



**Dover Youth Softball League**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Cara's Pub**

DYSL Board of Directors (mark those present with an "X")

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| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> President – JAMIE STEVENS                    | <u>  </u> 6U Division Director – <b>OPEN</b>             |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Vice President – NATALIE SACCOCCIA           | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> 8U Division Director – ASHLEY CHERRY  |
| <u>  </u> Treasurer – BRUCE THORNER                             | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> 10U Division Director – LANCE KEELTY  |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Secretary – NATALIE SACCOCCIA                | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> 12U Division Director – KEITH FORTIER |
| <u>  </u> Past President – <b>OPEN</b>                          | <u>  </u> 16U Division Director – <b>OPEN</b>            |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Director of Sponsorship – PATTY KINNICUT     | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Director of Coaches – STEVE SHEPARD   |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Registrar – LINDSAY CALLAGHAN                | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Director of Media – JIM DESROSIERS    |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Director of Concession Stand – KRYSTAL SMALL | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Community Liaison – MELISSA LEBLANC   |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Director of Equipment – TODD LAFOND          | <u>  </u> <u>x</u> League Scheduler – JOSH ROBERGE       |
| <u>  </u> <u>x</u> Director of Facilities – ERIN MILLS          |  |

**16 Positions Filled, 15 Members, 3 Positions Available. Quorum= 8 people**

- 1) **Call to Order:** 7:06pm meeting called to order.
- 2) **Citizen's Forum:** No one present.
- 3) **Regular Business:**

Meeting Minutes: Vote to accept April 7th, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Patty, seconded by Krystal, 11/11 accepted (no discussion or questions).

**7:07pm Erin Mills entered the meeting.**

- a) Treasurer's Report-
  - i) Current Accounts
    - ii) League Checking: updated balance \$73,729.55 w/ \$3,377.84 obligated
    - iii) DYSL All-Star Teams Acct: updated balance \$11,853.00 w/ \$2,250.00 obligated
    - iv) DYSL Concessions Acct.: \$3,039.96, unchanged as reported on 4/28/24.
    - v) Special Revenue Fund: \$1,313.52, reported as unchanged

Treasurer Discussion:

-One question asked by Lindsay- will Attack costs come out as a separate account? Jamie stated no, it is all one account.

-Krystal reported some recent expenditures for the concession stand in the amount of \$686.82 spent at BJ's. The Hot Dog machine was \$224.48 was also purchased.



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**Jim D. entered by meeting at 7:10pm.**

-Erin reported the door at Shaw's Lane (with the combo) was not locked/shut completely a few times. It's been difficult to shut the door. Jamie stated he would report this concern to the city and follow-up. Discussed concern about having money, merchandise, and food available.

**4) Old Business:**

a) Spring Registration

i) update on 4 teams is everything ok?

-Ashley reported the change went well with coaches and players.

b) Attack Updates

i) 8u- Ashley reported that tryouts done, fielded a team of 14. Three girls were cut. Total of 5 coaches; they had their first practice. Ashley asked about sliding- should the girls be doing this? Patty responded, yes, they can steal. Todd also added make sure they do not slide head first.

ii) 10u- completed a second try out. Rostered 13 and payment needs to be collected. Jamie asked the board about a player who changed their mind on playing and whether or not to refund the money. Ashley asked if Jamie's paperwork state whether the fee was non-refundable, and he stated he was unsure. Board discussed there were differences across paperwork, that it's mentioned in some places. 8U and 12U paperwork says non-refundable per Ashley. Jamie will take care of it.

iii) 12u- Steve stated they had their first practice today, cut 3 players.

c) Coaching Updates- An 8U coach needs more information from the background check. Steve unsure if Sports Engine emailed him anything. Ashley said she would email and/or reach out to this coach to figure out next steps and then follow up with Steve.

d) Water Bubbler @ Shaw's Lane- Jamie followed up with Ricky and the City of Dover. It was discussed that the water bubbler is owned by the city and that they will be responsible for fixing this. No time frame was established for fixing this repair. Also, improvements needed



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for the dug outs is an elevated concern, more individuals taking and reporting photos of poor conditions has helped the city move forward on this.

- e) Fence post extensions on upper field- Lance reached out and is waiting to hear back. No updates. This will be revisited next meeting.

**5) New Business:**

1. Opening Day May 4<sup>th</sup>

- a. Any significant updates from subcommittees

- Jamie needs a list of team names from all divisions, including sponsors.

- PA at Southside is working.

- Josh proposed a tentative schedule and Jamie submitted changes to him directly. He will forward this schedule to the Opening Day Committee. Patty will develop this for Saturday (Opening Day) so that Jamie can announce.

- Added stone dust to the batting cage. There is some concern about safety and the rocks in the warmup area. Jamie reported feeling concerned that no one has offered a solution and is trying to address problems as they arise. He continued to explain that without a full-time field crew, it can be difficult to get things done. Discussed concerns about different materials. Additionally, there was concern about a net that needed to be moved. Lindsay asked about material donation. Keith was not aware of the need for these updates but shared that he has solutions. Expressed gratitude for helping to get work done and reinforced the need to communicate these concerns. Todd suggested prioritizing what can be done by Saturday and then after. Jamie mentioned that conversation is getting off topic and proceeded to shift conversation to Opening Day needs.

