

Greenville Youth Sports

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

March Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 3/4/2020

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM | Meeting location: Stoneyard Greenville - party room

Present

Darin Triplett (President)
Kristin O'Connor (VP)
Tamara Rozmarynowski (Secretary)
Bobbi Jo Paschke (Treasurer)
Pat Wetzel (Sponsorship Coordinator)
Lanny Rogers (Equipment Coordinator)
Amanda DeHaai (Co-Website
Coordinator/Treasurer-in-training)
Rob Sipes (Baseball Tournament Team
Coordinator)
Ryan Paschke (PeeWee T-Ball Coordinator)
Tim Jens (Machine Pitch League Commissioner)
Rob Ventgen (Minor League Commissioner)
Andy Garr (Tee Ball Coordinator)
Dave Much (IT Coordinator)
Mark Lund (Girls Tournament Team Coordinator)
Greg Reimann (Registration Coordinator)
Brittany Jack (Diamond Scheduler)
Lori Dachelet (Volunteer Coordinator)
Jess Pantzlaff (Co-Website Coordinator)
Chris Coppock (Coach Pitch Commissioner)
Mike Lesselyong (Major League Commissioner)
Al Schwobe (13U + Travel Team Commissioner)

Absent

Ryan Krause (Co-Softball Tournament Coordinator)
Steve Werner (Co-Softball Tournament Coordinator)
Ryan Gass (Umpire Coordinator)
Rachel Sommer (Jr & Sr League Commissioner)
Angie Gass (Fundraising Coordinator)
Nick Rentch (Boys Tournament Coordinator)

BOARD MEETING

- MEMBER COMMENTS: *none*
- RECOGNITIONS: *none*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- R. Paschke motioned to approve the February meeting minutes; A. Garr seconded motion. February meeting minutes approved as presented.

REPORTS

- President's Update - *given by D. Triplett*
 - Meeting with all board members to get understanding of roles, making sure new people understand responsibilities
 - Two things wanting to get through sooner rather than later – Volunteer Hours and Equalizing the Teams
- Vice President's Report – *given by K. O'Connor*
 - Working to hire Concession Stand Coordinator
- Treasurer Report - *given by B. Paschke*
 - Current financial report sent to the board via email on 3/4/20
 - League registration: \$26K
 - Sponsorship: \$7.6K
 - Tournament registration: \$11.3K
- Registration Report – *G. Reimann*
 - 683 active players for 2020 as of 3/4/2020
 - Major 76, minor 113, machine 106, senior 37, junior 82, coach 64, tee ball & pre k still open
 - As we accept a few late registrations, we need to be cognizant about sizes of teams at divisions looking to late register
 - PreK and Tee Ball, 15-18U will remain open for the rest of the month
- League Commissioner Reports
 - *Minor League (R. Ventgen)* - looking to have 10 teams – 11 kids per team, 3 teams with 12; up one team from last year; have 9 coaches out of 10 committed (R. Krause, Pat Raaths, Brian Leslie, Dan Gruebele, Nick Rentsch, Shawn Nobui, Jesse Wagner, Josh Mattson, Michelle Agnew, Josh Foster, Shane Schmidt); Tryouts Saturday 14th at 9:30am; have tournament teams not tryout – then only 30 kids trying out in time allotted. Draft would then take 9U green & white, and choose from those kids, premise of draft will be figuring out the kids that nobody knows; girl registered for baseball – will confirm that this was intended and if so, will let girl play baseball; M. Lesselyong asked if we would allow a boy to play softball
 - *PeeWee Tee Ball (R. Paschke)* – registration is still open.

- *Tee Ball (A. Garr)* – registration is still open. 6 coaches so far, 134 kids signed up already, on track for at least as many teams as last year.
- *Machine pitch (T. Jens)* - 106 kids for machine pitch, torn on number of kids – 10 kids on half, 11 on other half; board agreed to half – as of now have 7 coaches; sponsors are light for this league as well
- *Junior girls* – 82 girls 7 teams. One team will play in Hortonville each week. There will be an expansion draft because there will be a new team added this year. Six coaches secured, has some feelers out for the final, seventh coach, but not yet confirmed.
 - Would like to see Service Motor move from Coach Pitch up to Junior.
 - March 15 (11-1): Looking for assistance with the league draft during this time.
- *Senior League* – There will be 3 teams again.
- 2019 brackets – send out to league commissioners so that they know the order of their draft picking.
- *Coach Pitch* – 64 girls, 6 teams. Still working on securing head coaches for all teams.
- *13 & 14* – pretty much set. Currently have 15 kids on each team, and will stay this way unless we can find another coach. Coaches meeting on Sunday night and a scheduling meeting in early April. April 25 is opening day for this league.
 - Last year there were a lot of issues with having the safety bases ready for these games. It would be ideal if we could have a marker out on the field for these so it's not delaying games.
- *Major League* – 77 kids, 7 teams. No expansion team. Pretty good on coaches. Need to fill in a couple. Some adjustments will need to be made to teams to even out the number of tournament team kids amongst the teams.
 - HYS has four teams in this league and is interested in setting up some scrimmage games against our teams. These would be at Hortonville. No concerns.
- *Girls Tournament Team (M. Lund)* - formed a softball committee with us and HYS to work on integrations between groups; both Presidents on the committee and core softball people (D. Much and R. Sommer); recapped on fastpitch teams, positive feedback on both sides, HYS is pleased with how things are working so far; financials are making sense, numbers are locked in on what we took in vs. paid out for tournaments; interested in merging leagues for the girls in 2021 – HYS struggling for numbers and have more facilities than they have teams to play on them; we have facility shortages; tryout/draft to shuffle divisions (coach, junior and senior leagues) a lot of logistics to work out with scheduling, registration, etc. – discussion item for GYS to think through; early June plan to

