  - Considering session after season is over to work with board members in more depth on Microsoft tools to help record keeping and communications, if deemed beneficial.
- **Diamond Scheduler Update**
  - Board as a whole thanked Nicole for her efforts this year.
  - All tourney games have been scheduled for the weekend.

- Discussed having a concessions lead worker having access to master schedules in the future, if that would help with game night coordination activities.
- **Volunteer Coordinator Report**
- **League Commissioner Reports – (written reports submitted in advance)**
  - **PeeWee/TeeBall – Andy Garr** – PeeWee has finished season and received medals. TeeBall has one more week left and medals will be handed out. Season has gone well for both.
  - **Coach Pitch – Andy Plamann** - Season has gone well, teams are missing players for the league ending tournament and efforts will be made to ensure kids are able to play. Some players (or parents) are refusing their player to wear a mandatory mask on the field, wondering how we want to handle in future. Overall season has gone well.
  - **Machine Pitch – Eric Barth** – Tournament bracket and schedule is set and has been communicated to coaches. Overall a successful season.
  - **Junior League – Doug Schacht** – All games completed for season and tournament bracket set. Three games planned Thursday in Greenville, bracket games Friday in Hortonville, finishing Saturday in Greenville. Shoutout to Nicole Sommer for her efforts in scheduling through the crazy, rain soaked, constant schedule-shifting season.
  - **Minor League – Aaron Lehmkuhl** – Tournament is set for the weekend, good season.
  - **Senior League – Nicole Eidahl** – League games finishing Wednesday night of meeting, would like to see that more 14u players are available to umpire league tournament weekends rather than having commitments elsewhere for their own tournaments.
  - **Major League – Ryan Krause** – Working with Chris French to coordinate league tourney umps. Need to confirm Battle of the Bats with HYS.
    - **Field Crew/Maintenance Report (Krause):** Need more chalk. Last planned workday for crew is Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>, will need to make plan for field prep after that date as needed.
  - **Softball Tournament Teams – Mark Lund** – Catfish Tournament just held. Need board members available for 2023 team tryouts in mid August.
  - **Baseball Tournaments – Committee** – Will be meeting in 1-2 weeks to prep for review of season and tryout prep for next season.

### OLD BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

- **League Tournament – Any last minute prep, schedules, tasks, etc.**
  - Created to-do list for prep and operation of tournament weekend

- **Discussion on Diamond C Fence Upgrade for After 2022 Season**
  - Planned to be completed, discussion was held on D dugout fences this season, some requested if dugout could be widened for more space.

#### **NEW BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items**

- **Year End Coaches Survey(s)**
  - Will be created in Microsoft Forms and sent out soon.
- **Summer Send Off Parade / Summer Send Off Home Run Derby**
  - M. Meyer advised she'd be interested in being lead for the parade float project for GYS
  - HR Derby would be Friday 8/26
- **Discuss Tournament Baseball Uniform Ordering Process Changes for 2023 Teams**
  - Advised Fox Cities Embroidery would move to an online ordering setup this fall, with some in-person fitting days. Should be more efficient for future.
- **Aug 13<sup>th</sup> GYS Golf Outing – Preparations, schedule, Items needed, etc**
  - Tournament teams need to create a raffle basket and have delivered prior to tourney weekend. All board members advised to bring a bottle of liquor to the August board meeting in order to fill a raffle prize with all of the bottles.
  - Need golfers, sponsors, hole signs, etc.
- **Consideration of Fall League Participation for 8u baseball**
  - Discussed communication from Kimberly for interest in 8u team playing fall ball to prep for kid pitching in 2023. Board advised it would be allowable but likely not covered under GYS insurance.
- **Discussion on Sponsorship Opportunities within GYS**
  - Discussed number of different sponsorship topics: teams, banners, scoreboards. Some potential sponsors have inquired on additional opportunities. Discussion held on gathering list of needed items or capital improvements to park that may qualify for a sponsor's consideration for future.
- **Discussion on Future Diamond Improvements – Fields, Materials, etc.**
  - Park Subcommittee will meet in coming weeks on improvements needed at Community Park, potential opportunities at Field of Dreams/Sports Complex, Greenville Middle School field and other opportunities to make efficient use of GYS funds to expand or improve playing spaces for the kids in the baseball/softball programs.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Wed Aug 3rd, 2022– Location TBD

M. Lund made motion to adjourn at 11:06pm. G. Reimann seconded the motion. Motion approved to adjourn at 11:04pm.