



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

Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2023 / 7:00 PM

In Attendance

Lori Donaldson (President)

Bonnie Gremore (VP)

Amanda DeHaai (Treasurer)

Sonja Jeter (Secretary)

Eric Barth (IT Coordinator)

DJ Braemer (Sponsorship Coordinator)

Nick Steudel (Equipment Coordinator)

Meyer Megan (Fundraising Coordinator)

Greg Reimann (Registration Coordinator)

Andy Garr (Peewee & T-Ball League
Commissioner)

Open Board Position (Major League
Commissioner)

Erik Schuessler (Machine Pitch Commissioner)

Andy Plamann (Girls Tournament Team Coordinator and
Softball Tournament Coordinator)

Aaron Lehmkuhl (Minor League Commissioner)

Chris French (Junior League Commissioner)

Nicole Eidahl (Senior League Commissioner)

TJ Minnehan (Coach Pitch Commissioner)

Nikki Sheedy (Website Coordinator)

Doug Schacht (Umpire Coordinator)

Nicole Sommer (Diamond Scheduler)

Alex Baier (Volunteer Coordinator)

Guest: Megan Turkow

Board Meeting

- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Time allotted / 10 min /

Meeting called to order at 6:59 pm

Megan Turkow was introduced to the board as concessions manager. Megan has experience being on the board and is familiar with how the concession stand is run. She will send out the concessions survey to the board and we will provide feedback.

- **RECOGNITIONS:** Time allotted / 3 min /
Megan Meyer for getting the flyer out.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Time allotted / 2 min /
- Motion to approve February minutes by Eric Barth. Megan Meyer, second. Amanda abstained because she was absent last month.

REPORTS

- **President's Update**
 - FCE team store is up, need to get info out on the website, facebook, etc. FCE is willing to do this as a fundraiser. We appreciate this and need to promote this. Will check with Cheryl at FCE. Lori will follow up.

- **Vice President's Report**
 - Working on contacting Leo's to confirm if they would like to have their food truck on opening day.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Replacement of Six Pack Drink Chips—1,000 chips for \$566.00.
 - Propose ordering 500 of the white chips. Could order the chips in exchange for a field banner. Motion to approve 500 white drink chips for approximately \$283 Nicole Sommer, seconded by Andy Plamann. Motion carried.
 - Gift Card Sales within Square
 - Square can create a digital gift card for Community Park concession stand. Would like to try this. This is at no cost to us. We can advertise that this is a great gift for Easter baskets. Can advertise to attendees in advance of a tournament. So that they can purchase and be set for the tournament.
- **Registration Report**
 - Pee Wee 42, T-ball 137, Machine Pitch 93, Minors 72, Majors 69, Coach Pitch 86, Junior League 108, Senior League 48
 - 12 griffins that need to register, 3 PBFP that need to register.
 - Will look through last year's registration to see who has not yet registered.
 - \$360 PBFP \$525 Baseball for fundraising attached to registration.
- **Sponsorship Coordinator Report**
 - 35 confirmed team sponsors, 20 have not heard back from, a few opted out, 8 on the waiting list.
 - Banners sponsors 10 confirmed.
 - Scheels days confirmed.
 - Hat design
 - One more email blast
- **Fundraising Report**
 - Calendars: will reach out to get them printed and have them ready for Scheel's Days. Set drop off location and times. The Twist, Jeff's Water Conditioning, Stoneyard—Wednesday evening drop off calendars.
 - Setting up fundraising website. Set up a goal. What should be the starting goal \$ amount. \$250,000 for a complete field. Do not need to specify that it is for FOD, could also use the money for making improvements at Community Park.
 - Check with 360 about donating apparel that could be sold as a fundraiser for FOD.
 - Vertical banner with the thermometer with a QR code that people can scan. Would like to have it for Scheels Days. Megan Meyer made a motion for \$100 to purchase vertical banner. Seconded by Chris French.
- **Equipment Coordinator Report**
 - Machine pitch for coach pitch this year and facemasks start immediately. Check on the number of pitching machines. May need more springs.
- **IT Coordinator Report**
 - Follow up with Eric regarding if background check needs to be completed. GYS covers the cost. Coaches and named assistant coaches need to have a background check.
- **Diamond Scheduler Report**
 - Schedule is planned. We have a lot of space available with GMS back. HYS will host two girls league games Wednesday and Thursday. Discussion regarding whether or not to pick a practice

time for each team throughout the season. It could be easier for families to plan with set practice times. It could be difficult if the practice time set for the season did not work for some players.

- If we don't play games on the holidays, we would have 10 weeks of games. No games during the 4th of July. If there are several rainouts, make up games will be scheduled during that week.
- Double headers in Greenville
- **Volunteer Coordinator Report**
 - Dibs is ready to go. Flyer set up with a QR code to sign up for volunteering.
- **Umpire Coordinator Report**
 - Proposed Umpire Manual Motion to approve Andy Plamann, seconded by Nicole Eidahl. Umpire Grading Card: Would it be possible to digitize the card? Motion to adopt umpire feedback was made by Eric Barth, seconded by Erik Schuessler.
 - Revised Umpire Cards (Team Sportsmanship Rating) Motion to approve by Andy Plamann, Megan Meyer Seconded.
 - Sunday April 23rd 1:30-4:00 WIAA umpire and former GYS player Umpire Clinic; not in conjunction with HYS. Umpires are 12 years old and up.
- **League Commissioner Reports - Time allotted | 5 min each | Action required: submit report by email; follow up discussion as needed in new business**
 - **PeeWee/TeeBall – Andy Garr**
 - **Coach Pitch – TJ Minnehan**
 - **Coach pitch is now machine pitch**—there have been complaints that girls have coach pitch and boys get machine pitch. Can be challenging for some volunteer coaches to pitch, can cause game delays. Aligning with how the boys are playing. Might get more coach volunteers knowing that they will not have to pitch.
 - **Mandatory Masks**—required at this level. Infield only.
 - **Machine Pitch – Erik Schuessler**
 - **Junior League – Chris French**
 - 3/4 of the tournament teams have produced lists of pitchers/catchers and their subsequent ranking for dividing these positions up evenly across the league's teams.
 - Going through last year's team rosters. Looking at returning players and coach pitch girls moving up to potentially fill spots on those teams.
 - Receiving and logging requests from parents for girls to be placed on the same team based on schools, neighborhood, and family arrangements.
 - **Minor League – Aaron Lehmkuhl**
 - Draft day and finding coaches.
 - **Senior League – Nicole Eidahl**
 - 5 teams
 - Concerned about the lack of coaches.
 - **Major League–Open Board Position**
 - Send out emails to major league parents/families.
 - **Baseball Tournament--Committee**
 - **Softball Tournament Teams – Andy Plamann**
 - New uniforms and apparel store
 - Girls were required to buy new uniforms. No longer FCE, new uniforms are being ordered from Cooney's.

- USA Softball rule change
 - Cutoff date changed from January 1st to August 1st. Tournament teams and league teams may align more closely. USA Softball is not the only governing body. Will have to see what other softball governing bodies decide.
- Off season practice space scheduling
- UWO may run a camp as a fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

NEW BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

- 10U Baseball—Nicole Sommer
- GYS Printer—Nicole Sommer motioned to approve \$350 for printer and supplies. Second by Lori Donaldson.

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

- Possible schedule changes for league game nights
- Umpire registration and spring training for umpires
- Major League Coordinator – Open position
- Grounds Crew Lead – Open position

Next Meeting

Monday, April 10th, location FVTC

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:04 p.m. by Nicole Eidahl. Second by Chris French.