get league coaches on both sides and have a meeting to get feedback, opinions, thoughts, etc. Make sure it gets promoted as a positive experience for both sides. Current 10 teams can now use HYS facilities for practices. Make the 10 teams practice there once a week. Leagues will play each other like they did last year, need league coordinator to work with the HYS coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

Time allotted |60 min | Action required: discussion / voting

- March draft/tryout weekend (confirm this is still the plan/schedule):
 - Saturday (March 14) – Thomas Ellenbecker (to unlock)
 - 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Minor League Draft
 - 12:00 p.m.: 7U
 - 2:00 p.m.: 8U
 - Kendal Jachthuber (to lock up)
 - Sunday (March 15) – Nicole Eidahl (to unlock)
 - 11:00 a.m.: Junior League
 - 1:00 p.m.: Major League
 - Coach Yaeger (to lock up)
- Tournament team committee update – Mike Lesselyoung
 - Approved mission/objective statement: Greenville Youth Sports tournament teams are designed to offer players with an increased level of skill and interest an opportunity to play in a competitive tournament environment. Greenville Griffins tournament teams are an extension of Greenville Youth Sports (GYS) and are governed by the GYS board.

GYS tournament teams will encompass the GYS mission to provide the best learning environment, the best competition and encourage fun while developing players. GYS tournament teams are designed to be a development program, with a long term goal of providing area high school baseball programs with a large talent pool of diversified players that are well versed in the fundamentals of baseball.

 - Committee will meet to discuss further.
- SCHEELS partnership update – Pat Wetzel
 - SCHEELS days:
 - April 4: 9:00 – 2:00
 - April 25: 9:00 – 2:00
 - SCHEELS wants to know hats and headbands ASAP.
- Sponsorship/Fundraising update – Pat Wetzel and Angie Gass
- Concessions stand update – Kristin O.
 - Looking to deep clean and paint the inside of the concession stand before opening.
 - Still looking into digital register options for the concessions.

- Looking into electronic menu board options.

NEW BUSINESS/Discussion/Voting Items

Time allotted |20 min | Action required: discussion / voting

- March Tryout schedule planning/Judges – Rob
 - Looking for one board member to judge – Ryan Paschke offered to do this
- Commitment policy discussion – Rob
 - As issues continue to come up with kids committing to our team and then also committing to club teams we should consider developing a policy. Rob will start a draft and share for discussion next month.
- 7U/8U white team – Rob
 - Current sign up numbers for 7U and 8U:
 - 25 for 8U
 - 20 for 7U
 - Rob will reach out to Hortonville if needed to help form a second team at either level.
- League team assignment deadline and notification plan
 - League Commissioners will need to send team rosters to Amanda to set teams up in SportsEngine. Once teams are all rostered for a league Amanda will notify the League Commissioner. League commissioners will then send out notice to coaches to let them know that they can then begin reaching out to their team.
- Fall tryouts for 8U-12U Polar Bear Fast Pitch - Mark
 - Aug. 11 and Aug. 13 – tryouts for 8, 10, 12. Schedule TBD Tryouts will be done at Hortonville diamonds.
- GYS Golf Outing date set – Aug. 8 at Westridge Golf Course
- Umpire Clinic – April 19 and 21 (tentative dates/times) more information to come from Ryan Gass.
- Darin met with Tony Nowak and Jack Anderson to get a better understanding of our contract with the city.
- Board member apparel – New board members get \$80 to purchase GYS board member apparel. Jill has the store open. Mark will send the email out tomorrow to the board members.
- If we want to run a Coaching Clinic the same weekend as the Umpire Clinic Rob will not be available to run the Coaching Clinic as he is out of town for a conference that weekend.

Additional tasks to be completed this month:

- Coach selection/assignment for all league teams
- Team rosters completed
- Set date for Spring Clean-up (add volunteer spots to Dibs)
- Set date for Umpire Clinic (Umpire Coordinator)
- Scheduling started (using bookafield.com – works with SportsEngine)
- Hire Concession Stand Coordinator/Manager (VP)

- Complete background checks and collect and track SafeSport completion for a board members, coaches and assistant coaches

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

- Apr. 1 location TBD