

Whitehall Area Youth Association  
January 26, 2022  
Whitehall Memorial High School

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Katie Johnson. Roll call was done. Members present were Katie Johnson, Lacie Moats, Dan Klidzejs, Melissa Pientok, Stephanie Sartor, Christina Estenson, and Becky Nordahl. A quorum was established with those members present.

Katie reviewed the October 2021 meeting minutes and read them allowed. A motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Melissa Pientok. Second was made by Dan Klidzejs. Motion Carried.

Committee updates were given by Lacie Moats for both Fundraising and Concession.

Fundraising -

Fundraising has met in person and discussed fundraisers for the upcoming season, including a Falls Meat Bundle sale, and fundraising ideas that will be done during the 12U Community Baseball tournament in May. Those fundraisers included a 50/50 raffle and a basket/bucket raffle. Also, the concession stand would be a fundraiser. Current jersey is discontinued. Melissa Pientok is working with a someone to potentially

Concessions -

Estimated cost is \$2200-\$2500 to get all 4 stands up and going for the season. The committee is working on getting together menus for and current pricing. Ideas are being discussed to get parents into the stands to work shifts.

Becky Nordahl gave a detailed update on Sports Engine.

**See Attachment 1** for all details.

Katie Johnson gave a detailed update on the Dairyland League.

**See Attachment 2** for all details (#7).

Katie Johnson reviewed the current By-Laws.

**See Attachment 2** for details (#8).

A motion was made by Lacie Moats to strike out by-laws in Article XV. Age Groups (paragraph 2) in accordance with discussions within the Dairyland League. Dan Klidzejs second the motion. Motion Carried.

Dairyland Q & A - Meagan Wells (referred to the current by-laws), asked if her daughter plays for a different, non Dairyland League team, in order to keep her contract valid with the Seymour Flames, would be able to return to WAYA the following year. She was told

that there would be an exception made for the current players who are under contract with the Seymour Flames and they would be allowed back.

Public Comment - a couple different parents expressed interest in possibly coaching this season.

Next meeting is February 9, 2022 at Outright Affair at 5:30 PM.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 by Dan Klidzejs. Second made by Melissa Pientok.

Minutes By: Lacie Moats

## [Attachment 1 - Sports Engine Update from Becky Nordahl]

The new website is up and running! Same name wayawisconsin.com

It includes :

### Board Info

- Board member contact info
- Agendas
- Meeting minutes
- Constitution & by laws

### Registration Info

- Dates
- Sport information
- Cost
- Registration link
- Scholarship information & application

### Apparel & merchandise

- We are working with squadlocker. Here you will be able to purchase additional jerseys, hats etc and also fan apparel & Merchandise items. Have it shipped directly to your home in approximately 2 weeks. If you have fan items you would like to see offered- t-shirts, sweatshirts, blankets, stadium seats, hats etc and/or design ideas please let me know.

### Sponsors

- Sponsorship information
- List of sponsors with links to their website. Please make sure to support the sponsors and thank them for their commitment to our organization.

### Our Facilities

- Field names and addresses
- Map
- Info about the area like concessions, porta pot, playground etc
- Field rules and expectations of players and fans

### Team Info

- Brief explanation of each level
- League Rules
- Rosters
- Schedule
- Coach Contact Info
- Equipment needs- bat sizes etc

### Safety

- Concussion
- Covid

### Calendar

- Board meetings
- Games will be posted week of May 1st- games will start Week of May 16th
- Practice schedule

## [Attachment 1 Cont.]

### Parent Corner

- How can you be involved in WAYA
- How to's in sportsengine
  - Change your password
  - Send a message to your team
  - Add guardians or others like grandma etc so they get info about schedule changes or game times
  - How to get all of your children's schedules all in one place

### Concessions

- Sign up requirements
- Link to Dibs (check often for openings)
- Email and FB post will go out around May 3rd/4th with Sign up info

### Coaches Corner

- Volunteer application
- Trainings
- Sports engine info for coaches

### Umpires Corner

- We are looking for umpires age 13 & up
- Find sign up information
- Umpire clinic info April 30 in Black River Falls
- League Rules

Online registration will open on Feb 13th starting at 6:00pm

- Board members will be here at the school from 6-8 to answer any additional questions, you may have
- Computers will be available for registration
- Buy sell swap event- bring your items in
  - Registration closes March 5th
    - Late registration \$25 late fee March 6-10th

