

APPROVED 2/2/2026

**BYBS (Berlin Youth Baseball & Softball) Meeting Minutes**

Meeting: Monthly Meeting

Date: January 7th, 2026

Location: on Broadway

Meeting start time 6:30 pm

1. Called to order

6:40 PM meeting called to order by Micky

2. Roll call

Board Members Present: Micky, Justin, Jared, Tanya, Mike, Casey, Kari

Board Members Absent: None

Membership Present: None

3. Membership input

None

4. Correspondence

Micky - Coach Jeff & Kim reached out, doing a 360u instead of FCA softball camp, they're having challenges scheduling the FCA camp, likely that 360u would come in at a higher cost, wondering if BYBS

could provide support for the cost. Usually the FCA camp is in mid-late June. 360u runs \$2,000 for 2 hours ages 7-18 a 50 person softball camp, wondering if BYBS could offset \$500

Jared made a motion to approve spending up to \$500 for 360U Softball camp, Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present in favor, no neighs, motion passed

Micky – Waushara League meeting cancelled due to weather and being rescheduled

5. Discussion

i. Meeting Minutes

Justin sent out to the board

Jared made motion to approve the minutes as-is, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present in favor, no neighs, minutes from last meeting approved

ii. Treasurers Report

Micky sent out email to the board

High level ~\$5000 spent on tournament registrations, nearly all tournament scheduled for 2026 now except perhaps one for 11u team

There was a Walmart ~\$23 cost for New Year's sponsor thank you cards and mailing sponsor photos for post office \$78 for stamps

Had some photography labeling issues with team sponsors names so getting them re-printed by Photographer

Jared made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present were in favor, no neighs, treasurers report passed

a. Receipts from any recent orders (seniors baseballs, girls softballs, etc.)

No updates

b. Selling of extra hats update

No updates

c. Out of City Registration Checks sent out

Already mentioned above

d. Yard Sign Banners purchase update

Micky says they are purchased, printed, picked up, paid for, and ready to send out to sponsors

e. Pitching Machine wheel purchase

Micky waiting for the tax form with new address before ordering

f. South Diamond Porta Potty collaboration purchase

No update

g. Quick Dry collaboration purchase

No update

h. Additional small helmet stickers purchase with new logo

Mike will share his new mockup, but not certain on final product yet

iii. City report

a. South Diamond Shed

b. Home Plate Mat Replacement

c. Scoreboard Replacement

d. Portable Mounds

e. Field Name Signs

All on hold, it was mentioned maybe somebody new was hired, Micky will re-reach out

iv. Field Schedule

a. Tball & Coach Pitch schedule updates

b. League-Wide Practice proposal

Micky sent out a visual mockup of all

Senior Softball talked about changing group practice from Sunday to another night like Thursday

Discussion on getting teams time at batting cages for group practices or team practices (specifically Boys Majors), decision was no batting cages for league-wide, only for teams Hoping to put this schedule on Registration in February

Jared made a motion for the proposed mockup of league wide practice dates/tball coach pitch dates to be approved, Casey second the motion, additional discussion on Girls majors/minors Sunday afternoon times maybe moving up early, additional discussion on moving Girls Seniors to Thursday instead of Sunday, all present in favor schedule with the follow-up change of the Girls teams mentioned, the schedules passed

v. League Topics

a. Coach Pitch rule updates

Discussion trying to make Coach Pitch more competitive than T-Ball, was discussed that we would have to update rules & have a coaches meeting

Discussion of how some Coach Pitch age (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) players, especially tournament players, were asking to play up in Minors (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade) but that was discussed as not being safe with such a large age difference and updating our Coach Pitch rules to make it more competitive was a more desirable solution

For example making 3 outs inning over a concrete thing, and ensuring that if batters/runners get out, they actually come off the field and aren't allowed to stay on the base

All present were in favor of increasing the competitiveness

b. Uniforms

Jared went to Ripon Athletic

Reversible jerseys are considerably thicker thus decided not a good idea

Template with Red & Green and pin stripes, similar look to last year was agreed upon, Girls green, boys red (same as last year)

Discussion taking sponsor logo off, doing sponsor options in a different way to promote, this will help make jersey prices lower or same rate and make simpler printing by Ripon Athletic Last year it turned out to be more difficult and costly than expected due to so many variations of logos on sleeves, etc.

