



Greenville Youth Sports' (GYS) mission is to promote the growth of baseball and softball at all levels of competition for the Greenville community.

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*Meeting Agenda*

*May 3rd, 2023 / 7:00 PM*

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## In Attendance

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Lori Donaldson (President)  
Bonnie Gremore (VP)  
Amanda DeHaai (Treasurer)  
Sonja Jeter (Secretary)  
Eric Barth (IT Coordinator)  
DJ Braemer (Sponsorship Coordinator)  
Nick Steudel (Equipment Coordinator)  
Megan Meyer (Fundraising Coordinator)  
Greg Reimann (Registration Coordinator)  
Andy Garr (Peewee & T-Ball League  
Commissioner)  
Joe Lietzke (Major League  
Commissioner)

Erik Schuessler (Machine Pitch Commissioner)  
Andy Plamann (Girls Tournament Team Coordinator and  
Softball Tournament Coordinator)  
Aaron Lehmkuhl (Minor League Commissioner)  
Chris French (Junior League Commissioner)  
Nicole Eidahl (Senior League Commissioner)  
TJ Minnehan (Coach Pitch Commissioner)  
Nikki Sheedy (Website Coordinator)  
Doug Schacht (Umpire Coordinator)  
Nicole Sommer (Diamond Scheduler)  
Alex Baier (Volunteer Coordinator)

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## Board Meeting

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- **MEMBER COMMENTS:** Time allotted / 10 min /
  - **Ryan Krause :** Ryan is on the Polar Bear Baseball Booster Club.
    - Need help buying Brewers tickets through a code because it will help the Varsity team play on AmFam Field against Menominee.
      - **Let's post about this on Facebook – Nicole Summer will touch base with Krause to get the code needed.**
    - GYS has a great partnership with the High School. They really appreciate GYS letting the teams use the fields in Greenville.
    - Polar Bear Baseball is selling the book of coupons for \$20.
    - North Greenville had a donation for a very small backstop. They are reaching out to the other organizations in Greenville to see if there is interest in donating more to make it a more "official" field. Lori will reach out to the PTO to understand the vision of this field.
    - Amanda will take the lead on the Porta Potty for GMS practices.
    - Civic Club had an annual banquet where they had a lifetime achievement award. The two recipients started GYS. They are not doing well health-wise. The civic club will be donating \$ for a historical plaque recognizing these two people.

- The HY gave GYS a check for \$1500 to cover the chalk, gas and all of the expenses of letting the team use the fields.
  - **Question** : Can GYS sell the Booster Club coupon book at the concessions during opening weekend?
- **RECOGNITIONS:** Time allotted / 3 min /
  - Recognition for the Entire Board for stepping up so much lately.
  - Recognition for those that showed up for both of our park cleanup weekends in getting prepared for the season opener.
  - Recognition to Nicole Summer for all of the hard work on the new scoreboards!
  - Recognition to the new Concession Manager Megan for all of the preparation work going into getting the concessions ready for the season.
  - Recognition to Doug for his work on creating the umpire manual, the scorecards and the extremely clear and organized communication.
    - A parent even commented on how flexible Doug has been with scheduling and working with the kids etc.
  - Recognition to Megan for taking notes.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Time allotted / 2 min /
  - **Nicole Sommer motioned to approve and Nikki seconded.** Minutes approved.

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## REPORTS

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- **President's Update**
  - **Green Bay Rockers have a fundraising opportunity** where you partner with them – you buy a ticket and we would get a kickback. Kids get a hat etc. Megan to reach out to the Green Bay Rockers along with other organizations to see what kind of partnerships we can get.
  - **Friends of the Park Update** : Lori has been appointed the Secretary of the FOP Board. Bonnie, Amanda & Greg also attended, and they were presented with the new park layout and the financial goals.
  - **Change in Approach for our Fundraising Initiatives** : Instead of Fundraising specifically for a Field at the Friends of the Park Field we will be fundraising for New Field Space. That way if there is an opportunity to build new Field space somewhere else, we can allocate the funds where we need.
- **Vice President's Report**
  - **Concession Update** : We are really hurting for concession workers.
  - **Concession Menu Rotation** : The menu each day for the concession will rotate day by day. That way we are not serving the same couple of items each day.
- **Treasurer Report**
  - Donation to Bryan Bender Memorial Fund
    - Chris French second by Joe to give \$250 to the Bryan Bender Memorial Fund
  - \$0.50 raise for returning concession stand workers.
    - Andy makes a motion and Chris seconds giving returning concession stand workers \$1.00 raise making their yearly pay \$11.00. Approved.
    - Greg made a motion and TJ Seconded to give each returning concession stand workers a \$.50 raise year over year. Approved.
  - Updated policies and procedures
    - Biggest Changes were removing any references to a specific year.

