



Dover Youth Softball League
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, March 10, 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Secretary – NATALIE SACCOCCIA | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Coaches – STEVE SHEPARD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registrar – LINDSAY CALLAGHAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Media – JIM DESROSIERS |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Facilities – ERIN MILLS | |

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

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.
- 2) **Citizen's Forum:** NO one attended to address the BOD.
- 3) **Regular Business:**

Meeting Minutes: Vote to accept March 10, 2024, meeting minutes.

Jamie asked those in attendance if anyone had questions/comments concerning the minutes of the preceding meeting sent by Natalie. There were none. A motion to accept the March 10, 2024, meeting minutes was put forth by Josh Roberge. It was seconded by Keith Fortier with no further discussion. The motion was approved 9_ In Favor ___ Oppose ___ Abstain

a) Treasurer's Report-

i) Current Accounts

- ii) League Checking: updated balance \$89,137.79 w/\$4,671.19 in obligated payments outstanding as reported on 3/24/24.
- iii) DYSL All-Star Teams Acct: updated balance \$5,750.00 as reported on 3/24/24.
- iv) DYSL Concessions Acct.: \$300.00, unchanged as reported on 3/24/24.
- v) Special Revenue Fund: \$1,313.52, reported as unchanged.
Vote to accept the treasurer's report.
- vi) Shaw's Ln. Concession Building: Account deleted as decided @ 3/10 meeting.



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A motion to accept the treasurer's details above was made by Lance Keelty and seconded by Patty Kinnicutt. There was no further discussion held. The motion was passed
9__ In Favor ___ Oppose ___ Abstain

4) Old Business:

a) Spring Registrations:

- o Play Up Request
 - o Mila Archambault 12/17/2017 6U > 8U
She has already had two years of tee ball and does better with fast pitch.
 - o A motion to allow Mila to move up to the 8U division was put forth by Lance Keelty and seconded by Josh Roberge. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 9__ In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain

It was at this point, approximately 7: 22 PM, that Todd Lafond and Jim Desrosiers arrived at the meeting.

- o Updates on registrants.
 - o Rostered – Registration is Closed

Division	Players	Teams
6U	21	3
8U	37	3
10U	28	2
12U	28	3

Challenges –

- o Rain dates
- o Scheduling and Softball is a 6 day
- o Correspondence comes out earlier so that we can get things in line.
- o 8U
 - o Practices are mandatory before games.
 - o Commitment level feels low



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- Coaches
- 10U
 - The number of players with adequate pitching and catching was an issue. We only technically have 2 pitchers and 2 catchers with experience.
 - There were requests for 2 girls that had to be with a specific coach.

At this point in the meeting, approximately 7:35 PM, Melissa Leblanc and Ashley Cherry arrived.

- 12U
 - a) Teams have been formed and coaches have been assigned.
 - b) Coaches
 - 6U
 - Nick West (Complete)
 - Amber Montecalvo
 - Allison Richards

Added in were:

- James Burdin
- Rachel Burdin
- Steve Hallinan (Application)
- Mike Angrisano (Application)

A motion was made by Keith Fortier to accept the above as coaches in the 6U division. It was seconded by Jim Desrosiers. Further discussion was added that all, with the exception of Nick West, needed to complete application, Abuse Prevention training and have a successful background check. The motion was approved 13_ In Favor, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstain

- 8U

Added in were:

- Andrew Pixley
- Michael Koryum
- Marci Blanchette



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- Cheryl Desrosiers
- Jim Desrosiers
- Trevor Cherry

A motion was made by Erin Murray to accept the above as coaches in the 8U division.

It was seconded by Ashley Cherry. Further discussion was added that all, with the exception of Andrew Pixley who is already qualified, needed to complete application, Abuse Prevention training and have a successful background check. The motion was approved 13_ In Favor, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstain

- 10U

- Kelli Jo Deardoff

- A motion was made by Jamie Stevens to accept Kelli Jo Deardoff as a coach in the 10U division. It was seconded by Patty Kinnicutt. Further discussion was added that she needed to complete application, Abuse Prevention training and have a successful background check. The motion was approved 13_ In Favor, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstain

- 12U

- 9 of 12 coaches approved

Added in were:

- Trevor Cherry (All the things)
- Christina McGarty
- Michele Cedrone

A motion was made by Melissa Leblanc to accept the above as coaches in the 12U division. It was seconded by Keith Fortier. Further discussion was added that all needed to complete application, Abuse Prevention training and have a successful background check. The motion was approved 12_ In Favor, 0 Opposed, and 1 Abstain

- General

- Lily Meekins – 19-year-old who misses the sport and doesn't have anywhere to play.