- Ashley stated concerns about Attack sponsors. There is an Attack Sponsorship fundraising form with promises of being announced. Patty stated she was unaware of this and how this is expected at Apple Harvest Day. Jamie suggested clarifying this, Ashley also shared that she is concerned about people sending different letters and sponsors reading different promises that create confusion. Ashley can make a list for



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8U and whatever Melissa has collected. Patty will follow up with Melissa. Natalie is creating a program guide for Opening Day with schedule- offered to put a list of sponsors on the back of the sheet as another way to acknowledge sponsors.

-Bruce has a schedule for games to ideally get umpires for those games. Discussed assigning umpires to games through Sports Engine. Lindsay and Keith to communicate on this.

-Melvin Torres asked the Dover HS players to volunteer for at least one hour on Opening Day.

-UNH has not responded to Natalie for Opening Day.

-Chevy has not confirming they are coming. Patty to update Josh if she hears. There would be a check presentation.

-Bolduc frame was ordered- they were invited to attend Opening Day. Board suggested Natalie will submit the cost to Bruce for reimbursement. Natalie will follow-up.

-Plan to recognizing wall contractors.

-New pitching machine is in for 8u purchase price was \$195.82 need to increase purchase price we voted on \$160.00. Final purchase price \$149.00, this came in under the expected cost and does not require a vote.

- b. Was contacted by the city and asked if we could accommodate 7/8 year old practices at Shaws Ln on field "B" don't assume the field is available without Josh directly. This is all a result of losing the MaGlaris complex. How are we handling maintenance, bases ect?

-Baseball using field 'C' at Shaw's Lane.

-The fields are no longer available, even if they are not occupied. Please contact Josh if there are changes for fields.

-Ashley asked about one master schedule. Patty shared this document exists. Lindsay proposed merging teams/field assignments. Lindsay and Josh will follow up on this later.



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- c. Waiting to understand about field maintenance with Middle School team using Thorner?

-Jamie raised concern about field maintenance and equipment concerns and who is responsible. Keith stated Jim is reaching out to Peter to clarify. Their first game is scheduled tomorrow, however there are still things up in the air. In the event something is broken or other things such as reset mounds could result in safety concerns. Jamie requested clarity from the Middle School team and city with no answers. Krystal suggested reaching out to Ricky. Keith offered to follow-up with Ricky. Also questions about materials such as lining the fields etc. that the middle school is supplying this? Using our materials?

**Melissa entered the meeting at 7:58pm.**

- 2. Schedule Updates- Josh has completed a spring schedule. When games are rescheduled, Josh will text Krystal so she can update the sign-up genius list for concession stands. Josh will get contacts from surrounding towns in a central list for the season. Jamie explained the need to communicate changes to umpires as well. Umps not needed for an Attack scrimmage. Sometimes teams hire umpers for this, preference varies.

-Todd to reach out to Melvin to inform HS players to arrive at 9am (per text message from Todd).

- 3. Field maintenance items remaining (to be completed)

- a. Task Assignments & Schedule dates any proposals to get work completed

- i. Southside

- 1. Updates on what's been completed

- a. Mow and heavily de-thatch both fields
- b. Fill in area by entry gate and seed
- c. Fill in area in center field and seed
- d. Reseed repaired spot on upper field
- e. Apply stone to low area in first base dugout warm up area (stone donated)



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- f. one set of base foundations needs to be poured (Erin)
2. Reset bases and pitching rubber on both fields
  - a. Should we move both home plates back?
  - b. How far?
  - c. This will effect foul pole layout?
  - d. Spoke about creating a task list for this Friday afternoon. The priority tasks would be: pitching mounds at both fields, foul lines, home plate at Murray, upper field has a wash out hole from rain, line fields. Patty email league about volunteers for field help from 3:30-7:30. Several board members can be there before as well.**
3. Apply in field mix, grade and groom both fields- defer to after Opening Day and revisit.
4. Discussions with Wade
  - a. Season long turf care
  - b. discussions about mulching all 3 garden beds
  - c. Asked for a proposal for completely ripping re grading and reseeding the upper field in the fall?
  - d. Waiting to hear back from Wade with a proposal for cost. Krystal to put flowers in the Wade barrel.
- ii. Shaw's Ln
  1. Dugout repair work (see notes above) and Jamie encouraged board to report concerns and take pictures as they happen.
4. Pitching / Catching Clinic updates? dates? who's coaching them? when?

-First day went well, would like to see more 8U. Tons of 8U catcher interest and the need for one more set of gear.



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5. Pictures- are taking place at Woodman Park School (WPS). There is a conflict on Sports Engine that notified families of the location being Garrison and WPS. Josh can get into Sports Engine and create events that direct people to WPS.
6. Natalie announced resignation from her roles. She will be unable to attend the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting due to graduation but willing to help through June if that is helpful for DYSL.
7. Hot water heater- donated by Todd, however it was not able to be installed. Jamie requested \$500 to install a hot water heater. Motion by Melissa, second by Todd. 16/16 in favor, no discussion, or questions.

**6) Final Topics**

a) Actions Review:

Final Comments/Concerns:

- Jamie to follow up on Shaw's Lane concession door not locking/closing correctly.
- Ashley to follow up with 8U Coach for the background check inquiry.
- Lance to reach out to another coach who is missing abuse training.
- Lance to follow up with AAA Fence re: quote
- Patty to reach out to Melissa about Attack sponsorships
- Keith to follow up with Ricky about the field needs for Middle School Team and inquire about a process for when things happen or break how to navigate that.
- Patty to send out league wide correspondence with several updates for pictures etc.

**Adjourn**- Motion to adjourn the meeting Lance, seconded by Erin, 16/16 in favor.

**Meeting Schedule:**

- May 19
- June 16
- July 21
- August 18