- There was also language added to account for situations where if an athlete makes a tournament team higher than their grade level, they have the choice to also play at a higher league level.
      - There was discussion on adding this same language for the girls softball. **The takeaway was for Amanda to go back and review the language for girls. Make the statement generic.**
    - Changed some language around calendar raffle buyout.
    - Greg made a motion to approve the updated policies and procedures as presented in the meeting. Andy seconded. Approved. Nicole E. abstained.
  - Mosquito Squad (additional treatment)
    - Mosquito Squad initial treatment is still TBD. Will be looking to get this ASAP.
- **Registration Report**
  - Review final numbers.
  - Head coach reimbursement—Commissioners please send head coach list to Amanda and Greg.
  - Park Committee Update
    - Project Completions
    - Future Projects
- **Sponsorship Coordinator Report**
  - Scheels Day : Scheels was very pleased with both days.
  - Opening Day : They will be coming with Ice Cream. They would like to come on Friday Night to drop off the ice cream.
    - Aaron will be coming on Friday morning to plug in the cooler in preparation.
    - Scheels will be coming somewhere between 9 and 9:30
    - Kids will be showing up as early as 7 AM
    - **Social Media Post : Action item to post on social about Scheels Ice Cream**
  - Chris, DJ and Greg will be showing up on Friday afternoon to hang up the banners.
  - Extra Shirt Order : DJ has spoken with Jeff and the date for getting the replacement shirts has been pushed back.
    - The feedback from everybody is that the material has been great.
    - Jeff did volunteer that if we need a specific color/options he has those available.
- **Fundraising Report**
  - No equipment swap.
- **Equipment Coordinator Report**
  - No Update
- **IT Coordinator Report –**
  - No Update
- **Diamond Scheduler Report**
  - There is no update.
- **Volunteer Coordinator Report**
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> volunteer opportunities are all claimed.
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> has 37 unclaimed volunteer spots.
  - So far this season, 120 volunteer spots have been claimed.
  - Are volunteer hours needed for league nights?

- Confirm which leagues play each evening.
- Start/end times for league nights.
- **Umpire Coordinator Report**
- **League Commissioner Reports - Time allotted | 5 min each | Action required: submit report by email; follow up discussion as needed in new business**
  - **PeeWee/TeeBall – Andy Garr**
    - Opening up on the 15th for TeeBall and PeeWee Greenspace practicing.
    - There are a lot of questions on Teeball / peewee opening day photos
  - **Coach Pitch – TJ Minnehan**
    - No Updates. Just a lot of feedback on the Jerseys
  - **Machine Pitch – Erik Schuessler**
    - Numbers are up from last year.
  - **Junior League – Chris French**
    - Besides feedback on the jerseys – all other activities are going well.
    - There are a couple coaches that did not complete the background check.
  - **Minor League – Aaron Lehmkuhl**
    - No Update
  - **Senior League – Nicole Eidahl**
    - 2 Players from Senior league have dropped from the league due to schedules
    - 3-4 girls from each team are not going to be there on opening day.
    - Other activities like tournament teams, dance recitals, basketball etc.
    - Double headers begin late in May.
    - Middle schoolers are in other activities which make it difficult for them to attend.
    - We need to allow some flexibility for kids to be taken from other teams and/or kids may need to be rotate less since we have a shortage of players.
    - **Discussion for Next Year : Perhaps we could start a little bit later next year to account for all of the activities that are happening in May.**
  - **Major League–Joe Lietzke**
    - Everything is going well – any questions please bring those to Joe.
  - **Baseball Tournament--Committee**
    - **Need more WIAA Tournament certified umpires – if anybody knows anyone.**
  - **Softball Tournament Teams – Andy Plamann**
    - PBFP Scrimmage - May 14th
      - We are still planning the event; we are having issues getting external teams to make a full scrimmage which is the hold-up
      - We planned on providing our own umpires, but we may need to supplement.
      - Concessions options
        - Andy is going to reach out on how to supplement getting food supplied. Either a potluck OR we will get volunteers to run the concessions.
    - PBFP / PBFP Club merger information

The PBFP tournament committee met with the PBFP Club (14u/16u) and discussed a potential merger to facilitate a more cohesive experience. Two options were discussed.

- Option 1 - PBFP Club would control all tournament teams. The existing PBFP tourney committee and PBFP club would simply merge.
- Option 2 - All PBFP softball would move to be controlled by the PBFP club including league. Money would be sent to GYS and HYS like it is today, but the entire PBFP organization and all day-to-day operations would be controlled by the club.
- These topics will be discussed in greater detail in another future meeting.

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## OLD BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

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## NEW BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

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- Umpire Pay
  - The original motion for \$25 & \$30 were not approved.
  - We do not think that a cash increase per game will make the umpires feel more comfortable with the pressure they get during games.
    - There are two separate topics here : what SHOULD the umpires get paid AND how do we deal with negativity toward umpires during games.
    - We all felt like if we got some numbers to support the proposal of umpire pay
    - We think that the umpires behind the plate should get paid more.
    - As an organization we will take a more proactive approach to supporting the umpires and we will have a ZERO tolerance for parents/fans bullying the umpires. If we see that we will be asking the offender to
    - Aaron made a motion with Greg to second to pay the behind the plate umpire \$25 and field umpires to get \$15. Approved.
- GCC Bike Giveaway
  - 8 Bikes with one at each age level, 1 for each gender. \$150 a bike. Amanda made a motion to donate this, with TJ second. Approved.
- GYS logo thank you notes
  - Would like to have a generic thank you card created for any of our partners/sponsors etc. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Support for our Military
  - Perhaps look to wear RED on Friday for the military. May want to have an honorary military rep at future opening days.

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## FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

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## Next Meeting

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Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, location TBD