(a) A discussion was held on the acceptance of Lily into the program. Based on her indications, it was unclear as to what/how exactly she wants to be involved and



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at which level(s). Lindsay will contact her and discuss specifics and report to the board at the next meeting for resolution.

- Todd Jackson
 - (a) Application for 12U / 16U
- Katie Griffin (Tahlia's Mom)
 - (a) Application
 - (b) Background / Check

A discussion was held on the acceptance of those above as coaches into the program pending successful completion of an application to coach, Abuse Prevention training, and a background check. A motion was made by Erin Murray to accept them with the stated conditions. It was seconded by Patty Kinnicutt with no additional discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- - Amy Donavon
 - (a) Needs Application

A discussion was held on the acceptance of Amy as a coach within DYSL. A motion was made by Jim Desrosiers and seconded by Steve Shepard for her acceptance pending successful completion of an application to coach, Abuse Prevention training, and a background check. Lindsay will contact her to outline the details required. The motion passed with 12 In Favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

a) Upcoming Dates:

- Picture Day
 - Jim Desrosiers stated he booked Click Photography at Woodman Park School from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM on Sunday, 5/5. However, the timeframe could be shortened, if necessary. Jamie asked whether there could be a link available to allow preorder of items for parents and also if Click would have hard copy order forms that day. Jim replied he would inquire and let Lindsay and Josh know to allow for info to be given to parents beforehand and also to update the calendar on the website.
 - Patty said she would also contact her husband Geoff to look at the website in hopes of making those items more visible to all seeking info there and uploading items such as a calendar and master schedule.

b) Sponsorship Updates



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- Cinco – 3/20
- Chipotle – 4/17 5-9
- 5 Guys – 5/1/2024
- Pitching Sponsor – Patty reported that the pitching sponsors check was returned due to suspected fraud to the sponsor's account. However, they are willing to send another fee digitally, hopefully this coming week.
 - KJ Deardoff is willing to coach as she is active for 8U / 10U asking \$10 per kid
- Unitil was open to sponsoring and Lance approached them and they were not open to sponsoring last year. Jeff who also works there has a kid in rec. Melissa to talk to them about clarification.
- Hopkins Enterprise – As there were not enough teams available, they agreed to have a sign and the other \$300 can be used however the league wants to spend the money.
 - (a) Southside Speakers?
 - (i) There is \$400 already approved in the budget add the \$300 to make \$700 for new AP system.
 - (ii) Keith Fortier agreed to research and recommend purchase of a set which will fill the league's need.
- Chevy - \$500 straight cash; and Todd and Jamie are working on what to get from the sports store.
 - (a) 5 more pancake gloves

- **New Business:**

1. Babe Ruth President Meeting Update

- a. Patty attended on Jamie's behalf.
 - i. Mike Campo, state commissioner, was really excited to have a 6U Round Robin Memorial Day jamboree.
 - ii. He reported that there could be concern for spring insurance fees which has to be done using BRL national age requirements, not the proposed NH age. Insurance is paid per team. This could affect some players specific to 12U Dover Attack as they are 14U players per BRL age and DYSL has not registered a 14U team for this season.
 - iii. Baseball does an umpire clinic which draws older high schoolers to learn. This would be great for the girls who aged out and could be a great idea for getting summer jobs for a quick \$50/60 bucks. Bruce said he would reach out and see what is possible.



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- b. Salem did a summer sandlot league for players who didn't play on their summer tournament team. They were provided reversible mess shirts and played with whomever was available on any scheduled day. Is there potential for enough interest? This idea would be good for 8U to have something for those who are not on the 8U Attack?
 - c. NH Babe Ruth is working to clarify rules regarding waivers from one jurisdiction being allowed to play on a team from another jurisdiction.
 - d. NH Babe Ruth is looking at potential coaching, it's not going to happen for 2024 (?)
 - e. BRL NE Regional tournaments for 2024
 - i. Will not accept the NH age change
 - ii. In June 26 – 30th
 - iii. Pittsfield MA
 - f. 2 Separate State Tournaments
 - g. Working on clarification town boundaries
 - h. Huge Concern about the amount of media coverage at the Little League Softball World Series. Babe Ruth has never done anything. How is media going to help? It was recognized that BRL National level is a bunch of old guys that don't care. Londonderry have Wi-Fi to be able to upload to a channel. Is it possible to hand off that equipment to hand off to be able to generate more coverage for BRL?
2. CoachSmart NH Training
- a. Gary Bannon is retiring end of the April. Therefore, no training will be given this year.
 - b. Ricky Conway will have something in place for next season.
 - c. Lance Keelty inquired about Bruce having offered to conduct hands-on coaches training for those new to the program. Bruce stated he was still willing to give a session which would be NMT 2 hours as a foundational introduction to softball coaching which covers a variety of mechanics. It was decided that it would be held at Southside on Friday, April 12, 5:30 PM. The rain date will be Sunday, April 14, 10:00 AM. Lindsay will send a league wide email to directors and coaches to help attendance.
3. Schedule
- a. Indoor Practice
 - i. Josh Roberge has finalized and sent indoor schedule to Division Directors and/or teams. After much discussion it was decided to hold one 6U together