Discussed sponsor options like banners on the outfield, or a sponsor banner behind home plate Costs at Ripon Athletic were in the \$42 to \$45 range perhaps, 1 to 2 dollars more than last year

For Boys jerseys, would be offered in one cut in adult & youth sizes (1 big order)

For Girls Softball jerseys, would be offered in 2 cuts, 1 male and 1 girls cut, adult & youth sizes (thus ending up with 2 orders)

Jared agreed to bring samples of each cut to the February BYBS meeting and Micky invite families to attend if they want to try on.

It was stressed that it's the same company as last year, same sizes, unless you're getting a girls cut – which is the likely audience that might want to try them on at the meeting

Discussion was had on removing coaches jerseys from registration, It was decided we will give coaches an option after registration, perhaps from the apparel shop (that Joe S did for us last year), desire was prefer to have less to order and less to hand out and several coaches expressed no interest in getting a jersey last few years, it was discussed maybe the apparel shop having a gift code for coaches order, but didn't sound likely so possibly we just manually collect their request, order it and reimburse

Hats or visors (same company as last year) but last year we took a loss, so registration change to \$20.00 hat, \$15.00 visor (from Badger Sporting Goods in Madison like last year)

Discussed not offering hat sizes on registration, just pick it up later (We will review what we still have leftover and do another bulk order like last year)

Discussion on pants, Jared says pants aren't sold much anymore, but they have bulk extra pants they're trying to get rid of, perhaps \$10-\$15 that we may be able to put up for sale

Uniform sizes to put on registration S, M, L youth for registration

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Discussed again keeping same jersey for tournament teams too, so we save money and simplify, only 1 instead of 2 jerseys

Discussed keeping Tball/coach pitch shirts same as last year, sponsors on the back, from Apparel Arts, hats not required,

If they want to order a hat it would be \$20 or \$15 from badger sporting goods (if they have small enough size?)

Sponsors need to be found after registration is done, we will need to notify sponsors that we're not doing jerseys this year but signs & other options instead

Jared suggested perhaps 1 big sponsor sign always up at each diamond with multiple logos low on backstop

c. Softball Development Plan Mockup

Mike still working on

d. Sponsorship form updates

Table until after registration

vi. Registration

a. 2026 Registration Go-Live

Discussion Rec League & Tball & Coach Pitch Costs staying the same as last year

Discussion on Tournament Team Costs staying relatively the same as last year

Decided upon \$25 increments

8u \$100

9u \$125

10u \$150

11u \$175

13u \$225

Reminder: tournament players already pre-paid \$50 for their pre-commitment form so the February registration will be minute \$50

Jared made a motion to keep tball, coach pitch, and rec league costs all the same as last year, keep most tournament teams the same, using the incremental \$25 at each level but starting at \$100 (which equates to an actual decrease in 8u and 9u costs since both were \$130 last year). The price for tournament players includes the rec fees so no extra or separate cost, Mike second the motion, all present were in favor, no neighs, the registration costs passed

The new yard signs say registration is open through February

It was agreed to open registration the last week in January, close it Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, and add a \$25 late fee for 1 week (1<sup>st</sup> week in March) and then everything closes

vii. Tournament Topics

a. 8U Coach discovery Update

Found

b. Boys Tournament Pre-Commitment Response Update

Completed successfully, majority of players that tried out also completed pre-commitment

Note 8u lost multiple players and has only 7 on the roster right now so will need more players

Note 13u did lose a few players too, down to 10 with 1 that didn't respond

Other teams sitting good at 12, 13, and 11 players

c. Girls June tournament out of town team registration update

Mike says Tournament good to start sharing and accepting registrations

d. Boys May tournament out of town team registration update

8u - 3 of 4

9u - full

10u - 1 of 4

11u - no teams registered yet

13u - no teams registered yet

Those present were ok with opening the tournaments up on public websites now to try to fill remaining spots

6. Board Member Updates

Mike - Discussion on if it's ok for girls softball Rec teams to go to a "2<sup>nd</sup>" tournament, now that we're offering our own home tournament, and the answer was yes

Justin - Suggested we promote Ripon & UWO clinics on Facebook for baseball

Mike - Discussion on starting off-season indoor clinics maybe in February or March

7. Future Agenda Items/Meeting

Next Meeting Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30pm Monday, possibly other location to tell people about Jersey option (High School commons ??) Mike ask Sara if we can use high school commons

8. Adjournment 7:56 pm Kari motion, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting over

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