***Spearfish Youth Baseball & Softball Association***

**Meeting Minutes**

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| Mtg date: 7-25-2024 | Recorded by: Jill Raad |   |
| In Attendance: | John Williams, Troy Ihde, Haley Goethals, Heidi Johnson, Jill Raad, Angie Tennant, ~~Jessica Hall,Terry Dehaven~~  | Chris Geuke, Maddie Wood, ~~Ty Wood~~, Matt Kemp, Gary Walz, Krista Sarvis, Brandy Rosenau, Dave Raad, Randy Southern,  |

**Call Mtg to order:** Time: 6:00 by John Williams president

**Review and Approve meeting minutes from : February meeting**

**Motion to approve: Brandy Second to the motion by: Chris**

**Approved - If favor = 100% Nay = 0**

Going forward — Need to review committee minutes at the next meeting for review.

**Treasurer’s report: Motion to approve by: Krista Motion to approve from here forward all expenditures need approval to board over $500 and with knowledge of $17000 deposited today to softball**

**Second to the motion by: Angie**

**Approved - If favor = 12 Nay = 1**

See financial document

 Discussion: Baseball fundraiser went well = pg 4 - +13K and +2k travel

 Concessions went well

 Softball pg 4 NEGATIVE 16K

Outstanding balance - of approx $10K — $17K deposit today

? John asking who approved $10K for 2 coaches? Coaching fees? Report says $1750 x 4 ? Heidi and Angie say only paid twice - actually $3500x2 for each – total = $14000

Gary question - over $500 should be approved by board – not softball side, or baseball side —

John - ALL decisions over $500 needs to be voted on by board -NEEDS to be fixed going forward

 Coaches and Umps - need to be treated like vendors and voted on by the board

 Umpire fees for tourney $7000 - was a tourney fee AND other fees $45/game per ump plus milage – $4000 was made from Firecracker tourney

 Paperwork is showing not exactly accurate picture

 High School required donate 8,5,4,3,2 thousand dollar assistance $22K for five years

 Website fees , bluesombrero, stripe, and registration question by Gary– Baseball has concern - analyze numbers = 1 pot of money, registrations coming in $40k for baseball vs $11 for softball — How is this sustainable?

 This organization was formed 30yrs ago to let Spearfish kids play ball, is it still working as it is now? Everything is aligned little league to high school. How will we do high school boys?

 Information needs to be more accessible - treasurer piece – not have a treasurer? Maddie is a hired bookkeeper?

 Gary’s comment - why are the baseball and softball teams together. Board meeting protocol and past behaviors is embarrassing. Two organizations together - why? Would be cleaner for MOUs and money if were separated. Financial report is very concerning to the baseball side. Baseball is supporting softball?

 John comment - feels all baseball should be all aligned little league to high school - wants to know how that will plan out? Will it be like softball? Is it for travel programs using spearfish fields? Or is it for the good of baseball.

 Baseball - possible break off from SYBSA and will go under Legion baseball for Spearfish baseball

 All softball and baseball programs are growing.

Financial report = JUNE 2024 - negative balance now but July will bring tourney and other monies

 How would we split monies??? ONE account - where are the “buckets” that delineate to baseball vs. softball.

 Gary feels need to have information EVERY month up front. Which month is the “best” to look at? Baseball got the monies vs softball

 John feels baseball only sees financial

 Once fall ball started for softball, needed to be self sufficient, now

**Old Business for board:**

**4.** Credit card update – John & Maddie

 Gary and Troy, need cards.

Motion to approve Gary and Troy getting credit cards by Matt. Seconded by Chris Approved 100%

5. Review Sanctioned High School Softball and commitment from SYBSA

Already paid $5000 for year 2 in April - MOU take care of BHE field and get equipment

**New Business for board:**

 6. Discussion on the Baseball season. What went well and what can we improve?

 Matt - all numbers went up - season went well - rec baseball - used draft and had pretty even teams this year

 Gary - travel baseball - few bumps to start, added few new positions, added 2 tournaments, placed second at state,

 SD class A baseball 9U and 11U - Cal sanctioned for league, travel has to be part of class A baseball

Goal to offer competitive and rec ball

John heard lots of positive comments for this summer baseball program

 7. Discussion on the Softball season. What went well and what can we improve?

14 teams = 135 players , umpire training help have good umps for our games

Dual team involvement - Northern hills plus rapid league

Need to get USA softball rules across the league but Northern hills reluctant

Had some heartache with tryout piece, we were pretty competitive overall

John heard lots of positive comments for this summer softball program

 8. Discussion on the Fall ball season. What’s going well and what can we improve?

 Softball met - 7/22 will discuss during softball committee time

9. Discussion on potentially incorporating the Teener Program into SYBSA

 OR a modification idea?

 Teener program is out of date - wanting/proposal to split into two – so have

9u, 11u, 13u, 14u teams under current SYBSA? Or Legion?- where will it be housed?

 Sanctioned baseball for high school spring then legion season will follow

 How do move forward? Written proposal to SYSBA? Special meeting?

10. Capital Projects wanting funding 2025.

 BHE field depends on City decide to pay to play at exit 17

 Concessions building - soccer moved out so baseball on one side and softball one other

 Shed - get on high school shop class build list to get one built for baseball

 Saw mill field is nice but baseball not really need exit 17 - but can certainly ask

May 23rd and June 29th for softball tournaments in 2025

11. Chris Olsen - resigned 7/25/24

**Adjourn:** Time:7:41

 **Motion to adjourn by: Angie Second to the motion by: Heidi**

 **Next meeting Aug 27, 2024**

**Softball subcommittee items:**

Fall ball - using same uniforms - applications for coaches - Troy will send meeting minutes to add here

\* Summer Season recap Upcoming Fall Season

 John = Growing pains but good, tryouts were biggest issue - maybe hold in January and 2 or 3 available times

 Angie keeping good accounting for her teams

\* Field tear down date: nets, bases, weeds, clean up sheds - October - renew porta potty

Adjourn Heidi - Angie second 8:09

\* Equipment inventory and needs for 2025.

\* 2024 Tourney Recap Recent funds to Treasurer Teri youth clinic

 \* 2025 improvements

**Baseball subcommittee items:**

Baseball discussed getting our fall ball registration out that will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays starting sept 4th. The cost will be $35.00.

Baseball also discussed developing a plan to present to the board at the next meeting which would align baseball all under one umbrella. This will include separating teeners into 13 and 14 u teams, along with adding high school baseball.