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on Tuesday for all players. Patty and Lance agreed to assist with this as there is no 6U Division Director, as yet.

b. Regular Season

- i. Josh Roberge related a scheduling meeting has been set for the evening of March 27 with representatives from Barrington, Farmington, and Rochester to schedule games. These are done prior to scheduling our league's internal games. He said with RGSL having a new president he's hoping they will want games. Previously, they didn't as teams didn't want to travel beyond Farmington and Wakefield.

4. Field Clean Up

- a. Date – 4/13

5. Opening Day

- a. Date – 5/4/2024
- b. Time –
- c. Location – Southside
- d. Games scheduled to start roughly 10:15/10:30
- e. Committee – Patty, Nat, Josh, Jamie, Todd, Krystal
 - i. Patty to re-engage the committee.
 - ii. Jamie
 - 1. Drone Guy
 - 2. Talked to Mayor
 - 3. Speech
 - iii. Sponsors
 - 1. Doing something special for the wall

6. Equipment Hand Out

- a. Equipment hand-out Monday, March 11
 - i. 6U – Lance will talk and will coordinate
 - ii. 10U, 12U
 - iii. Down on Tees?
 - 1. Tees are going to be stored in storage areas/closets
 - 2. Can we create vinyl labels?

7. Pitching / Catching Clinic

- a. See Sponsor updates

8. Attack Tryouts



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- a. Each Division Director provided details of their planned tryouts. All levels are planning to use the Southside fields.
 - i. 10U / 12
 1. April 14
 2. 9-11
 3. Clarification should be given that if players had made the team from their Fall tryouts, they do not need to try out again.
 4. Jamie to send out the email.
 - ii. 8U
 1. April 14
 2. 11-1
 3. Assessment
 - a. Lance and Melissa volunteered to help assess the players during the tryouts.
 4. Ashley stated that 8U Attack is only doing local tournaments and that they would be unable to go the regional tournament if they were capable/invited.

Added

- Jamie addressed the group he had received an email from Jason Subriana, GCFC President, identifying that Shaw's Lane Concession Building water bubbler was not working. Their organization would like to replace it with a water fill station and would DYSL be willing to absorb half the cost? Bruce replied that when constructed, the building's agreement with the city was that the two organizations were responsible for the outfitting and further supply and maintenance of the concession stand portion of the facility. As such, it should be the responsibility of the city to repair something which is part of the building itself. Jamie said he would look into this situation further and report back to the league.
 - \$2800 would be the cost.
- Field Assignments
 - Jaime discussed that in the absence of 14/16U we should move 10U to our own to eliminate the \$5 fee for the city. He recommended to do the following:
 - Move 12U to the top field
 - Move 10U to the lower fieldwhich was based on such items as: We have improved the field, and it was noted field Mix has been obligated for two fields.



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- Discussion centered on the need to move one or both pitching plates based on distances of the two levels of play and the tradition of older players playing on Murray Field. After much discussion and debate on the issue it was decided to table this until the next meeting. However, one concern was voiced by Josh that scheduling could be delayed until a decision reached on which fields as where games/practices would be held.

- Shaw's Lane
 - 6U Overflow
 - 8U moves 10U

Additional discussion concerned the possible program moves at Shaw's Lane should the 10U program be shifted to Southside with no resolution there either.

- 6U / 8U move up as well
- Jamie expressed frustration with Southside maintenance needing as much league help as possible.
 - Murray Field didn't get used because it was in various stages of degradation
 - There is now work that needs to be done
 - Wade was hired to fix the large and seed the field.
 - Wade to potentially complete cutting the grass as they have supported us for 5 years.
 - What happens to the 14U program?
 - How to we continue to foster more interest?
 - 17 girls in 12U have 2011 birthdays
 - Trying to find teams at that age group is complicated because we sign the waiver for not playing outside of HS.

- **Final Topics**

a) Actions Review:

Final Comments/Concerns:

Adjourn- A motion was made by Lance Keelty to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ashley Cherry. There was no further discussion. A vote of 13_In Favor __0__Oppose __0__Abstain was held. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Lindsay Callaghan.



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Meeting Schedule: (Meetings have changed to Sundays for the 2024 season, 7pm @ Cara's Pub)

- April 7
- April 21
- (Then switch to once monthly)
- May 19
- June 16
- July 21
- August 18