

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**NORTHWEST JUNIOR BASEBALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.**

Date: July 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: NJBSL Complex

**Board Members:**

Present: Vaught, Hinssen, Barnhart, Shaffer, Martin, Root, Milbrodt

Absent: None

Quorum Present? Yes

**Others Present:**

Jason McCune, Keith Despot, Sally Shackelford

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Vaught
- June meeting minutes were amended and approved

**New Business:**

- Open to Public Portion of Meeting:
  - 2025 Elections Applicants for open positions (not including existing board members applying for renewal of positions):
    - Jason McCune
      - Son plays on 10u Yokum travel
      - Owns Vinyl Supply in North Canton
      - Applying for Secretary
    - Keith Despot
      - Applying for Baseball Commissioner
      - Lives across the street from complex
      - Played baseball 16 years including some college
      - Son played t-ball this year and will be moving up to coach pitch next year
      - Has a 3-year-old daughter
    - Sally Shackelford
      - Has five kids, involved in NJBSL program
      - Willing to help with anything that might be needed
      - Wants to look at doing a player sponsorship program this year
      - Has coached softball for 13 years, travel last 4 years
      - Daughter is coming back to NW rec softball program
      - Wants to work on rec softball program
      - Would like to be Fundraising/Sponsorship/Volunteer chair
    - Per Hinssen/Martin:
      - Katie Kelly is interested in Secretary
      - Son is 9 years old, husband has been assistant coach since t-ball
      - Wants to be involved
      - Wasn't able to be present today because had out-of-town commitment

- Was a nurse but is now a stay-at-home mom
  - Per Hinssen, Katie Mason is willing to be softball chair to transition into softball commissioner position
    - Hinssen plans to be done with board after Spring 2026 season because her daughter will age out of program
      - She supports Mason working as a chair this year with plan to become softball commissioner after spring 2026 season
- Closed to Public Portion of Meeting:
  - Executive Session Held to Vote on Open Board Positions and Open Coaching Positions
- Election Results
  - President
    - Chad Vaught
  - Treasurer
    - Justin Barnhart
  - Secretary
    - Katie Kelly
  - Baseball Commissioner
    - Keith Despot
  - Tournament Commissioner
    - Vacant
  - Concession Coordinator (non-voting)
    - Jordan Martin
  - Sponsorship/Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator
    - Brittany Shaffer
  - Project Coordinator
    - Josh Root
  - Webmaster/Communications Coordinator
    - Vacant
  - Sponsorship/Fundraising/Volunteer Chair (non-voting)
    - Newly created chair position
    - Sally Shackelford
  - Softball Chair (non-voting)
    - Newly created chair position
    - Katie Mason
- Coaching Results
  - 14u Baseball
    - Corey Laudermilk
  - 12u Baseball
    - Alex Johnson
  - 10u Baseball
    - Justin Barnhart
  - 8u Baseball
    - Keith Despot
  - 14u Softball
    - Shaun Hinssen
  - 8u Softball
    - Katie Mason

- Tball
  - Luke Martin
- Barnhart presented financials for review
- Fall Ball
  - Final team count
    - 1 t-ball
    - 4 baseball (8u, 10u, 12u, 14u)
    - 2 softball (8u, 14u)
  - Baseball plans to be in SCBA
    - For 10u, requires 10 people on field
      - So NJBSL will have 12 athletes per roster
    - 17 registered, 2 were non-NW kids
      - Board previously voted to allow NW school district kids to have priority registration over non NW school district kids
        - Since registration platform does not permit screening, it ended up having one non-NW school kid was registered ahead of NW school kid
        - Martin will inform the non-NW school registrant that he will be refunded because not enough kids registered for a second team
  - Commissioners will work on field assignments
  - Martin motion to be in SCBA for baseball based on price (SCBA is \$73.50 vs SSBL is \$250)
    - Vaught second
    - Vote: all in favor
  - Softball is \$450 for 8u (STAL) and \$550 for 14u (STAL)
    - Includes balls, umpires, field
- Landscaping
  - Martin will contact company used for weed spraying in spring to do another application of weed killer to infields
- Martin motion to buy pallet of chalk
  - Vaught second
  - Vote: all in favor
- 12u Travel Proposal
  - Alex Johnson provided further details for his proposal via email
  - Motion by Vaught to approve team but requiring tryout and at least 80% of roster must be NW school district kids, same price as other travel teams in NJBSL
    - Martin second
    - Vote in favor: Vaught, Martin, Milbrodt, Hinssen, Shaffer
      - Opposed: Barnhart, Root
- Travel fundraising for the following year
  - Martin motion that any non-league required fundraising is applied to the specific goal for the fundraiser and any money left over at end of season rolls over to the league
    - Travel fundraisers must be completed prior to first game of season
    - Travel teams are still required to participate in all league-wide fundraisers

- Travel teams are required to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit due by August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Issue tabled for further discussion
- Next Meeting:
  - August 3, 2025 at 6:00
  - Location: NJBSL Complex
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Minutes by: Treasurer, Justin P. Barnhart