



Dover Youth Softball League
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 29, 2024, 7:00 PM
Cara's Pub

DYSL Board of Directors (mark those present with an "X")

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President – JAMIE STEVENS | <input type="checkbox"/> 6U Division Director – OPEN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President – NATALIE SACCOCCIA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8U Division Director – ASHLEY CHERRY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer – BRUCE THORNER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10U Division Director – LANCE KEELTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary – NATALIE SACCOCCIA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12U Division Director – KEITH FORTIER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past President – OPEN | <input type="checkbox"/> 16U Division Director – OPEN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Sponsorship – PATTY KINNICUT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Coaches – STEVE SHEPARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar – LINDSAY CALLAGHAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Media – JIM DESROSIERS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Concession Stand – KRYSTAL SMALL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Liaison – MELISSA LEBLANC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Equipment – TODD LAFOND | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> League Scheduler – JOSH ROBERGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Facilities – ERIN MILLS | |

16 Positions Filled, 15 Members, 3 Positions Available. Quorum= 8 people

1) **Call to Order:** 7:01pm

2) **Citizen's Forum:** No hands for citizen forum.

3) **Regular Business:**

- a) Meeting Minutes: Vote to accept January 22, 2024 meeting minutes with the following changes:
- Ashley Cherry attendance changed.
 - Old Business Item Babe Ruth National under Older Business 4B to clarify starting sentence.
 - Spring schedule (d)- Bruce requested clarity on the Barrington tournament. Change it to local jamboree.
 - New Business (b)- Bruce requested clarification on the Steve Towne Estate and that it was pro-bono. In addition to settling the town estate he did provide counsel on the wall project.
 - Bruce requested change Dawn to Don High Lander spelling, unsure of location in notes. (3 board members joined the meeting late during this time).

Motioned by: Todd Seconded by: Lance, 12/12___ In Favor ___0_ Oppose ___0___ Abstain

b) Treasurer's Report- no changes reported.

i) Current Accounts

(1) League Checking: \$73, 725.69 (\$147.37 obligated) (reported \$39,321.45)



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- (2) DYSL All-Star Teams Acct: \$600.00 (reported \$300.00)
- (3) DYSL Concessions Acct.: \$300.00 (reported \$300.00)
- (4) Shaw's Ln. Concession Building: \$2,702.46 (reported \$2704.46)
- (5) Special Revenue Fund: \$1,313.52 (reported \$1,313.52)

4) Old Business:

- a) Spring Registrations: total of 19 players registered.
 - i) Updates on registrants
 - 6U- 3 players
 - 8U- 5 players
 - 10U- 5 players
 - 12U- 6 players

- b) Spring Training Clinics:
 - i) UNH collaboration
 - (1) UNH is willing to partner with DYSL to help provide skill building clinics to players following the end of their season, including pitching instruction. More to come.

- c) Opening Day
 - i) Agreement on Southside location; the past couple months have been vandalized. 10:30 the first game would start; 15 minutes later start on upper field.
 - ii) National Anthem- Lance- no, nephew is not interested. Lindsay has a family member who would be interested.
 - iii) Dover High School Team- Natalie to reach out and the subcommittee will meet to prepare a task link. Todd has connection with Melvin.
 - iv) Selling apparel- Todd discussed we trialed last year, however it wasn't easily accessible to people in the concession stand to sell. Krystal inquired about selling apparel. Discussed selling apparel this year. Todd to get an inventory of clothes. Discussed setting up a QR code for merchandise.

- d) Sponsorship Updates: Patty reported \$4,000 has come in so far. Dates and times confirmed for upcoming fundraisers:
 - i) Little Cesar's scheduled 4/28-5/28
 - ii) 5 guys night May 1st
 - iii) April 17th 5-9 Chipotle
 - iv) Cinco's night- March 20th (all day)
 - v) Hockey night- last night- 18 tickets sold with \$180 in profits.

