



Dover Youth Softball League  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 12, 2024, 7:00 PM  
Cara's Pub

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

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registrar – LINDSAY CALLAGHAN            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Media – JIM DESROSIERS    |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Facilities – ERIN MILLS      |   |

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

1) **Call to Order:** 7:00pm

2) **Citizen's Forum:** No one present.

3) **Regular Business:**

- Meeting Minutes: Vote to accept January 29, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Edits: financial account balances were change to reflect accurate data.
- Motioned by: Patty, Seconded by: Keith, 12: In Favor, 0: Oppose, 1:Abstain

a) Treasurer's Report-

i) Current Accounts

- (1) League Checking: \$74,842.35 (\$765.23 obligated) (reported 2/12/24)
- (2) DYSL All-Star Teams Acct: \$1,540.00 (reported 2/12/24)
- (3) DYSL Concessions Acct.: \$300.00 - unchanged (reported 12/11/23)- unchanged
- (4) Shaw's Ln. Concession Building: \$2,555.09 changed (reported 2/12/24)-
- (5) Special Revenue Fund: \$1,313.52 – unchanged (reported 9/10/23)
- (6) Bruce has set off the taxes to the CPA and the annual report. The fee is \$75 to the state of NH and was mailed today.
- (7) Difference in \$2k between last year increase. Bruce to call a different insurance company tomorrow to get clarification (currently with K&K Insurance). Natalie asked about equipment, officers/directors, crime etc. Bruce referenced a private broker that he knows and is looking into this. Baseball also in a similar situation where they have privately owned fields. They ensured their fields through a different insurer. Bruce to clarify insurance information for next meeting.



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Vote to accept the treasurer's report.

Motioned by: Jim, Seconded by: Lance, 13/13: In Favor, 0: Oppose, 0: Abstain

**4) Old Business:**

a) Spring Registrations:

i) Updates on registrants. Last month numbers/Current numbers

-6U- 3 players/8

-8U- 5 players/16 + 3 that want to play up (intend to play up in 8U). Faye has registered. Mila and Mackenzie are also players that have expressed interest in playing 8U. Keith mentioned Amelia who has not registered.

-10U- 5 players/13

-12U- 6 players/12

b) Upcoming Dates/Save the Date

-3/2 Meat Bingo Dover Legion

-4/13 Field Clean Up

c) Sponsorship Happenings/Updates:

i) Little Cesar's scheduled 4/28-5/28

ii) 5 guys night 5/1

iii) Cinco's night March 20

iv) Chipotle April 17, 5-9pm

v) Meat Bingo- March 3 @ 2:30, Dover Legion

vi) Dover Poker Room

vii) Updates on sponsorship checks- \$6200 for fundraising coming in. Convenient MD is back as a sponsor. Hopkins Real Estate Enterprises.

d) Schedule

i) Coach Smart Date- Josh heard back and Gary will be discussing at the upcoming President's meeting this month.

ii) Assessments- March 18<sup>th</sup> 10U, March 19<sup>th</sup> 12U both at WPS at 6:15pm.

iii) Josh to reach out to local softball leagues to coordinate scheduling other games.

e) Picture Day- May 11<sup>th</sup>, same day as baseball different time slot. Clic is the vendor. Josh discussed that games would be scheduled this day. Jim can reach back out to May 5<sup>th</sup>/Sunday morning preferable. Jim can reach out to check availability.

**6) New Business:**



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- a) Spring Coaches
  - i) Updates- 26 coaches interested and approved. 10 coaches ready for approval by the board. Erin M. just did hers. Steve shared the coaching list with Lindsay. The Stickles are waiting on their background check.
  - ii) Discussed several local players interested in 16U league. Keith suggested reaching out to those players. Two parents would be interested in helping to coach. There may be some difficulty with finding other teams to play at that age. Discussed the cost of reimbursing players if we were not able to fulfill the obligation of a 16U team. Lindsay also discussed sponsoring, invoicing, or not billing until a team can be guaranteed (signing up with a disclaimer).
  - iii) Middle School Team- school board has not voted. Middle School Team trying to fundraise, Peter Wotton helping with schedule and transportation. Not sure if it will include grades 6, 7, 8 or just 7 and 8 TBD. Coach has been background checked, however not voted in. Rachel, Josh's wife, is helping to organize this team. Unsure of how this will impact our league without knowing the grades eligible and schedule. The Board discussed partnering with the DMS?
  
- b) Winter Clinic
  - i) Coverage 4 sessions- are we all set?  
-March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10-11 Ashley needs help to cover for 8U
  
- c) Bylaw Subcommittee Update
  - i) Next meeting 2/18- two sections left (board responsibilities and summer rules). Document will be ready for the board to review about a week later.
  - ii) Lindsay asked the board- if you have questions about summer rules (questions, thoughts, concerns), please let her know by this Sunday for the subcommittee to review.
  - iii) Ashley asked about a spring ball change for 8U- if you hit the ball to the outfield, you get second base. If you hit to the infield, you must stop at first base including an error. Ashley would like them to have the option to advance to the second.
  
- d) Community Liaison
  - i) Current outreach- Melissa clarified her role to help build relations that build DYSL numbers. Melissa created a google sheet with contacts involving preschools etc. Melissa's goal is to create a blueprint.
  - ii) Melissa shared outreach ideas:
    - Sandwich board advertisement
    - Winter clinics drop ins (bring a friend days)
    - Athletic directors and PE teachers
    - Come try DYSL days
    - Find creative ways to draw children in from other sports
    - School open houses
    - Advertising at local business (e.g., Museum, the Works)



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- iii) Plan for advertisement/recruitment-
  - Natalie suggested brainstorming as a board and prioritizing initiatives, especially overtime.
  - Bruce asked if we had a flyer, and we do. He is willing to help deliver. Costs for printing materials can be reimbursed by DYSL.
  - Discussed using Jamie's email on the flyers as primary contact.
  - Keith suggested a survey to recruit involvement.
  - Patty suggested targeting SBRELL (South Berwick, Rollinsford, Elliot Little League).

e) Opening Date

- i) Game Rule Changes- one rule has changed nationally for Babe Ruth that does not apply to DYSL. No changes for the 2024 season.

f) Summer/Attack Teams

- i) Steve's 12U Team Tryout- date TBD. Board discussed hearing that 8 girls were offered positions without having tryout. Steve reiterated zero players rostered. Once the tryout is scheduled, Jamie will appoint an executive board to oversee the tryout.
- ii) Melissa suggested a second Attack team (almost like a reserve team) concern about losing players who don't make the high level team, and this leading players to play for another league or find another sport. Multiple board members agreed. Rochester 12U may be folding, losing players for Granite State Elite. Having more eyes on the process in terms of assessments would be beneficial to reduce bias and promote objectivity.

g) Fence Update

- i) Lance to get an update on the schedule for next meeting.

**7) Final Topics**

a) Actions Review:

- Subcommittee to review final bylaw revisions, including the rule requested by Ashley
- Follow up with Jamie about communications with the DMS team- scheduling, partnering?
- Jim inquire about Sunday for photos
- Reach out to Melissa if interested in helping
- Lance to reach out to AAA Fence and get an update.

b) Final Comments/Concerns:

- Natalie is unable to attend the 3/25 meeting.
- Several board members cannot make the 2/26 meeting. Next meeting TBD.

**8) Adjourn**- motion to adjourn at 8:45pm by Lindsay, seconded by Melissa, 12/12 in favor.

**Meeting Schedule:** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month until the season begins)

- Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm- 5 board members cannot make.



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- Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Switch to Sundays---? Sundays March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm (Natalie cannot make this meeting).