

SAU 16 Softball Committee Meeting Minutes
July 17th, 2023 | 8:30pm

Attendance: Elise Amarosa, Mike Tully, Joe Contois, Tracy Williams, John Blackburn, Mike and Danielle Petlick, Mike O'Connell, Lisa Duchesne, Christopher Curley, Abby Mills, Josh Mills, Kerri Rodgers, Jim Webber

Meeting opened at: 8:30pm

Item:	Discussion:	Actions:	Responsible/Due date:
Approval of meeting minutes from 6.19.23	Abby motioned, Joe second, all in favor		
EJBSL Board Update: Christine	No meeting this month Baseball had a fundraiser tonight at Otto pizza Fisher Cats game -Baseball Coach in the news, background check came back clear prior to incident Investigation started on the 15th. Baseball was notified by police, Baseball made contact with all families on those teams involving that coach. Communication was blocked between coach and players and families Refer to the statement that Baseball put out if there are any questions		

<p>Summer Programs Update: Update from Summer Program meeting on the following from last meeting: -Coaches for Summer Teams -How the coaches selection committee is expected to work/ make choices/ etc (plus we need an official vote/request to activate them) -Cart before the horse (we need the coaches for evals but won't know the number or level of teams until evals). -Evals - How to evals, draft, etc will work. -Possible use of colors to depict the level of competition per team vs having multiple team (Maybe last names?) -% of players from partner towns -Roster size</p>	<p>Coaches talk to parents that they need to sign up and try out again.</p> <p>All kids must attend Eval Day, no guarantee that you will make the team even if you made the team in the past.</p> <p>Have a contract that families sign that they are committing to the team and commitment to the season with financial information and due dates. Playing time, tournament teams.</p> <p>Eval day forms, add comments for coaches</p> <p>Maybe using Coaches last name instead of colors to distinguish teams</p> <p>USA/Babe Ruth regulations for Level C</p> <p>USA changed the age cut off as of September 1st 2023</p> <p>Babe Ruth, NH coordinator, Mike, is in favor of changing the cut off. Trying to push NH through for next year starting 9.1.23</p>		
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<p>-How to handle travel teams in Sports Engine (thoughts for future years) -Complications for BRL and USA softball -Xtreme and Riptide decisions for Next Year -Just quick report back on Xtreme (# tournaments, fees) -Same for Riptide (all levels)</p>	<p>Program information sent via email and is posted on website \$450 for 10u-14u 3 to 4 tournaments 8u - 12u evaluate talent for Riptide</p>		
<p>Coaches: -Results of survey? (I'd prefer to look at this as a program survey than a coach's specific survey) -Has all gear been returned?</p>	<p>20% of families filled out survey 31 families Most were from 12U, some from 10U and 14U, a few from 8U and 1 from 6U Each coach was represented Majority was very positive Some wanted more games 10U complained about Umps Some complaints about Umps but not sure if they were home or away coaches Some negative feedback about fields 10U pointing coaches in the same direction. Some letting kids playing all positions and</p>		

	<p>not about winning 10U wanted teams to be more even</p> <p>All gear has been returned! Only gear that is out is summer ball coaches</p>		
<p>Partner Town Meeting Update: move to Seacoast League?</p>	<p>Josh and Christine attended Huge compliments came from the partner towns Appreciated the shared responsibility Breakdown of money for Champ night Realized how much work we do compared to other towns Team compositions Partner towns would love to see us become the Seacoast League again - all the towns having equal say Some towns only had one representative at meetings and saw the drawback to that, disseminating information Every town should have two representatives at each meeting</p>		

	<p>Abby questioned the possible issue around us being part of EJBSL</p> <p>EJBSL would be a member group of the Seacoast League</p> <p>Joe suggested creating two new board positions for the Seacoast league board</p> <p>This would not be for next year, would need to be built over the course of the next year</p> <p>Not interested in having games prior to April Vacation</p>		
<p>Background checks:</p> <p>-In light of what has occurred with EJBSL, I recommend we vote to return to background checks annually (and be more proactive with vesting our travel coaches AND assistants as soon as the teams are formed).</p> <p>-Need to discuss the timeline with EJBSL (as</p>	<p>Abby recommended that we run background checks every year prior to any practices.</p> <p>Travel team coaches prior to any practices.</p>	<p>-Joe motioned, Abby motioned, all in favor to move to yearly background checks</p>	

<p>they purchase the memberships, etc)</p>			
<p>Rules Update: -Time limit - move to MA rule? (Which MA rule?). -Rosters → Teach coaches to do rosters correctly in Rec so we don't have issues if and when they go to travel</p>			
<p>Field Updates: Season dates for next year</p>	<p>We requested Exeter rec use of fields as soon as fields are ready through June 23rd</p> <p>Some parents questioned the start of the season dates compared to baseball</p> <p>Weather controlled a lot of the field availability this year</p> <p>Use of indoor space? Volunteer?</p>		

<p>Treasurer Report: Where are the summer programs on monies? Where is the rec league?</p>	<p>5 payments from 16U received recently 14U is fully paid up Matt did not provide full roster for 16U Rye and Kensington paid</p>	<p>Tracy will reach out to Bob to get the roster so we know how much needs to be collected</p>	
<p>Fundraising Update:</p>			
<p>Visitors:</p>	<p>John Blackburn is interested in joining the board Christopher Curley is interested in joining the board Mike and Danielle Petlick are interested in joining the board</p> <p>Board members need to have a position to vote</p>	<p>Joe motioned, Lisa second to add 4 new board members</p>	
<p>Parking Lot: Scholarships for Umpire Patching? (Where does scholarship money come from? What do we have available)</p>			

<p>Draft Committee - to meet over the summer</p> <p>Formalized timeline for next year - help with expectations, timeline, etc.</p> <p>Pitching clinics for younger girls learning to pitch- girls need to learn basic techniques before games start to prevent injuries. (possibly a catching clinic also?)</p> <p>Summer League Coordinator? (Put this off until after try-outs)</p>			
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Meeting adjourned at: 10:10pm

Next Meeting: August 14th 2023 8pm

Director of Softball - Christine Conner
 Fields - Bobby Leonard/Josh Mills
 Umps - Josh Mills

Equipment - Joe Contois
Registrar- Chrissy Leonard/Nicole S.
Treasurer - Tracy Williams
Website - Mike Tully
Fundraising - Lisa Duchesne
Corporate Sponsorship - Lisa Duchesne
Communications - Abby Mills
Safety Coordinator
Background checks - Kerri Rodgers
Secretary - Elise Amarosa
Uniforms - Christine Conner (temp)
Summer League Coordinator - Christine Conner (temp)
Rules - Committee
Shirts/Trophies/Coach's Award - Christine Conner (temp)
Member at Large - Shannon Valli (also doing score reporting)