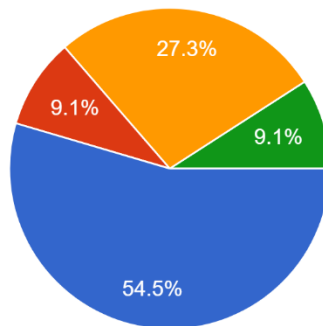


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- vi) Meat Bingo- March 2 @ 2:30, Dover Legion. Please note date change. Ashley has a connection with the Moose (her father). Discussed having two Meat Bingo fundraisers. Moose Meat Bingo ideally after Opening Day.
 - vii) Dover Poker Room- Keith inquired if we are moving forward. Patty indicated they will contact her if DYSL is selected. There is a competitive list and we may not get into this year.
- e) Board Vote on Meeting Location: majority voted to keep meetings at the current location and time. We will proceed with maintaining this schedule.

Where and when do you prefer to meet for DYSL meetings?

11 responses



- Sundays/Mondays @ Cara's Pub in Dover (facility offered free of cost) @ 7pm
- Strafford Farms Restaurant on Wednesdays @ 7pm
- Either works with notice
- In order, Wednesdays, Sundays and Mondays if need be.

6) **New Business:**

a) Spring Coaches-

Updates on Applicants/Needs- new 8U coach that has inquired. Another has put an application in. Ashley inquired about how coaching applications work. Discussed how applications are received on Sports Engine. Steve reviews and they complete the background check. Then contact is made with division directors. Coaches can be approved but not necessarily be assigned a team to coach, which requires board meeting vote. Discussed how this might be an inconvenience to prospective volunteers paying for a background check when they won't be assigned a team. Board discussed alternative approach. Melissa reinforced the importance of not turning anyone away. Natalie suggested having a conversation with each individual and division director. Bruce stated between the first week of March we should have an idea of how many teams we will have for each division. Bruce reinforced communicating that we will have a better idea of coaching ideas May 1st. Discussed in rare occurrences, if an applicant does not work that we would reimburse for the background check fee with written request to the board.

i) Coaching Clinic/Training Requirements



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- (1) Coach Smart Training- continue or discontinue? Steve reached out to Ricky Conway, Assistant Rec Director. He highly recommended continuing as they are increasing coaching requirements for the City of Dover. He stated that someone on the field has to be Coach Smart certified. Josh inquired about dates, however Steve stated that is not known. Josh mentioned he could reach out to Ricky to be notified of when dates become available.
- (2) CPR/First Aid- is anyone on the board interested in community level certification? 5 people interested, Natalie can follow up with the Dover Fire Department.
- (3) Attack tryouts/spots- discussed a social media post was made with pre-identified player who had made an Attack team without a formal tryout. This generated concerns from families. No action is needed on this account, however reiterated the importance of opportunity for all girls to try out.
 - 10U- had one fall try out (8 were offered positions)
 - 12U- not able to have a fall try out due to weather. Spring
 - Todd inquired about bylaws limiting tryouts. Board discussed divisions having options in both seasons to secure players who might leave to other leagues.

7) Final Topics

a) Actions Review:

- Josh to follow up with Ricky up Coach Smart Dates and finalize drafted schedule
- Natalie to made meeting minute revisions
- Ashley to reach out to her father at the Moose
- Steve to keep list updated for coaches.

b) Final Comments/Concerns:

- Bruce asked if the board would want coaching support to new coaches. He is willing to provide instruction 60-120 minutes. Patty wants to run free clinics if she can get a sponsor. Natalie reiterated possible support with UNH. Interest expressed by 3 board members to support this type of training, especially for new coaches.

8) Adjourn- motion to adjourn at 8:10 by Jim, seconded by Ashley. 14/14 in favor, no opposition or abstain.

Meeting Schedule: (2nd and 4th Mondays of each month until the season begins)

- Monday February 12th @ 7pm
- Monday February 26th @ 7pm
- Monday March 11th @ 7pm
- Monday March 25th @ 7pm