

Shakopee Youth Baseball Association

2023 Year End Meeting





AGENDA

- 2022-23 Board Members
- 2023-24 Board Candidates - Elections
- Survey Results
- What was new in 2023
- Financial Report
- Possible Changes for 2024
- Open Discussion
- Election Results



2022/2023 SYBA BOARD

- President: Jeff Schmitz
- Vice President: Brad Menden
- Treasurer: Allen Larson
- Secretary: Mike Hanson
- In-house Director: Brian Heil
- In-house Director: Rod Hicks
- Traveling Director: Aaron Olson
- Traveling Director: Sean LaCoste
- Community League Director: Shane Hofmann
- Varsity Baseball Coach: Tom Schleper
- Asst Tournament Director: Rob Deuth
- Equipment Coordinator: Eric Schroeder
- Umpire Coordinator: Brent Vannier
- Communications: Chad Stensrud
- At Large: Dan Woodall



Thank You!

- Board members whose terms expired
 - Jeff Schmitz
 - Mike Hanson
 - Aaron Olson
 - Rod Hicks
 - Eric Schroeder
 - Shane Hofmann
 - Dan Woodall



Thank You!

- Field Coordinator – Tyler Menden
- Concession Coordinator – Emily Brinkman and Amanda Kiefer
- Non-parent Coach - Gary Schleper – 14AAA
- City and School District grounds crew
- Tom Schleper – Decades of contributions to SYBA and Shakopee Baseball
 - Active board member
 - Leader and organizer of offseason program
 - Tournament director
 - Experienced voice of reason



2023/24 BOARD CANDIDATES

- Vice President: Shane Hofmann
- Secretary: Mike Hanson
- Travel Director: Aaron Olson
- In-House Director: Jim Malone
- Equipment Coordinator: Eric Schroeder and Ryan Schmitz
- Community League Coordinator: None
- Assistant Tournament Director: Dan Woodall



BOARD ELECTIONS

- All Board positions are for an elected 2-year term
- Vice-President (Serve 1st year as VP and 2nd year as President)
- Traveling, In-House and Tournament Directors (1 position each elected on an every other year rotation)
- If no one has applied for an open position, the Board will appoint someone



Registration Numbers

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Traveling	250	242	268	285	274	264	257	260	247	231	234
Community League	143	130	87	83	92	87	91	71	60	106	71
In House	222	224	201	175	140	170	179	160	143	153	151
Total	615	596	556	543	506	521	527	491	450	490	456
Change	-36	-19	-40	-13	-37	15	6	-36	-41	40	-34

Decrease in community league primarily due to not being able to field 16-18 yr old teams this year



Survey Results

- Travel – 81 responses out of 199 registrations = 41%
- Community – 28 responses out of 171 registrations = 39%
- In House – 45 responses out of 151 registrations = 30%
- Coaches continue to be viewed positively



Travel Survey Results

Majority of respondents:

- Very satisfied/satisfied with communication from SYBA
- Very easy/easy to find program information
- Strongly agree/agree player skill and baseball knowledge improved since beginning of season
- Extremely professional/very professional coach behavior towards umpires
- Equipment upgrades have been positive
- Parent meeting during tryout was positive
- High % of registrants will be returning next year

Comment themes:

- More practice times during season
- Confusion/disagreement about tryout process – number of coach picks
- Confusion/disagreement about pre-tryout/open gyms
- Interest for offseason options for player improvement, especially pitching
- Placing travel teams at the correct competitive level



Survey Results Community League

- Need to schedule more practices throughout the year
- Need bigger/better pitching mounds at Sweeney
- Most coaches were very good but we continue to struggle to get enough coaches
- Fields at West MS and East MS need more attention and significant improvements – better pitching mounds, infields, weeds, more frequent mowing



In House Survey Results

Majority of respondents:

- 98% said SYBA is a good/excellent value
- very satisfied/satisfied with coaches
- very satisfied/satisfied with schedule
- very satisfied/satisfied with length of time for games/practices
- player skill and baseball knowledge improved
- very satisfied/satisfied with player's experience

Comment themes:

