



**Dover Youth Softball League**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 22, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Cara's Pub**

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

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

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

**1) Call to Order: 6:58pm**

Meeting expectations: Full participation, active listening, limit side conversations, and positive and productive discussion.

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

**3) Regular Business:**

- a) Meeting Minutes: Vote to accept December 11, 2023 meeting minutes.  
Motioned by: Krystal    Seconded by: Jim    , \_11\_\_ In Favor \_\_0\_\_ Oppose \_0\_\_ Abstain
- b) Treasurer's Report-
  - i) Current Accounts
    - (1) League Checking: \$73, 725.69 (\$147.37 obligated) (reported \$39,321.45): current balance \$73,693.72. Revenue from winter clinics needs to get transferred to the All-Star Teams Account. Bruce asked Lindsay if she could provide a list of players and their age group, to provide the right amount of money earned for each division. Once Bruce has this information, he will break down a percentage for each age group and amount of time. December would only consist of 10 and 12U; 8U has worked up to 10 players. Drop-ins have been allowed. Discussed that this information needs to be tracked and provided to Bruce. Bruce needs player name, date, division. Lindsay can make an online form to track drop ins. Discussed option to tie in QR code.
    - (2) DYSL All-Star Teams Acct: \$600.00 (reported \$300.00)- unchanged.



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- (3) DYSL Concessions Acct.: \$300.00 (reported \$300.00)- unchanged.
- (4) Shaw's Ln. Concession Building: \$2,702.46 (reported \$2704.46)- unchanged.
- (5) Special Revenue Fund: \$1,313.52 (reported \$1,313.52)- unchanged.

Vote to accept the treasurer's report.

Motioned by: Todd, Seconded by: Patty . No discussion.

  12   In Favor   0   Oppose   0   Abstain

- ii) Budget 2024 Year- additions, suggestions, or changes.
  - Bruce introduced budget comparison of FY 23 and FY 24. Last 3 years between 130-135 registrations. Discussed concern with numbers not changing and possibly decreasing with potential middle school team drawing players away from the league. Melissa asked about a 14U team and there is no anticipation due to decreased player interest. She inquired about moving Attack to a spring league team. Clarified the detail of 8<sup>th</sup> graders playing up at the high school. Discussed importance of rec league registrants. Discussed tabling this item for future meetings. Melissa expressed that she is trying to understand the community liaison role and how to grow numbers.
  - Continued discussion generally over different categories, equipment etc. The bottom line is to
    - High Lander Award Banquet is likely going to be returning according to Jamie. Previously a \$100 expense. It is a community award given through the Dover Rec Program and recognizes volunteers' efforts across leagues; each league is provided an award. Great opportunity for networking and community recognition. Named after Don High Lander.
    - Included the fence quote and updating speaker system in the new quote.
    - The Poker room fundraiser may continue; no definitive yet but not included for budget projection.
    - Questions: Melissa- how do I prepare requests for the budget? Do I ask now? Bruce stated yes, Melissa did not know to prepare anything. Discussed marketing needs and events that can help increase exposure. Bruce has a budget line item that provides funds for exceptions like this. Unplanned repairs.
    - Question: Natalie- does the FY 24 budget have appropriated funds for the upper field at Southside? Landscape fabric, crushed stone, stone dust, infield mix etc. Bruce stated this has been factored in. Bruce stated yes.
    - Greater than \$250 needs to be approved at the meeting. Current bylaw, reiterated that the board members are aware that any purchases not covered today, must be reviewed and voted upon in a meeting.



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Motion to accept Jaime, Todd seconded. No further questions. 14/14 all in favor.

No more budget questions followed. (28 minutes)

(1) Fence Quote - \$4,000.00- this cost has been approved in the budget, no need to vote this number into meeting.

(2) Premise Insurance/Update on Liability from K&K Insurance

(a) Add premise insurance to cover liability outside of playing season. Bruce also reached out to John Flynn Insurance in Dover to inquire about this. Bruce has not received anything from them. HBL Insurance contact through Melissa 2 Towle Lane, Dover NH. Range of potential costs \$1k give or take a couple hundred dollars. Submit all information to Bruce. Clarified that we are not committed to insurance right now. Funds are not appropriated in FY 24 budget. The board discussing acquiring costs from 3 insurance companies. Once we have determined the range and selection of policy, we will meet to vote on this in person.

(7 minutes)

**4) Old Business:**

a) Field Updates: no updates currently.

b) Spring Registrations: National staying with birth year; Babe Ruth National is staying with September 1<sup>st</sup> rule. DYSL needs to decide which age rule to apply. Jamie explained that if a player doesn't meet national requirements, they could be disqualified if they followed state rules. Patty reinforced the urgency to make decision and open spring registrations. Patty also asked if there were comment sections for registrants to make requests. Discussed playing up or down. Jamie proposed leaving it as birth year until now to open registrations. Patty discussed having players opt between Aug 31 (girls between Sept 1 or Dec 30<sup>th</sup> have the option to play up or down- every other year).

