

SLPSA Board Meeting  
June 26, 2022, 8:00 pm

**Present:** Adam Stromgren, Jeff Baskin, Jodi Coleman, Jen Rhoads, Susan Leet, Shelly Major

**Not Present:** Tami Cox, Dan Berendes

**Approval for May Minutes**

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeff

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jodi

Motion passed

**Approval for June Minutes**

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeff

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jodi

Motion passed

**Financials:**

Around \$20,000 balance-

Waiting on a few bills- Tower Days

Next:

\*State gate fees will need to be sent out this week.

\*Umpiring and coaching checks

\*Panther t-shirts

\*Check in on other reimbursement with coaches- ACE

**Recap of Pictures**

\*All seemed to go well- moved quickly

\*Seem to be pleased with quality

**Slamming 8's Event**

\*Positive feedback

\*Families enjoyed, quality experience

\*Will include on registration for next year

**Panther Classic Recap**

\*Positive/Negatives

-Include Feedback

**Wins:**

- *Set game times for parents to plan day (10U – AM & 12U – PM)*
- *Team enrollment fulfilled by April 1 (Waitlist – 3 teams)*
  - *Initial tourney invite email to directors/board presidents sent in Jan 22'*
- *Volunteering/Dibs execution/Parent participation*

- *Chick-Fil-A was extremely popular again this year*
- *Music/Field Announcing for Championship games / Music throughout Tourney Day*
- *Tourney Medals*
- *Weather*
- *Board partnership*
  - *Successful event because ALL board members took an 'All-Hands on deck' approach starting on Friday night with set-up.*

**Opportunities:**

- *Inconsistent rules provided vs. printed (Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike confusion)*
- *Online tourney registration/Should have leveraged MN softball site throughout entire process*
- *Ensure t-shirt vendor understands time expectations (left @ 2pm vs. tourney end time)*
- *Too much Jets pizza purchased (Popular but not THAT popular 😊)*

**Additional notes:**

- *Breaks in-between game times were too long (Could be trimmed down by 10-15 min)*
- *Proactively seek out a photographer to take action shots that can be purchased. (Photography company reached out day before tourney but was booked when we reached back out – Saved information for next year)*
- *Buy/Print Umpire cards (Thanks Jen! 😊)*
- *Add 2 additional fields (Field 5 & 6) and invite more 10U/12U teams to play, and/or have a mini 8U warm-up tournament as part of the classic*
- *Explore separate B & C tournaments with pool play. Perhaps do 2 days (Sat/Sun) vs. 1 day (Sat)*
  - *Panther Classic is becoming more popular (3 teams were waitlisted this year.) If popularity continues, might be worth expanding or adding 8U.*
- *Establish/Publish a criteria that accepts a max of 2 teams from each organization (Had to say no to 1 of 3 Soderville teams who registered)*

**Tower Days Recap**

- \*Blue teams showed up- only one girl from either red team
- \*Girls enjoyed it- had fun- everything went well
- \*Visibility of the organization
- \*Consider requiring more levels to participate/no practice/games that day

**NSC Expo Center**

- \*Formally move forward with tryouts.
- \*Hold until September and then 25% is due
- \*Check on cancellation policy

Motion: Given there is a return policy, we will move forward with securing and deposit.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jen

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff

Motion passed

**National Pins**

- \*Figure out price

- \*1, 10, 20. Can buy together or split between players (\$3.50, \$35, or \$70)
- \*Ordered and should be coming in soon

### **Fall Ball Registration**

- \*Deadline: August 13
  - \*Window: Month of July
  - \*T-shirt lead time? Don't need them until August 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*Cost: \$150- No cost increase
- Motion: Maintain cost at \$150- t-shirts (uniforms) included in fee. 10U-14U  
1<sup>st</sup>: Jeff  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jen  
Motion approved

- Motion: Cost of 8U reduced to \$25.00 for Fall  
1<sup>st</sup>: Jen  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff  
Motion approved

Open up a coach's application for Fall  
Tami can choose the T-shirt/uniform for Fall ball

### **Training Update:**

- \*Pitching is going well- invited 8's
- \*Chris would like to do hitting- wants to get things on the schedule - 8s, 10s, 12s

### **Panther Pride**

- \*Going great, happy with attendance
- \*Continue to be clear on expectations
- \*Sam is canceling July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- \*Adding in July 17, 24 (rain date)
- \*Medals for the kids

### **Summer Survey**

Susan will take care of it- open questions, same as last year

### **Board Meeting**

Move August board meeting to Sunday, August 7 (due to deadline for registrations)

### **Panther Roundtable**

Before the Board meeting on July 17  
Board meeting to follow.

### **Liaison Updates**

From 12U Red

\*Not accurately matched to teams in the tournament (Cambridge)

\*Team is consistently short players- league and tournaments- were able to pick up a 10U player that weekend

\*Started with 8- injured players left them at 7. Upset that as a program we would not borrow a player from the Blue team to help the Red team.

Response:

First: Reached out to Kalene for blue player, she worked on that and then added a player.

Second: Prior to the game on Saturday, I approached a Cambridge board member to see how they handle it when they play each other. Have there been any issues? They said no. If they are short players, if the league play- they swap players. In a tournament, you cannot swap or interchange players- this is a sanctioned tournament. At the start of the game, I approached the umpires about the situation. Can we loan them a player, if both sides agree? He said, no- you cannot loan between teams as it is a sanctioned tournament.

I also asked when their girl got hurt- if that girl's spot comes back up- can we skip her instead of calling her out? I am asking for any discretion. I made the decision to not approach Kalene when that player was hurt.

Motion: \$500 Donation to the NSC for Leo Genia's fund

1<sup>st</sup>: Jen

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff

Motion approved

Meeting adjourned: 9:55