

Meeting Title: District 7 Presidents and Staff Meeting

Attendees

Eric Anderson, Duane Bedell, Sandi Halfman, Tim Halfman, Barry Nelson, Leslie Parpart, Kevin Smith, Wendy Smith, Andy Wooldridge, Emilie Kunkel, Shannon Moore, Gene Cannon, Chris Hummert, Gina Miller, Lisa Itel, Casey Lovell, Joe Zehr, Jordan Miller, Casey Burrham

Meeting Called to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
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Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve January 2026 minutes by Shannon
 - Seconded and voted on – motion passed
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General Updates

- Reviewed spreadsheet tracking completion of required items
 - Concussion training not listed in Data Center; discussion held on tracking
 - Recommendation for leagues to post training links on their websites
 - Discussion regarding player waitlists due to limited roster space
 - Reminder from Angie:
 - Required information due this week
 - Must be uploaded to league Data Center filing cabinet
 - Assistance available upon request
 - St. Paul advised to contact Angie for submission questions
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Treasurer's Report

- Angie unable to attend
 - Reminder:
 - State financial reports and forms due this week
 - Must be saved in Data Center filing cabinet
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Old Business

Training Requirements:

- Abuse Awareness – required annually (all volunteers)
- Concussion Training – required annually (all player-contact roles)
- Diamond Training – one-time requirement (All-Star managers/coaches)
- SAFE Training – First Aid training available

Registration & Player Eligibility:

- District reviewing registration data
 - Out-of-bound players must meet one of the following:
 1. School within league boundary
 2. Approved IID waiver
 3. Sibling under age 7 registered
 4. Prior OBB waiver
 - Responsibility lies with league presidents
 - Must be approved before player participates
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New Business

District 7 Bylaws & Governance:

- Motion to approve District 7 bylaws by Chris
 - Seconded and approved
 - Motion to approve Articles of Amendment by Shannon
 - Seconded and approved
 - Policy votes postponed until next meeting
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Program Updates

PlayMetrics:

- New registration platform launching for 2027 season
- Soft rollout begins June 2026
- Will include scheduling, team management, and mobile app features

Safe to Play Program:

- New safety program with tiered requirements
- One-time submission with annual updates

- Free safety training available
 - AED grant opportunities available through May 15, 2026
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Retention & Recruitment

- Participation peaks around age 6
 - Emphasis on early engagement and positive experience
 - Suggested outreach methods: social media, schools, events, and community engagement
 - Soccer noted as primary competing sport
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Program Development

Tee Ball:

- Recommendation to separate baseball and softball programs
- Focus on small teams and shorter sessions

Softball:

- Challenges include limited resources and competition from other sports
 - Recommendation to increase visibility and strengthen program structure
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Additional Discussions

- District 7 to host select state softball tournaments
 - Field availability discussed
 - Interleague rules to be addressed at March meeting
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Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Chris
 - Seconded and approved
 - Meeting adjourned
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