



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

Meeting Agenda

Mar 5th, 2025 / 7:00 PM

In Attendance

Greg Reimann (President)

Bonnie Gremore (VP)

Amanda DeHaai (Treasurer)

OPEN (Secretary)

Andy Plamann (IT Coordinator)

Amanda Parafiniuk (Sponsorship Coordinator)

Drew Koepl (Equipment Coordinator)

Elizabeth Craig (Fundraising Coordinator)

Tad Dontje (Registration Coordinator)

TJ Minnehan (Peewee & T-Ball League Commissioner)

Joe Leitzke (Major League Commissioner)

Erik Schuessler (Machine Pitch Commissioner)

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

Eric Sheedy (Minor League Commissioner)

Kayla Louchbaum (Junior League Commissioner)

OPEN (Senior League Commissioner)

OPEN (Coach Pitch Commissioner)

Matthew Steege (Jr Kid Pitch Commissioner)

Gerald Helf (Website Coordinator)

Doug Schacht (Umpire Coordinator)

Brenna Jack (Diamond Scheduler)

Alex Baierl (Volunteer Coordinator)

Board Meeting

- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Time allotted / 5 min - None
 - **RECOGNITIONS:** Time allotted / 3 min - Drew recognized Tad for his work with registration. Sheedy recognized Elizabeth for her work on the raffle calendars. Amanda P recognized the commissioners for their work with teams. Greg recognized Amanda P for her work with sponsorship
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Time allotted / 2 min - Amanda P motioned, Amanda D seconded
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REPORTS

- **President's Update**
 - Megan Meyer has stepped down for personal reasons from the Secretary Role. Will need to fill within the board from anyone who has met the by-law criteria.
 - This March meeting is very important for attendance and getting a lot done as these are busy months leading up to the season. If there's not anything not directly related to league that we can troubleshoot on the side, that would be helpful to keep meeting times down
- **Vice President's Report** - meeting with Ashley (concession manager) this week to get started. Will need to put out ad on FB for concessions staff for summer.
- **Secretary's Report** - none
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Alcohol license – thanks to those that have completed this already;
 - Insurance – meeting with Family Insurance on March 13 to renew for 2025, new COI will be available late March

- 990 filing data has been sent to CLA for tax filing completion (Gerald copied as way of introduction to CLA team)

- **Registration Report**

League	Counts	# of Teams (projected)	Current Players per team
Pee Wee	43	4	
Tee Ball	110	16	
Coach Pitch	57	6	10
Kid Pitch	102	10	10
Machine Pitch	115	12	10
Juniors	83	8	10
Minors	66	6	11
Seniors	54	6	9
Majors	62	6	10

- **League Commissioner Reports - Time allotted | 5 min each | Action required: submit report by email; follow up discussion as needed in new business**

- **PeeWee/TeeBall – TJ Minnehan**
 - 9-10 kids per team
 - Opportunity/idea to have older Griffins kids help at Pee Wee practices/games
- **Coach Pitch (6U) – OPEN**
 - Beth Wachowiak – willing to take on the commissioner position
 - Head Coach sign ups (3): Pete Weyenberg, Michelle L’Esperance, Ashley Szymanski
 - Assistant coach/other sign ups (3): Kevin Kangas, Philip Lahey, Mindy Koehnke, Greg Reimann
 - Hope for 6 teams
- **Jr Kid Pitch (8U)– Matt Steege**
 - Head Coach sign ups (3): Matthew Steege, Chad Hildebrand, Michelle L’Esperance
 - Assistant Coach sign ups (4): Pete Weyenberg, Adam Welbes, Philip Lahey, Kevin Kangas
 - Spots for 9 more kids to have 10 teams of 11
- **Machine Pitch – Erik Schuessler**
 - Head Coach sign ups (10): Tom McHugh, Mitch Ryan, Aaron Klug, Mike Heroux, Ashley Maloney, James Hartz, David Meltz, Jeffrey Seichter, Brian Robbins, Joe Van Hulle
 - Assistant Coach sign ups (5): Rob Gudates, Eric Hoffman, Mark Smolinski, Marshall Legg, Tad Dontje
 - 10 teams of 12
 - Spots for 6 more kids if we get interest
 - Getting the teams divided up in the time allotted
 - Plan to get everything to Amanda P. before Monday, March 17 9pm
- **Junior League (10U) – Kayla Louchbaum**
 - Head Coach sign ups (5): Samuel Lecker, Megan Cahak, Steven Brincks, Josh Mattson, Philip Lahey
 - Assistant Coach sign ups (2): Dan Beck, Jodi Strube
 - Kayla is good with teams/sponsors
- **Minor League – Eric Sheedy**
 - Head Coaches selected (6): Gerald Helf, Pete Hehli, Lauren Ott, Erik Schuessler, Bill Verbrick, Drew Koeppl
 - Assistant Coach/Other sign ups (2): Justin Ranek, Travis Palmbach, Thomas Dawes Jr, Matt Palecek, Jeffrey Seichter
 - 6 teams of 11
 - 6 spots open if we allow 12 per team
 - Need to meet and do the draft

