

Des Plaines Youth Baseball

P.O. Box 2774 Des Plaines, IL 60017

Regular Board Meeting Agenda for Wednesday 3.18.26

Attendees: Shannon, Scott, Brian, Bre, Jonathan, Jeanette, Rob

- **Minute's approval**
- **Updates Past events**
 - Winter Clinics thank you to all that participated. Always open to ideas for next year going forward but overall successful afternoons.
 - Volunteer/ Parent Meeting- Good turnout. Went with Monday evening to switch things up a little. We keep this extremely casual and want to give parents and volunteers the opportunity to meet one another. Open to answer questions but it is more of a casual atmosphere to network with other adults associated with DPYB.

While a relaxed atmosphere, consider grouping up coaches to meet and greet, so more people get to know more people.

- Evaluations- best turn out in years! We know this can be a long grueling day and appreciate all those who are able to attend and offer help

This was the best turnout in a long time, but it was a long day. Consider splitting into two days, but that could impact turnout.

Consider doing Catching in gear for players who want to try out for Catcher, especially at the AAA and Majors levels.

- Drafts- Also a long night extremely happy we were able to knock it all out in one evening. March is always a tough Month to plan around with Spring Break/ Holiday's etc... but we need to get this done and teams assigned.

- **Upcoming Events/ Calendar Discussion**

- Spring Registration is still Open! As discussed at Drafts after teams are set. Explained to anyone that asked we will leave registration open till each team "stars excluded" Reaches 12 Players. Then a "Waitlist" will be created if necessary and we can take players in a situation where a kid decides not to play and or is unable to play due to injury hence a "Vacancy" is created.

Stars will remain open until uniforms sell out or no coaches are available. There are about 80/100 slots signed up.

Request for Level A to get four coaches shirts since Manager, Pitcher, and two base coaches often need shirts.

Request for other levels to be two XL and one XXL, since the Large rarely fits anyone.

Umpire signup (Request to be an Umpire) is still open. We are accepted umps as young as 12 years old if they have baseball experience. Those umps will only ump lower level games to start.

DPYB is still looking for Sponsors. \$350 to be a sponsor and get your name on the jersey. There are Banner options still available. See the website for more information and how to sign up.

- Fields officially open 4.1. Working with Park District closely and will continue to do so. Most notable rehab at Arndt Park.

This is barring any poor conditions. Fields could get put on pause if they are in unsafe conditions due to weather. DP Park Districts expect to the the fields open and ready for April 1st. Fields may be useable now, but not officially open until 04.01.26

- 2026 Picture day 4.26- Does anyone want to volunteer as picture Day coordinator?

The picture company PMI runs most of the day, so this role is more of a facilitator and greeter. It is an easy job.

- Opening Day May 2nd

After April First we will send out volunteer opportunities.

*Field Decorations Friday night prior May 1st

*Announcements and Music Day of

CSYBA schedule is not out yet, but should be out soon. Games could start before our Opening Day. We have a full Majors team, so another town will come out for our Opening Day.

CSYBA dates can be requested, but other team, parents, Mark and CSYBA need to be notified.

Field Decorators needed, at least two more families would be helpful.

Announcers and Music volunteers are needed for OPening Day. We may have a mic and speaker available, but if someone has that would be helpful.

Considering hiring an announcer for Majors or multiple levels if cost is not prohibitive.

- Memorial Day 5.25 no games that weekend

NO GAMES Saturday 05.25.26 of Memorial Day weekend, so that is a great weekend for families to travel. Please consider if your team will be in the playoffs after that.

- CSYBA championship Sunday Fathers Day Sunday 6.21 all Championship Games at Pioneer Park in Niles

CSYBA Championship Sunday is Father's Day at Pioneer Park. Playoff week is prior. Home games should be in Des Plaines unless rescheduled to a different, evening game due to weather, for example.

- End of Season Picnic Targeting Sunday 6.28

Expecting to do the same format with the same food, and similar raffle. Things went pretty well last time. Please share suggestions for new ideas.

- Des Plaines 4th of July Parade

We are planning for two trucks with drivers to be designated later. Please plan to join us and rally support for DPYB.

Considering a Chicago Dogs games for families to join again.

