

## **Meeting summary August 20, 2025**

**Attendees:** Dale Goodrich, Damian Perrin, Leah Fischer, Max Gruenig, Emily Francingues, Tony Debrates, Rebecca Velez, Rosalind Murray, Lindsay Faulkner

### **Quick recap**

The meeting began with administrative matters including schedule changes, and the election of the Executive Board. The group reviewed financial updates and fall sports registration numbers, discussing various operational matters including uniforms, conduct contracts, facility maintenance and park expansion.

### **Next steps**

#### **Max:**

- Follow up with Nord about Oak Park bathrooms/ meet with Jermaine to assess if they are functional, review signage allowance with NORD
- Move \$15,000 from checking account to savings account
- Reach out to UNO again regarding the gym contract for volleyball and basketball
- Open registration for basketball and cabbage ball on September 2<sup>nd</sup>-Close registration on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Talk to Dave about running basketball again and his time commitment
- Show Lindsay the log ins to run website
- Send Beau back the changes to travel ball policy – parent participation at opening weekend and one basket.
- Add no walk up music to the rules (note that Tony got a quote for outdoor speakers)
- Send 501c3 form to Dale for waters

#### **Leah:**

- Follow up with Gus Willy about cost for restocking fee for hats
- set up fanstore and send Lindsay the link
- Send previous meeting minutes to the new board members

#### **Lindsay:**

- Update the discipline rules and conduct section based on redlines
- Create an incident form/template for documenting warnings and violations
- Add reference to parent code of conduct to the form
- Add calendar to the website with the new dates for activities

#### **Max/Damian:**

- Figure out the breakdown of registration fees versus expenses for fall baseball (all sports in general, what is our run rate?)

#### **Dale:**

- Send a message to Delgado students about snack shack duty instead of umpiring for 5-6 year olds
- Organize a coach's meeting before the fall season

## **Summary**

## **Executive Board Election**

Approval of previous meeting minutes and the election of the Executive Board, with Max (president), Beau (VP), Damien (Treasurer), Leah (Recording Secretary), and Dale (Corresponding Secretary) being elected to their respective positions. Lindsay will maintain the website.

## **Fall Sports and Financial Updates**

The meeting covered financial updates, including a total of \$34,490 in checking accounts, \$10,217 in savings, and \$25,000 in a CD, with plans to move \$15,000 back to savings. Fall sports registration showed an 18% increase in baseball and 13% in volleyball, with nearly 500 children participating. The group discussed uniforms, deciding not to order hats for fall due to high costs (**Vote: Approved**), and addressed issues with gym contracts and umpire assignments.

## **Facilities:**

The ceiling is still falling in the shack, noting termite damage to a 2x4 and waiting for a roof repair estimate from NORD Price. Key copies are still pending. Frank Randall, a Delgado volunteer, is maintaining the Nord field -striping and dragging, \$25 stripe, \$25 drag.

## **Fall Sports Registration and Fees**

The group discussed fall sports registration, setting fees at \$75 for basketball and \$50 for cabbage ball, with registration opening September 2nd. They decided to split basketball divisions single-sex for older group after concerns about physicality in the 11-12 co-ed division, with Dave confirmed to run the basketball program again. The group noted his significant time commitment and should consider additional support needs/referees for this season. The group agreed to open Summer sports registration on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 19) and have grading during Saint Patrick's Day week (March 16).

## **2024 Season Schedule Planning**

The group discussed the 2026 summer season schedule, deciding to start on April 13th and end regular season on June 26th, with opening weekend set for May 16-17. They agreed to avoid scheduling games on April 23-24 and May 30-June 1 due to Jazz Fest. Playoff dates unconfirmed until confirmed.

## **Travel Ball Scheduling and Finances**

The travel ball rules were reviewed and approved with minor changes. They also discussed the handling of fundraising money, teams are to manage their own Venmo accounts rather than using a shared Lakeview Venmo account.

## **Oak Park Field Maintenance Plan**

The group discussed field maintenance and usage at Oak Park, where they agreed to a monthly cost of \$850 for mowing and basic improvements. The facility would be used for travel ball teams and recreational teams, with two backstops available for different age groups. The team discussed

bathroom conditions at the site, they might not be usable due to locked doors, and portable toilets were deemed unsuitable due to security concerns.

### **Enhanced Coach Discipline Rules**

Max proposed new discipline rules for coaches, parents, and players, which need to be included in the back of all league rulebooks. Dale suggested holding mandatory coach meetings for fall and summer sports to explain the rules and emphasize that coaches are the first line of defense against unruly behavior. The board agreed to implement a stricter approach, and Lindsay will create an incident form to track rule violations. They also considered adding a requirement for coaches to review and acknowledge the rules before receiving uniforms.

### **Youth Baseball Unsportsmanlike Conduct Policy**

Leah and Lindsay discussed the need for a clear policy on unsportsmanlike conduct in youth baseball, focusing on the importance of documentation and the role of umpires in determining what constitutes an egregious act. They agreed to remove the word "nonviolent" from the policy and emphasized the need for better documentation of incidents to prevent future issues. The board suggested creating a Google form for documenting repeat offenders and proposed referring to the existing parent code of conduct in the discipline plan. The team agreed not to include specific rules about sliding for young players, as many are first-time participants. They also discussed the importance of bat checks and keeping written records of rule violations to deter inappropriate behavior. Lindsay will review and send policy back with changes.

**Adjourn.**