

**Des Plaines Youth Baseball**  
**P.O. Box 2774 Des Plaines, IL 60017**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday April 16, 2025**  
**7 PM @ Prairie Lakes**

- Call to order
- Zoom set up by Brendan.
- Minutes approved.
- Update on past events
  - Practices have started.
    - Stars started practices today.
  - Warrior scrimmage day went well.
    - Concessions opened for scrimmage games.
  - Concessions training April 12<sup>th</sup>
    - Seminole and West Park stocked.
    - Chippewa will be next.
- CSYBA schedules confirmed.
  - Most schedules set.
  - There are still some opening day games that are scheduled away.
  - Games scheduled for 4/26 need to be rescheduled for weed and feed at Central.
- Upcoming events
  - Picture day 4/27: parents to order and they will be shipped to their homes.
  - No home games scheduled at Chippewa on 5/10 due to pickle ball.
  - Players to hand out carnations on 5/10 for Mother's Day.
  - Opening day
    - All Star games at Chippewa
    - Sign up to be sent out to get fields ready: West, Chippewa, Seminole, Central
      - Matt volunteered to do West Park.
    - Need to reach out to sponsors to throw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch.
  - End of the year picnic 6/29
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>: we will be participating.
  - August 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm Dog's game \$13
    - Free hat
    - Link to be sent out.
- Position Updates
  - Treasurer's report: Shannon
    - Shared current financials and budget.
    - Concessions up and running.
    - Diann will put money at Seminole and Chippewa
    - No plan to switch banks currently.
  - Secretary: Carolyn-no updates
  - Had of Rules and Umpires: Rob
    - Rules posted on website.
      - All coaches received copy of rules.
    - Clinics for umps at Wes Park on Thursday 4/24
      - 4 new umps
    - Once scheduled done it will be coaches' responsibility to notify Rob of any changes.
      - Concessions will also need to be notified of changes.
    - Concerns brought up by Rob:

- Cars have been driving by concessions at Central, need to put up signs.
  - Coaches need to sign up for batting cages if they want to use them.
  - If other outside teams using fields, then they should not get any codes.
  - We need to protect our umps/concessions as board members. We need to intervene if we are there.
- Division coordinator: Jason, not present
- Concessions: Jeanette
  - Working with a friend Kathy Rizzo
  - Jeanette will not be available morning of 5/3
  - Katie donating her Keurig for Seminole
  - Erin doing all scheduling for concessions.
  - Stars will receive hot dog and small waters.
- Majors: open
- AAA: Matt-no updates
- AA: Brian Joyce-no updates
- A: open
- Stars: Jeff
  - 10 teams, about 90 kids
- Player agent: open
- Field maintenance: Frank D
  - Work orders will need to go through Bre and Scott
  - Paint or sign on fence to line up where pegs are.
- Equipment: Frank E
  - Will buy new set of bases for Seminole.
  - No games on Seminole field 2
  - Game balls and books ordered.
  - For Seminole will use storage closet
    - Need key boxes and code to be set up.
  - Add scooper to all boxes to dig out pegs.
  - Bre, Scott, Frank E and Jeanette have keys.
- PT travel: Brendan
  - 13 U: Coach Vito
  - 10U: Coach Metzler
  - 9U: Coach Mears
- Sponsorship: Brian
  - All sponsors set.
    - Need to reach out to sponsors to see if they would like to throw out the first pitch.
    - Figure out at better way to communicate better between league and sponsors.
- Fundraising
  - Raising Cane's in Des Plaines dine and share: Bobbi setting up for June 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - New spirit wear shop up and running
    - Have had about 14 items ordered, have made about \$38.
- Safety: Matt
  - Need new battery for AED for Arndt Park.
  - Coaches and others interested in CPR certification to be done by park district.
- Webmaster: Mark
  - Mark had signs made for all fields.

- Open ongoing discussion
  - 2025 registration/spring season
    - Registration closed and have had to turn kids away.
      - AAA: 3 kids turned away.
      - A: 1 kid turned away
      - Continue to discuss a process for possible wait list next year.
    - 2025 Re-writing of Bylaws
      - Still work in progress
- Meeting adjourned
- Next meeting May 21 @ 7 pm Prairie Lakes