

SAXONBURG AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
September 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14th, 2023 – 8:30 PM

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jamie McSwaney (JM)	President/ TWP Rep	X		Jamie McSwaney (JM)	Twp. Liaison	X	
Nick Dreher (ND)	V. P.	X			Colt/Legion		
Kim Andrews (KA)	Secretary		X	Jamie McSwaney (JM)	Pony	X	
Cassie Beres (CB)	Treasurer	X		Curtis Walbert (CW)	Bronco		X
Todd Feidt (TF)	Field Maint.		X	Justin Demek (JD)	Minor	X	
Ali Ciz (AC)	Concessions	X		Brandon Mowry (BM)	Farm	X	
Justin Thompson (JT)	IT/Web	X		Jim Boris (JB)	T-Ball	X	
Jake Ingram (JI)	Sponsorship	X		Sam Naples (SN)	Tax Preparer		X

JM opened meeting at 8:35 PM. – Minutes from prior month reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE –

- Jamie McSwaney’s last meeting as Board President (serving 7 years). Justin Demek transitioned to new league president. Additional new members/role changes:
 Justin Thompson – VP
 Tom McDougal – Treasurer
 Melissa Stobert – Secretary
 Steve Tuzikow – Field maintenance
 Curtis Walbert – Pony Commissioner
 Mike Hedglin – Bronco Commissioner
 John VanLenten – Minor Commissioner
 Joe Brose – Farm Commissioner
 Drew Weleski – T-Ball Commissioner

TREASURER’S REPORT –Cassie Beres (CB) reported:

- Discussion of concession doing great this year, making close to \$10,000.
- Fall ball breaking even this year. Shirts not yet paid for. \$63.25 profit on fall apparel sales.
- Middle School fundraiser – NFL pick ‘em - \$1100 profit so far. Top prize is \$400, second prize is \$200. Small weekly payouts are also included.
- Reminder to check all-star accounts routinely. Minor league encountered fraudulent purchases this year.
- Cassie Beres motioned to change signature cards on all accounts to all new SABA officers. Nick Dreher seconded the motion.
 - General Checking \$45,048.11
 - KMS Checking
 - Concessions Checking \$7,281.68
 - Savings \$12,665.00
 - Scholarship Savings \$1,145.24
 - Investment \$21,218.78
 - Gross Account Balance \$87,358.81

CONCESSIONS – Ali Ciz (AC) AC reported:

- Discussion about scheduling cleaning/closing of concession stands. May want to consider this being a different day than field clean-up to allow for more participation. Freezer and fryer purchased. Current freezer taken to AC's home for the winter to avoid potential power outage in concession stand and loss of food, which happened last year. Some food items still needing unloaded, possibly to Spartans Football or the Knoch football trailer, if interested. Novotny's gave \$100 for some items nearing expiration.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Steve Tuzikow (ST) and Jamie McSwaney (JM) ST and JM Reported:

- Discussion about maintenance for Field Pro and mower. Mower needs addressed for fall. New machine needs washed and oil needs changed.
- Porta johns are scheduled for pick-up mid-October.
- Township liaison is needed to attend monthly meetings with Jefferson Township.

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE –

- Discussion that garbage will be shut down the last week of October. Last year, SABA was charged in December for garbage that was not "ours". New Township Liaison needs to ensure SABA does not encounter the same experience this year. Township meetings are the first Wednesday of each month.

WEB/IT/SOCIAL MEDIA – Justin Thompson (JT) JT Reported:

- New IT board member needed, as JT is transitioning to Vice President.

SPONSORSHIP – Jake Ingram (JI) JI Reported:

- Nothing new to report, but some inquiries being made/interest being shown for bigger advertisement opportunities.

LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) Reported:

- Discussion about the WPFBL (fall league) for JV/varsity going well. \$250 to enter the league. Games are held for 6 consecutive Saturdays, including 3 home games and 3 away games. The home team provides umpires and game balls.

COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) JM reported:

- Nothing new to report

PONY COMMISSIONER – Justin Thompson (JT) JT Reported:

- Nothing new to report

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – Justin Thompson (JT) reported on Curtis Walbert's behalf. JT Reported:

- Ongoing concern about the 13U team for next year. Many kids transitioning to outside travel ball clubs.

MINOR COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) Reported:

- Fall ball off and running: Saxonburg, Center Township, and Moniteau. Discussion about keeping fall ball competitive and possibly looking into additional local teams to compete against (Mars, Freeport, Pine Richland) next year.

FARM COMMISSIONER – Joe Brose (JB) JB Reported:

- Fall ball Farm league consists of 3 teams (36 kids total). Discussion about ways to get T-Ballers ready for Farm next year. Suggestion made for winter clinics. Discussion about possibly moving to 2 age groups due to

widespread talent in this league. Discussion about possibly introducing evaluations to create increased team equality, avoiding higher caliber players being on the same team.

T-BALL COMMISSIONER – Drew Weleski (DW) DW Reported:

- Discussion of a possible coach's clinic to ensure all coaches are aware of drills, positions, techniques, expectations, etc.
- During the last inning of each game, players are using the T only for batting due to darkness and the need to accelerate game play.

VICE PRESIDENT – Nick Dreher (ND) Reported:

- ND encouraged new board members as the current members exit their positions:
 - ***"Don't be afraid to disagree."***
 - ***"Don't be afraid to look internally"***
 - ***"If you have the energy, go do it"***

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

- Concession renovation of upper stand in the works, as well as purchase of larger building for down below. Pittsburg Sheds 'N At in Glenshaw provided pricing for 12x24 and 12x28 buildings, which likely will not be sufficient in size. 25x30 would likely be the best/most efficient size for accommodating equipment, people, storage, etc. Discussion about collaborating with Jefferson Township to ensure this size is permissible within the park. Estimated cost \$8000.
- Suggestion made to look into picnic tables and possibly memorialize them to offset cost.
- Suggestion made by JD and MH to consider concrete work in the farm and t-ball dugouts. Expense would likely be minimal, and Jefferson Township may have masonry support available.
- Discussion about private school students (St. Luke, Holy Sepulcher) being able to participate in Saxonburg Baseball. JM reported that this currently is not an option due to lack of a co-op. Knoch has not been interested in this previously. There is new staff at both Knoch and St. Luke, so interests may be different moving forward.
- Discussion about potential field changes: possibly utilizing Concordia field for more T-Ball games or utilizing the American Legion field. This would allow for Farm games to be moved from the T-Ball field and Minor games to be moved to Farm field.
- JT motioned to consider potential amendments to bylaws during October's meeting:
 - Put a game quota in the bylaws for how many games need to be played/participated in for a player to be able to play travel ball.
 - Standardizing draft procedures
 - Readjusting timeframes: registration, evaluations, pictures

JM and JD ended meeting at 10:15 PM.

Next meeting (Closed): 10/5/23 7:30 PM @ Jefferson Township Building