- **Senior League (12U) – OPEN**
 - Chase Simmons – willing to take on commissioner position
 - Head Coach sign ups (1): Bryan Krug
 - 5 or 6 teams – 10-11 players
 - CLOSED
- **Major League–Joe Lietzke**
 - Head Coach sign ups (3): Terry Timm, Scott Zehner, Richard Parafiniuk
 - Going to reach out to find some assistants and see how we can better coordinate to make it easier for the head coaches
 - 6 teams of 10 or 11
 - 4 spots open
- **Baseball Tournament--Committee**
 - Updated Infosports last week to bump our tournaments to the top again (9U and 10U still have openings) - (Amanda D)
 - May 16-18 Swing for the Ring tournament is FULL!!
 - Started putting together pools/brackets in Tourney Machine to try to get Doug a schedule for coordination of WIAA and GYS umpires (Amanda D)
 - May 30-Jun 1 Ballpark Blast – 13U FULL, 9U has 3 spots remaining
 - Started pools/schedules in tourney machine for 13U (Amanda D)
 - Jun 27-29 Firecracker – 12U FULL, 10U has 5 sports remaining
 - Started pools/schedules in tourney machine for 12U (Amanda D)
 - Committee needs to get together and determine who is in charge for different tournaments
 - Drew needs to know what we need to order for awards/trophies
- **Softball Tournament Teams – Andy Plamann – Catfish full at 12u, 9 teams at 10u, 4 at 8!**
Scrimmage is full
May 4th - PBFP Scrimmage- need concessions workers
- **Park Improvement Committee- Park Clean Up day- Potential for April 13**
- **Sponsorship Coordinator Report**
 - Request to order new benches for 3rd base dugouts on D & B, as those are sponsored dugouts & part of the Sponsorship offering. The purpose of my bringing dugout sponsors into the mix was to fund new benches for all the other dugouts eventually.
 - Approval for ~\$2500 per bench Amanda P motioned to approve up to \$6,000 for the two new benches for the two dugouts that are sponsored. Alex seconded. All approved
 - Sponsorship bringing in ~\$2,000 for each dugout, with ~\$500-600 going towards wind screen (depending on size of dugout)
 - Plaque options for benches – Outside Plastic, Stainless Steel, Outdoor Brass, Durablack
 - See handout
 - Plastic - \$23, Stainless - \$60, Outdoor Brass - \$60, Durablack - \$35
 - Outdoor plastic doesn't last as long as the others
 - This was part of what was offered to Sponsors as an incentive for being the first dugout sponsor of a specific dugout, to bring companies in.
 - Bonnie motioned for up to \$200 for plaques for benches, Alex seconded. All approved.
 - New Sponsorship with Bergstrom/Chevrolet Baseball & Softball through Bergstrom Chevrolet Cadillac of Appleton (College Ave)
 - They will present \$500 “check” in person & get photo with team – date/time TBD- Opening Day- Pee Wee
 - \$500 for equipment is customizable & info forwarded once available
 - Banner provided by them & will go in outfield with our other sponsor banners

