

# Spring Run Athletic Association Open Board Meeting 11/19/25

## 1. Introduction

- Meeting called to order by the VP (acting President) at 7:01 PM.
- Purpose: Gather feedback to improve programs and ensure all members are informed and able to share suggestions or questions.
- Noted: Current board president has resigned; board is in transition and seeking assistant directors for each program to support staffing.
- Board members introduced and their roles explained.
- Reviewed format: Opportunity for member comments (sign-up available), followed by a Q&A session.
- Emphasized transparency and open lines of communication, with encouragement to share input by survey, email, or direct contact.
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## 2. Finances

- Overall account balance: Approx. \$56,000
- Football:
  - Brought in: \$41,000 (fees, sponsorships, donations)
  - Expenses: \$38,000
- Cheer:
  - Brought in: \$27,000
  - Expenses: \$21,000
- Boys Basketball:
  - Brought in (this year): \$21,000
  - Expenses (last year): \$28,000
- Girls Basketball:
  - Brought in: \$10,000
  - Expenses: \$10,000
- Softball:
  - Brought in (last year): \$8,600
  - Expenses: \$6,100
- Baseball:
  - Brought in (last year): \$11,000
  - Expenses: \$9,000

These numbers reflect revenue and expenditures as shared in the meeting for each program.

## 3. Reports from Sports Directors

- Treasurer: Provided an overview of all sports programs finances. Highlighted incoming funds and expenses for football, cheer, boys basketball, girls basketball, softball, and baseball. Clarified how program fees and sponsorships are spent.
- Cheer Director: Shared that this was her first season as director. Reported the cheer teams' successes in competitions, discussed plans for additional skill clinics in the spring (tumbling, stunting), and announced a fundraising raffle to support these activities.

- Football Director: Noted increased participation in football, with all levels fielded for the first time in several years. Shared results, such as minors winning their division, and an increase in players from the previous season. Mentioned upcoming all-star participation.
- Girls Basketball Director: Described program growth, referencing a jump from two to seven teams, and their favorite age divisions. Emphasized the benefits of skill clinics and the importance of early engagement with younger athletes.
- Ways & Means: Reviewed fundraising activities, including blanket and beanie sales, Papa John's cards, pizza pickup, and concessions, reporting amounts raised for each and confirming fundraising met program needs.
- Boys Basketball Director: Announced the season had begun, with strong registration numbers (152 kids). Expressed enthusiasm about working with returning and new coaches.

#### **4. OPEN PORTION**

After the director reports, the meeting focused on several key areas:

- Additional Board Positions & Volunteer Needs:
  - Discussion about the need for roles such as a sustainability director, community partnership director, and technology services director.
  - Emphasis on challenges finding parent volunteers and the board seeking more assistance, especially as programs grow.
- Communication, Feedback, and Engagement:
  - Importance of clear, early communication with parents and setting program expectations before the season.
  - Calls for better website updates and direct engagement between board members and parents.
  - Suggestions for surveys and in-person meetings to collect more feedback.
- Team Structure & Player Development:
  - Addressing concerns about team sizes, the split between fun and competition, and the possibility of capping teams.
  - Exploration of developmental or instructional football/cheer levels for younger or new players, and considerations about splitting teams by skill.
  - Discussion of the value of a "mascot" or introductory level for the youngest players.
- Leadership & Program Improvement:
  - Candid concerns about leadership style, program turnover, board vacancies, and the need for approachable leaders.
  - Recognized that adding assistant directors would help with workload but stressed the importance of open and positive leadership to accept support and change.
  - The process for selecting and onboarding new directors was explained, including nominations, interviews, and board votes.
- Next Steps & Open Floor:
  - Members were encouraged to volunteer, provide ideas for program improvements, and send feedback by email, survey, or in-person.
  - Fundraising suggestions (like pizza box decoration) and community events were shared.
  - Final questions addressed bylaws updates and procedures for new director appointments.