

# Spring Grove Baseball Association

August 27, 2024

7:00pm



**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 7:03PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Attendees:** Jon Kilmer, Jen Sipe, April Gruver, Damian Sipe, Amanda Rivera, Amber Roth, Kris Phagan, Mike Nicholas

**Guests:** Chris Diehl, Jenn Bankert, Joe McLucas

**Vics-President's Report, submitted by Jon Kilmer:**

- July meeting minutes approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report, submitted by April Gruver:**

<i>August MTD 2024</i>	
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	\$51,696.44
<i>Credits</i>	\$ 1,116.99
<i>Debits</i>	\$ 17,383.71
<i>Ending Balance</i>	\$ 35,429.72

- Future action item: we need to create a budget based on financials from the last 2 years.
- Concessions: to make this profitable, we will need donations from families next year.
  - We will also need to clean out the stand before the spring season.
- A message should be sent out announcing the spirit wear is closed but you can still purchase from the website.
- We have Dick's gift cards as prizes for top sellers for the sub sale.
- There was an increase in cost for square space/google. Mike N. to look into this.

**Secretary's Report, submitted by Jennifer Sipe:**

- Clearances update: 4 assistant coaches still need to submit clearances
  - 2 assistant coaches criminal records need to be reviewed by the board during the closed meeting.

**Equipment Director, submitted by Doug Arnold:**

- Nothing to report

**Technology Director, submitted by Michael Nicholas:**

- Mike to add the practice schedule to the website as well as game schedule to help coaches figure out what field is available and when.
- Mike will also update the website and remove old and outdated updates (from 2023 and before)
- Mike would like to possibly use a different platform for our website that is more user friendly.
  - Mike will shop around for
    - Domains
    - Website/Web Host (Sports Engine?)
- We plan to keep our email through google for now.

**League Liaison, submitted by Amanda Rivera:**

- There was a change to the pitching limit by the league. This information was sent to all coaches.
- Suggestion for opening day
  - Make it a fundraiser – t-shirt designed for the new season – proceeds to go to upkeep of fields
  - Have a homerun derby based on age groups
  - Have a run the bases event for the younger kids
  - Kris suggested that it be held at the end of April/begin of May or mid-season for better weather
- Proposing to partner with Clubhouse Athletics in Abbottstown – all approved

- Discounted rates for all services will be shared with all. Amanda to setup.

#### **Fundraising and Sponsorship Director, submitted by Amber Roth:**

- Amber is planning a sub sale in September.
  - Prizes given to the top seller and then to a random winner/drawing.
  - Jon K. to script communication to coaches and print out order forms.
  - Amanda to hand out to all coaches.
- Plan to start reaching out to current sponsors in December & January
  - Explore the thought of teams being sponsored by a company to include a logo on the jersey
  - Amanda to reach out to Total Identity Solutions for jersey pricing
  - Damian to reach out to Prestige for jersey pricing
- Golf tournament planned for July 19, 2025 at Hickory Heights
  - A save the date should be sent out to previous golfers and SGBA families
  - Sponsorship packages should be reorganized
    - \$100 – small logo on a banner with other logos
    - \$?00 – individual banner and what else?
    - Title the tiers based on baseball... Homerun, Triple, Double, Single, etc.
- Schedule restaurant fundraisers over the winter like Texas Roadhouse and Genovas.
  - Will need players and families to be stationed outside to promote the fundraiser.

#### **Player Agent/Player Development Director, submitted by Kris Phagan:**

- Quite a few injuries from pitchers have been reported lately. The coaches binders should be updated with proper stretches and drills for pitchers as well as proper technique.
  - Kris will talk to Mike Fleming about training coaches on these techniques.
  - Kris will talk to Josh about updating the current coaches binder files.
  - Joe McLucas suggested the 'Throwers 10' program to show proper pitching technique because the coaches need some guidance to help the kids.
- We need to come up with a plan for Winter Workouts this year since the Y is going to be taking over the gym at the tech center. Possible use of
  - Damian confirmed that requests can still be made for the use of the tech center but there are no promises.
  - Church across from Sonoco has a gym – Amanda to reach out
  - St. Rose has a gym – Damian to reach out
  - Paradise also considering building a pole building – Damian to reach out again

#### **Communications Director, submitted by Mike Frey:**

- Nothing to report

#### **Fields and Grounds Director, submitted by Damian Sipe:**


- River Rock is now complete but will need more work in the Spring
- St. Rose (2 fields) will need a lot of work so a plan and budget need to be established. Damian to work with St. Rose to identify what St Rose can help us with
- Stoverstown: the coaches requested use of the concession stand. North Codorus will charge for electricity if the concession stand is used and we would need someone to keep this stocked and manage the money collected. Board voted No.

#### **Open Floor:**

- Jenn Bankert had questions about age groups in the fall. Changes from the league were shared.
- Amanda suggested that we should consider or brainstorm ways to keep certain players safe as they get older but their skills do not develop with age.

*Announcements:* The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spring Grove (across from the paper mill).

*Adjournment:* Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,   
Jennifer Sipe, Secretary