- 71 total sponsors so far this year, just over \$30,000 net proceeds.
 - 15 new sponsors
 - 21 new banners this year
 - 3 total dugouts sponsored
- Still need info for magnet on donated garage door for shed
- "Meet your coach" event plan needed for Pee-wee/T-ball
- Scheels Day is April 12th 9:30-2:30 – Please be available to volunteer, arrival a little before 9am
 - Alex will help night before sorting jerseys
 - Online shopping option this year
 - Scheels can't accommodate their event for pee wee/tee ball – pavilion? Date?
 - When will we have teams so we can order jerseys? By April 11
 - Meet the coach on Monday, May 12th 6-7:30
 - Equipment trade-in for pee wee kids
- **Fundraising Report**
 - Calendars are printed!!
 - Email going out to all registered players by March 10 explaining new prize incentives
 - Information to Gerald by March 10 to add to website and Facebook
 - Calendar pick up at Jeff's, Fox West YMCA, Village Hall, or Virtue Homes if you want to start early
 - All athletes will receive calendars at Scheels Day as well
 - Calendar Turn In Event
 - Softball: Tuesday, April 29th 5:30-7:00PM GMS Commons - Reserved
 - Baseball: Wednesday, April 30th 5:30-7:00PM GMS Commons – Reserved
 - [Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#)
 - Teeball and Pee-wee Calendars Hand Out Event
 - Registration closes 3/30, jerseys ordered by 4/13
 - Could send calendar info to all those currently registered and then another communication once registration closes 3/30
 - Communicate that pee-wee is more than welcome to sell if they want to
 - Teeball and Pee-wee Calendar Turn in Wednesday, April 30
 - Apparel Shops for Board Members and Coaches
 - NGE
 - Coaches Code \$180
 - Board Members Code \$80
 - Add full zip
 - Apparel Fundraising Shops for 2025
 - NGE, FCE, 360, Elephant & Arrow (outsourcing)- Vendors have expressed concern for only offering 1-2 apparel shops per year because it is not worth their time to set them up for only a handful of orders.
 - New Sponsorship/ Fundraising partnership with Bergstrom Chevrolet Cadillac
 - Giving us \$500 to use on equipment (from their catalogue but lots to offer)
 - Giving us \$500 check to use at our discretion
 - Opportunity to get another \$500 with a test drive event they do with our organization (more details to come)
 - Requested Donation from Timber Rattlers to raffle off at Opening Weekend
 - Thoughts on doing a GYS Dine Out Fundraiser?
 - McDonalds
 - BWW
- **Equipment Coordinator Report**
 - Balls are expensive this year

- Watch for a vote for upcoming equipment needs
- **IT Coordinator Report**
 - Spectrum is going to do a site survey
 - Verizon & AT&T have wireless options
 - Background checks are due- will be coming out soon- watch for emails from Plamann. Background checks are due every 3 years.
- **Diamond Scheduler Report -**
- **Volunteer Coordinator Report -** just needs list once teams are registered and then an email will go out with DIBS
- **Umpire Coordinator Report- -Umpire Clinic Sunday, April 13th at 12:00 at Otto Miller Sports Complex**

NEW BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items / FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

New Business:

- **Rebranding Update**
 - NGE – Nick Miller
- **Budget Items to vote on:**
 - Batting Cage for Diamond D (Wagner Cage) - \$1,694.68 quote from BSN Sports
 - Andy P motioned \$1,700, Amanda P. seconded. All Approved.
 - Benches for Sponsorship Dugouts – Confirm up to \$ amount for approval, done
 - Infield dirt for Diamond C, up to \$12,000- Alex motioned, Matt seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned 10:01 pm.

Annual Calendar Topics

League Drafts

Coaching Clinics?

Tee Ball/Pee Wee Registration closes 3/30

Review tax documents for non-profit filings (exec committee)

Additional tasks to be completed this month:

- Coaches reviewed and selected
- Team rosters completed
- Set date for spring clean-up (add volunteer spots to Dibs)
- Set date for Umpire Clinic
- Scheduling of games to be started
- Hire concession stand coordinator/manager (VP) – done – Ashley Brochtrup
- Hire Grounds Crew Lead – done – Ian Engel is returning for 3rd season
- Planning for Scheels days – who can be available?
- Start safesport/background check process for new board members/renewals/new coaches

Next Meeting

Wednesday, Apr 2, 7pm – Neenah Holidays

Future Meeting Topics :