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

Current Financials/ Budget Presentation.

Budget is \$29K with fees eating up about \$1600 and the twice a year insurance payment taking a larger portion of the budget than expected. There is a \$5K surplus that we should decide how to use with a few ideas on the table.

\$13-16K worth of uniforms are accounted for in this budget and are on target.

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

- **Secretary:** Jonathan Jordan

No news

- **Head of Rules and Umpires:** Online Registration Open to Umpires. Will train 12 and Older. Umpire Training Sunday 4.12 3 PM West Park. Can move to Prairie Lakes if necessary due to weather.

*Upgrading our Umpire gear Shirts for all umpires.

*CSYBA rules posted for 2026 at most divisions

*Double First Base and rules

Rob plans to hold a special training for this new type of base since the rule wording is challenging.

*2024 Des Plaines

- **Division Coordinator:** Brian Joyce

*Coaches Handbook rewritten and posted. Handed out to Coaches at Draft.

Included are also practice plans to help coaches know what the expectations are at their levels.

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

Concessions will be stocked and ready to go 04.11.26 - 04.12.26 with some pricing adjustments. There will also be a tournament menu which Des Plaines hosts.

- **Majors-** Open

We were able to get the numbers to fill a whole team of Des Plaines Kids! This is very exciting for those of you who have been around Des Plaines Youth Baseball for a while..... When kids get older they are less likely to try something new, start focusing on

one sport or hobby etc. This specific group has always had slightly lower baseball numbers because of Covid as well their first years playing real baseball didn't happen.

Majors Division Coordinator position is still open. There are currently 12 DP kids on our Majors team.

- **AAA-** Jonathan Jordan

Team emails went out to coaches with players and contacts. Coaches asked to reach out to families with practice times and fields, etc.

Two players have signed up after the draft with Team Capps/Mears receiving the first and Team Lewis receiving the next. Barring any changes, Team Chamlin/Metzler would receive the next. Then, Team Crain/Frew would receive the fourth signup with the loop repeating, barring any concerns or requests.

- **AA-** Mallory Fazio

Coaches asked to email families by end of week. Coaches offered a template to send out to make easier and ensure key info is there.

- **A:** Laura Rodriguez- 1 more coaches shirt

Request for one more coaches shirt at this level per the above. A new sign up went to Team Jordan/Berrios. There also a drafted player who has not yet signed up. Family contacted and expected to sign up.

Finch rule updates sent to families.

Snack/Health Signup also sent out.

- **STARS:** Jeff Ritzema

A Rosemont team will join the league.

This league is not CSYBA with practices and games scheduled for Wednesdays and Saturdays.

- **Player Agent:** Tracy Frew

Planning an email regarding this role and its scope.

- **Field Maintenance:** Frank

Ardnt is getting a lot of work, and Seminole 2 is asked to locate the pegs and do some work.

- **Equipment:** Mike Crain

Some bags are still out there. Those coaches should reach out to make sure these are in the inventory.

There are approximately six Left Throwing Catchers' Mitts (fits right hand). Please reach out if you have a LHT Catcher and need one assigned to you.

Handouts are on Sunday with other days possible.

First Aid kits should also be available.

- **DPYB Warrior Baseball Part Time Travel: Brendan**
 - * **14U-** Coach Pelletier
 - * **11U-** Coach Metzler
 - * **10U-** Coach Mears
 - * **9U-** Coach Berrios

No new news.

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

\$350 each with a cap at four (one for each level). There are approximately 13 sponsors right now with spots for 10 more (23 total).

DPYB is also accepting donations.

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

Should we do another?

- **Safety:** Laura Schuster. First Aid kits bought for each team this year. They will be handed out with equipment.

First Aid kits: 3 ice packs, band-aids, gauze, card with contact infos

AED to be delivered.

- **Uniforms-** Amy Enright is working hard on this. Orders for shirts and Hats placed. Next step is getting them printed. Pants socks will be another vendor placed this week. 2 XL 1 XXL

Coaches who need exchanges should reach out to Bre.

- **Webmaster- Mark**

Reach out w/ questions or concerns.

• **Open Ongoing Discussions**

***Public Comments/ Open Discussion**

• **Next meeting Wednesday April 15th 2026**