Motion to follow the national standard (birth year) and provide options to the players born between Sept 1-Dec 31<sup>th</sup> to play down on a case by case basis by Jamie, seconded by Todd.

Discussion: Patty clarified the date range. Lindsay- If play 10U rec, do I have to go 10U Attack or 8U Attack? Discuss adopting a bylaw to explain this situational language. Patty stated we are not discussing Attack, the point is for the Rec league so we can open registration. Attack will be a case by case basis. Can we option registration to birth year



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about playing up or down? Yes, there are two options. Do we want to open a second registration for spring try outs? No. Do we need to open a 14U? It's already an option on the website. Natalie and Ashley reiterated a check box/disclaimer on registration about this age rule and ensuring transparency for families. (31 minutes)

  \_14\_In Favor   \_0\_Oppose   \_0\_Abstain

i) Fees for divisions for spring 2024 season:

Jan 2020- 6U \$80, 8U \$90, other (10, 12, and 16U) three are \$100

Jan 2023- 6U stay @ \$80, 8U \$115, 10, 12, and 14 U \$125

Jan 2024 – increase of \$10 6U @

Motion to accept \$5 increase in registration costs (all division) from previously voted increase in Dec 2023 for a total of increase of \$10 by Krystal, seconded by Jaime. 13/14 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstain. The 2024 registration costs per divisions are as follows:

6U: \$90

8U: \$125

10U, 12U, 14U: \$135

Discussed cost for the transaction being a couple dollars. If not having early bird discount

ii) Publication of Registration Info

c) Sponsorship Updates: Dover Poker room very popular, we have inquired and are on a list. Not sure this will happen.

i) Little Cesar's scheduled 4/28-5/28 made \$450 last year with only a few girls fundraising.

ii) 5 guys night 5/1

iii) Cinco's night ?

iv) Sponsorships- Patty has reached out to previous sponsors and waiting for money to come in. (15 min)

d) Spring 2024 Schedule

i) Live with spring registrations tonight

ii) Josh will hold off to scheduling Coach Smart until there is confirmation from Steve.

iii) Keep assessment dates, Josh will secure location.

iv) Pat McNulty is no longer overseeing the Dover Ice Arena. Chris Hitchcock is the new contact and has been communicating with Josh. Josh will confirm practice schedule.

v) April 12<sup>th</sup> to be confirmed- Jamie joining the Legion to help us secure the location. Meeting is tomorrow night.

vi) Field Clean up 4/13- Interact Club Krystal has a contact.

vii) Outdoor practice begins after 4/22 ideally (weather permitting)

viii) Clinics during April vacation week-not sure if that was successful. Discussed doing divisional/optional practices.



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- ix) May 4<sup>th</sup> is opening day. National Anthem- Lance to reach out to his nephew as option. Lindsay has second option if that doesn't work. Third option- Krystal and Natalie to discuss.
- x) Local Jamboree- scheduled into the DYSL to ensure availability/commitment (first weekend in June).
- xi) Team photos- Lindsay will schedule. Patty reported almost all photos has incorrect details within the orders. Melissa asked about looking into other photographers. Community events and media is responsible for this task (Jim) per Patty referencing the bylaws. Jim to follow up for next meeting with other alternatives/availability (around May 4<sup>th</sup>).

**6) New Business:**

- a) Spring Coaches (defer this until next meeting when Steve S. is here)
  - i) Updates on Applicants/Needs (provide list of known certifications needed)
  - ii) Coaching Clinic/Training Requirements
    - (1) Coach Smart Training (Date and Location)- is this happening?
- b) Bolduc bill for settling out legal fees with town estate and for providing guidance on the wall. He did not charge DYSL. Jamie would like to propose a thank you card, gift for his efforts.
  - i) \$250 gift card, thank you form DYSL to be provided by Jamie ASAP as a thankful for their support.
  - ii) Also print a drone field photo, frame. Intend to present at Opening Day.

**7) Final Topics**

- a) Actions Review:
  - i) Spring registrations to go live
- b) Final Comments/Concerns:
  - i) Insurance policy quotes will be obtained and forwarded to Bruce.
  - ii) Krystal to reach out to Interact club for volunteering support to help with Field clean up (for both Shaw's Lane & Southside @ 8am).
  - iii) Natalie to follow up with Josh, Steve, and Jamie about clarifying Coach Smart training for the 2024 season.
  - iv) Josh to proceed with finalizing 2024 schedule.

- 8) Adjourn**- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jamie, seconded by Natalie. Discussion about changing meeting day and location. Lindsay or Natalie to send out a good form to survey the board group. Lindsay proposing a change to Strafford Farms on Wednesdays. All those in favor 14/14. No oppose or abstain.

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



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- Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm