



# Dover Youth Softball League (DYSL)

March 23, 2025

Strafford Farms Dover, NH

## Minutes March 23, 2025

### Board of Directors

<u>  x  </u>	President	Jamie Stevens	<u>      </u>	6u Director	Cheryl Desrochers
<u>  X  </u>	Vice President	Ashley Cherry	<u>  X  </u>	8u Director	Kaitlyn Dale
<u>  x  </u>	Treasurer	Lindsay Callaghan	<u>  X  </u>	10u Director	Ashley Cherry
<u>  X  </u>	Secretary	Lindsay Callaghan	<u>  X  </u>	12u Director	Lance Keelty
<u>      </u>	Director of Sponsorship	Patty Kinnicutt	<u>      </u>	Director of Coaches	Keith Fortier
<u>  5:43  </u>	Director of Concessions	Anna Schaefer	<u>      </u>	Registrar	Keith Fortier
<u>      </u>	Director of Equipment	Todd Lafond	<u>  5:51  </u>	Community Liaison	Melissa Leblanc
<u>  X  </u>	Director of Facilities	Lance Keelty	<u>  X  </u>	Scheduler	Jamie Stevens
<u>  x  </u>	Director of Media	Cassandra Stickles	<u>      </u>		

Open Positions – Past President, 16u Director,

**17 Positions Filled, 12 Members, 2 Positions Available = Quorum is 8 votes**

5:38 PM

### Call to Order

### Citizen’s Forum

### Regular Business

#### *Meeting Minutes*

Minutes from March 9, 2025

Update to Paragraph:

There was a coach that has been accepted in the fall however due to ongoing concerns with attendance and field etiquette the board feels it is best if the coach does **not** coach a team this year.



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Motion – Cassandra; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlyn

All In Favor: 10

### *Treasurer's Update*

Nothing notable of change since

### Old Business

- Registration

There was some concern from several individuals regarding Lance's decision to waitlist the 12U division at 29 players. Jamie explained the waitlisting process, clarifying that it means we do not accept payments until we are certain we can form a full team. There was further discussion about the need to recruit at least 33 players for the 12U division in order to field 3 teams.

Melissa has two girls who are aged out still wish to play, and we discussed potential options for them. However, it was noted that DYSL had established age guidelines at the beginning of the season prior to opening registration. DYSL are only accepting girls in the approved age guidelines adopted in YEAR, and will change the age guidelines to adhere to the BRL regional change in 2026.

Additionally, while the 12U division has enough players, there is a challenge in having enough productive pitchers and catchers. Ideally, this would allow for the easy division of players into three teams, but this is not the case. Several players have other commitments, including middle school teams and GSE, which complicates the ability to form three fully balanced teams.

10U division would like to close registrations once we reach 25 players, as this is the ideal number for forming 2 balanced teams.

8U division has been moved to a waitlist, as Kaitlyn is actively recruiting coaches to form 4 teams with the 40 girls currently registered. She is hopeful that she will be able to find some parents during practice who are willing to step up and assist.

6U division currently has 30 players, and ideally they would have 4 teams. However, there are also challenges in securing the appropriate number of coaches to support these teams. Efforts are underway to recruit additional coaches to ensure the teams can be properly managed.

5:43 – Anna Arrives



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5:51 Melissa arrives

- Assessments

We need to invest in a better sizing kit for next year. This year, the girls only had one or two adult sizes available, as the pants tend to run about two sizes smaller than regular clothing. Additionally, only pants were available for sizing, as Todd was unable to locate the sizing kits for shirts. Due to the limited availability of pants, this caused delays in the sizing process for the girls to keep the assessments on track.

### Play-Up Requests

Faith Appleton, Adeline Conway, and Karly Cherry all met the requirements to play up in the 10U division.

Mya Cotton and Makinley Keelty met the requirements to play up in the 12U division.

- Team Formations

The 12U division will be using the first two weeks of indoor practice to get a better feel for the players in order to balance the teams more effectively.

The 10U division will be meeting next week to go through team formation.

- Field Maintenance

Jamie and Lance have found locks for the facilities and are purchasing them within the next 24 hours. They will provide an update at the next board meeting regarding the installation timeline.

Shaw's Lane bases were destroyed again this year by the landscaping company. Jamie was asked last minute by the city to provide verbiage and pictures for the city to review with the vendor. The middle school will be playing games at Shaw's Lane and has requested to move the 8U mound to 43 feet. However, after discussion, it was determined that this is not practical as the batting machine is located on top of the mound.

There is still ongoing discussion regarding who will supply the material to line the field. Last year, DMS used DYSL's material to line the field but did not replace it.



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- Coaching Update

Keith sent an email prior to the board meeting.

- Engagement

### Opening Day

Jamie has confirmed with the mayor for Opening Day. The committee would like to have schedules posted in advance so that parents have a clearer understanding of the schedule. This was a challenge last year, and the goal is to improve communication this season.

## New Business

- Field Clean Up

Jamie would like to connect with the 8U coach/parent to help put up the batting cages. It would be ideal the day of to meet at one location and then move to the other field. We are not going to put out the trash cans at Shaw's Lane. They were not consistently emptied and were often overflowing.

The water is estimated to be turned on in early May, and Dover is estimating releasing the fields in early April.

- BLR Updates

At the Babe Ruth meeting on March 22nd, it was noted that there is statewide growth in the 6U and 8U divisions.

BLR is planning to hold a boundary meeting in June. This could affect DYSL as Noble as a new league that could change our jurisdiction lines for Berwick and Somersworth.

Regionals will be hosted in Rochester, although it will also coincide with a baseball tournament. BRL will be moving to the divisional age to August 31. DYSL has chosen not to change the age range at this time but will adopt along with BRL region in 2026.

There is a significant shortage of umpires, and efforts are underway to recruit 14/16-year-old girls.



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- The Meat Bingo Attack fundraiser has been scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of April starting at 2:30 at The Legion.
- Cassandra has confirmed Picture Day with click. We just need to confirm at start time.
- The logo has not been changed on all media outlets simply because of brand recognition.
- Spring Attack Tryouts for 10u and 12u will be April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-7

7:22 pm

Motion to Adjourn by Lance; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lindsay

## Meeting Schedule

April 6