

Des Plaines Youth Baseball

P.O. Box 2774 Des Plaines, IL 60017

Regular Board Meeting Agenda for Wednesday 2.19.26

Attendees: Sam, Laura R. PJ, Laura S., Jeff, Brendan, Bre, Scott, Mike Allen, Brian, Bobbi, Jonathan

- **Minute's approval**
- **Updates Past events**
 - Winter Clinic- The first clinic went great!!!
 - CSYBA meeting. Dates similar to last year. Games can begin last week of April we will have all teams at Home for Opening Day. Small Rule changes will be posted with Rules closer to when the Season begins.
 - 2nd Clinic was a success.... Thoughts for Next year Do we want to avoid Presidents Day Weekend ? February gets really tight with other dates but just a thought heard from some that families go out of town.

Opening Day is 5/2/26

Playoffs 6/12/26 - 6/14/26 - Fathers Day weekend.

Per CSYBA, headfirst slides will be allowed at all levels.

- **Upcoming Events/ Calendar Discussion**

- Tracy Frew Updated the Calendar Document we all have access to with what's currently scheduled/ available.
- Clinic Dates and Evaluation Date set for 2026- **Scott Frew**

March Evaluations 3.8 same format as previous years open to suggestions

Players who cannot make it to evals should contact a board members so arrangements can be made.

- Draft Dates

Target the week of March 9th (Evals are March 8th)

Draft order is based on eval scores.

AAAA might have to partner with another city, and will likely not have a draft.

Asking for Tuesday March 10th

A and AAA are considering going at the same time. If there is conflict we may have to do Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Spring Registration Open!

Stars - 44 kids now, expecting 80+

A - 17 kids right now. There will likely be four teams.

AA - 16 kids now. Likely have four teams.

AAA - 20 kids already with four teams expected

AAAA -

*Volunteer/ Parent Meeting..... In the past we meet at Beacon do a short presentation then have coaches/ other volunteers meet with their Division Coordinator. Open to revamping this event would like it done prior to Draft Days. Usually hold Drafts in March after evaluations.

*Monday Evening March 2nd

- DPYB Parent night. This is for all people willing to volunteer and be part of DPYB. This is not just for coaches.

- 2026 Picture day 4.26 - Pictures will be shipped directly to families this year
- Opening Day May 2nd - We can start practices as early as April
- Memorial Day 5.25 no games that weekend - No games CSYBA or DPYB
- CSYBA championship Sunday Fathers Day Sunday 6.21 all Championship Games at Pioneer Park in Niles
- End of Season Picnic Targeting Sunday 6.28
- Des Plaines 4th of July Parade

- **Position Update**
- **Treasurer's Report:** Shannon Crain.....

Current Financials/ Budget Presentation.

Sunshades/ Tarps etc.... We have funds give us ideas within reason

- **Secretary:** Jonathan Jordan

QR codes for fall registration, during the parade

- **Head of Rules and Umpires:** Rob Hudson/ Asst. Sam Rodriguez..... Budgeting paying umpires more, getting bonuses etc..... Put more money towards it. What keeps Umpires coming back?!? Need parents/ Coaches to keep control of all kids.... Rob needs to share the file of how and why umpires are paid what they are paid currently..... Online Registration is Open for Umpires as well.

Discussion about Ump T-shirts vs collared shirts. Ump shirts will be required.

Ump contact info to be shared with coordinators. If public, be sure child contact info is not shared.

Rob said he needs new masks, brushes, clickers, shin guards

Bre reminds that there are new, unused adult shin guards and chest protectors in storage

Rob is requesting a mass email to recruit new umps

Rob to set a date for Umpire Clinic, likely early April

John Metzler offered some scrimmages in early April to train umps

- **Division Coordinator:** Brian Joyce

*Coaches Handbook rewritten

None of the coordinators responded about the handbook. Coordinators to share this info with the coaches once approved.

*Selection of Coaches for this year in the occasion we have too many volunteers. This will be a board meeting discussion. May have to call a special meeting prior to drafts if necessary. Coaches meetings and Clinics.

We have a lot of coaches signed up, but are not yet at the point where we are at a surplus. Encourage people to coach.

- **Concessions:** Jeanette Weller / Asst. Cathy Rizzo

Definitely looking for more concession workers.

- **Majors-** Open

- **AAA-** Jonathan Jordan
- **AA-** Mallory Fazio
 - **A:** Laura Rodriguez
- **STARS:** Jeff Ritzema
- **Player Agent:** Tracy Frew
- **Field Maintenance:** Frank
- **Equipment:** Mike Crain
- **DPYB Warrior Baseball Part Time Travel: Brendan**

Game Schedules to the league by the end of the month. When CSYBA schedules come out, Travel Coaches to work with Division Coordinators to settle conflicts

- * **14U-** Coach Pelletier
- * **11U-** Coach Metzler
 - * **10U-** Coach Mears
 - * **9U-** Coach Berrios

- **Sponsorship-** Team Effort. Online Registration open. Emails and Posts happening. Please ask if you have any questions and want to pass Sponsorship information along to local businesses and Companies. For companies looking to do a Standard Team Sponsorship really encouraging Online registration to avoid Human Error printing issues etc.

Be sure the correct art, logos, etc are provided so there are no concerns in production.

- **Fundraising- February Fundraising-** get money back from “Baseballism” Spirit Wear we also get a % of money back.

Our code is “DesPlaines60017-26”

- **Safety:** Laura Schuster. Specifically working on First Aid kits. Let’s have a first aid kit be given to each manager in addition to the first aid kits at fields. Specifically for practices/ Away games etc.
- **Uniforms-** Plan to use same vendor as last year. Did we like the all Black Socks and Hats? We did a pretty decent job ordering Pants last year using what was left over in storage. Plain Grey pants for most teams with the exception of Black pants if we have a Grey team will try to avoid Grey.
- **Webmaster- Mark**

Reach out to Mark with website concerns or glitches

• Open Ongoing Discussions

- Umps to review safety base use and ruling
- Equipment swap at evals
- Thinking of ways to encourage and reward volunteerism

*Softball team/ Parent Volunteer Outtings/ League Outtings etc- I feel we have a pretty good community within our community already let's try to involve and reward and include our adult volunteers even more where we can?

*Public Comments/ Open Discussion

- Next meeting Wednesday March 18th