Coaches will contact players and will practice 2x between March 12-March 31st & draft teams equally

April 1st official practices start

- Rosters will be uploaded to sportsengine
- \*Coaches

& parents will be able to communicate through this platform

- \*There is an app you can download for free on your phone
- View rosters
  - Practice and game schedules
  - Be notified of changes
  - Ask other parents questions- rideshare etc

SB Clinic Feb 20th more info to come

Coaches Dairyland meeting via Zoom April 27th

## [Attachment 2 - Dairyland League Update from Katie Johnson]

### 7. Dairyland League Update

- Communities participating: (11)
  - Whitehall (HOME)
  - Independence (6mi)
  - Blair-Taylor (9mi)
  - Arcadia (16mi)
  - Ettrick (18 mi)
  - Alma-Center (24 mi)
  - Cochrane-Fountain City (31 mi)
  - Black River Falls (32 mi)
  - Melrose-Mindoro (35 mi)
  - Alma (43 mi)
  - Pepin (55 mi)
- Schedule:
  - Mondays:
    - 10U Softball (Minors)
    - 12U Baseball (Majors)
    - 14U Softball (Juniors)
  - Tuesdays:
    - 10U Baseball (Minors)
    - 12U Softball (Majors)
    - 14U Baseball (Ponies)
  - Wednesdays:
    - 10U Softball (Minors)
    - 12U Baseball (Majors)
    - 14U Softball (Juniors)
  - Thursdays:
    - 10U Baseball (Minors)
    - 12U Softball (Majors)
    - 14U Baseball (Ponies)
  - Rough Draft for coaches April 18
  - Final Schedule no later than May 2
  - Opening day: May 16th
  - 10-14 games total NOT including league tournaments
- Tball/8U:
  - Most, if not all communities have Tball and 8U teams.
  - Schedules for these teams are determined by coaches communicating with each other.
- Rules:
  - No major changes to Dairyland Rules vs Seymour Rules
  - Teams split evenly

## [Attachment 2 Cont.]

### 8. By-Laws update

- Review:
  - Inconsistencies seen from opposing teams within the Seymour League at the 14U level
  - Our players were being put up against 'stacked' teams more often with each new season and were becoming alarmingly discouraged/wanting to quit/didn't see a point in trying, etc. Some players quit mid-season.
  - In order to give our players an equal opportunity at game experience, our 2021 board discussed and voted unanimously to split teams based on talent.
    - Benefits: Advanced players can continue to progress with Higher Level Coaching. Struggling players get one on one coaching and endure practices with drills and coaching more suitable for their training needs.
    - Games are of equal competition = effective game experience.
    - Problems: Against rules, players feelings hurt (Hoping to prep for CTeam vs JV vs Varsity split in HS)
    - WAYA's Mission Statement: *Providing positive athletic opportunities and experiences for area youth and families!*
  - **April 7, 2021 Meeting -**
  - **April 7 Agenda Item 5a.** "Concerns about splitting 14U teams"
  - **April 7 Meeting minutes:**
    - "Ed {Slaby} made a motion to have a roll call vote to split the teams into an A and B team starting next year. Laci {Moats} made a second to the motion. The roll call vote was 9 votes in favor of the motion, and 0 votes against."
    - "Board members Laci Moats, Ed Slaby, DJ Johnson, Trey Johnson, Melissa Pientok, Pat Schorbahn, Stephanie Sartor, Sami Becker, Brittany Halama, and Christina Estenson were present. Program Coordinators Katie Johnson and Becky Nordahl were present"
  - **May 2, 2021 Meeting -**
  - **May 2 Agenda Item 5d.** "2nd vote on splitting 14u teams by ability starting with the 2021-22 season. If approved will go into the bylaws."
  - **May 2 Meeting Minutes:**
    - "Laci {Moats} made a motion to split the 14U baseball team into "A" and "B" teams based on skill levels. Stephanie {Sartor} made a second to the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. This is the second passing of this motion and it will be entered into the WAYA Bylaws."
    - "Board members present were Brittany Halama, Ed Slaby, Pat Schorbahn, Stephanie Sartor, and Laci Moats. Christina Estenson joined on a video call. Program Coordinators Becky Nordahl and Katie Johnson were present."
- 8a. Strike out by-laws in Article XV. Age Groups (paragraph 2) in accordance with discussions within the Dairyland League.