- Different field than Red Oak
- Pitching machine vs coach pitch/kid pitch
- Practice with different team/Mix it up
- Jamboree was a blast – but shorten the games
- More consistency in the rules from team to team
- Jerseys were popular, especially the names on the back
- Going back to 7U and 8U vs Mighty and Mini Mites was well recieved



Survey Results

Facilities

- 98% - the same or better than other communities
- Positives – All the improvements and scoreboards
- Negatives – West, East, and Red Oak



Umpires

- Huge Success, Thank you Brent Vannier
- Mainly Shakopee middle and high school
- One of the largest “homegrown” umpire programs in the state
- Approximately 250 games including almost all umps for Shakopee Tourney
- Many compliments about the quality of these young men
- Mentorship or partner program is being considered



What was new in 2023

- No fundraising – voluntary donations at registration time
- Mid-season survey
- Parent meeting at travel tryouts
- Reworking the in-house program
- Food trucks and concessions at Jamboree
- Equipment upgrades



2023 IMPROVEMENTS

- \$40,704 invested in field improvements
- West Tahpah Dugouts/batting cages- \$29,080
- Stemmer Batting Cage - \$4,375
- Sod cutter - \$2,962
- Chalk - \$1,626
- Tourney tables/grill - \$1,119
- Misc - \$1,542



2023 Shakopee Tournament

- Hosted 88 teams at 7 different field locations
- Shakopee umps were used once again
- Thank you to all parents for DIBS hours worked to help put on a successful event. Only 1 family did not work and their \$500 volunteer check will be cashed
- Allowed to use the softball fields at Johnson Complex – made for a better tournament that was easier to manage
- Profit = \$20,056
- Great job by Concession Coordinator Emily Brinkman



2023 Expenses

Uniforms	\$37,670
Tournaments	\$18,630
Umpires	\$11,228
League Fees	\$7,125
Insurance	\$5,310
Tryouts	\$4,099
Gold Cards	\$2,375
Coach Background Checks	\$2,325
Field Rental from school district	\$2,158
Supplies	\$957

Field rental was an increase from \$1,496 last year – likely to continue to increase as School district increases the rate we pay to use school district fields



Equipment upgrades

- \$7,024 – catcher's gear
- \$6,796 – large portable pitching mounds
- \$4,270 - baseballs
- \$3,780 – batting tees
- \$2,461 - training balls
- \$1,000 - equipment bags
- \$472 - first aid kits
- \$119 - locks



Donations at Registration

- \$7,740 in donations – THANK YOU
- Average donation was \$44
- 38% of registrations made donations



Donations

- \$3,393 from Shakopee Bowl
- \$3,000 from Shakopee American Legion
- \$1,600 from Metro Baseball
- \$850 from Wells Fargo
- \$500 + equipment from Shakopee Chevrolet
- \$428 from Shakopee Lions
- \$1,000 to Warren Stemmer Fund from Barb LaCourse
- Made an \$800 donation to Shakopee Dollars for Scholars



Donations

- \$7,836 donation from Shakopee Lions/Shakopee Bowl pull tabs – L-screens & equipment bags
- 22 Tanner Tees from Re/Max
- Baseballs from Affinity Plumbing
- Bags to hold limited flight balls and wiffle balls from Innovative Graphics





Cash Balance

8/14/2019	8/18/2020	8/18/2021	8/17/201	8/20/21
\$174,977	\$87,202	\$71,276	\$67,498	\$66,011



Things that we are thinking about for 2024?

- Stemmer, Riverview, West MS, East MS, SACs infields
- Field improvements are needed at West MS and East MS
- Uniform coordinator
- Not having Tom as Tournament Coordinator
- How will new head coach work with Youth Program
- How will offseason training and tryouts be handled with new head coach.



Mark your calendars

- Traveling Parent Information / Uniform Sizing Meeting - Feb 4
- Traveling Tryouts - Mar 22-24
- SYBA Traveling Tournament - Jun 21-23



OPEN DISCUSSION

- Suggestions to the Board for improving the Shakopee Youth Baseball Association
- Election Results