
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Darien Youth Club
February 12th , 2019
7:00 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:05

2. Roll Call: Present-Nick Skweres, Stan Uba, Kevin Webb, Kraig Conyer, Dave Leatherwood, Jonathan Uba, Steve Crumpler, Laura Crumpler, Brian Fudacz, Dave Surdyk

3. Declaration of Quorum: Quorum established

4. Questions, Comments, or Announcements – General (This is an opportunity for the public to make comments or ask questions on any issue – 3 minute time limit per person, additional public comment period – agenda item 16) none

5. Approval of Minutes: motion by Fudacz, 2nd S. Crumpler, motion passes

6. Receiving of Communications: none

7. President’s Report
 - a. Steregenics
 - a.i. Received email from worried parent about our use of Diamond’s Edge
 - a.ii. The board is also very concerned about this
 - a.iii. DYC will continue to monitor the situation and supports the city of Darien moving forward
 - b. Gage of interest in going to participation pin instead of trophy

b.i. Other options, but looking for consistency across sports

b.ii. Stan will research

8. Vice-President's Report

a. Scholarships

a.i. 4 scholarships a year are awarded

a.ii. \$750 each

a.iii. Info will be sent out to Hinsdale South and Downers South

a.iv. Should we add more value to additional support?

a.v. Continued involvement in high school or playing 8 seasons will be preferred

9. Secretary's Report: no report

10. Treasurer's Report: no report

11. Commissioner's Reports

a. Baseball

a.i. Darien Stars

a.ii. Winter workouts in full swing (2 weeks left)

a.iii. Registration is currently low

a.iv. GDPBA will not do single and double A leagues

a.v. Stars teams who play Pony will stay together

a.vi. T-Ball

a.vi.1. T-Ball: Stan approached me a few weeks ago looking for a T-Ball Director. I have struggled to find someone to fill that position, but I intend to take care of preseason T-Ball preparations. As I did in the past, I usually contact all of our area preschools to circulate a DYC flyer to publicize registration for our first-time T-Ballers. I have already circulated a flyer with the Darien Park District's First Step program, where Mrs. Jean is the director for 80 preschoolers eligible for playing first-time T-Ball. I plan on reaching out to the rest of the area's preschools this week. From George Wilcox

a.vii. Umpires

- a.vii.1. Training date will be soon, costs tbd
- a.vii.2. Need to look at equipment (Stan will order)
- a.vii.3. Need numbers as soon as possible to make schedule

b. Basketball

b.i. Divisional Report

- b.i.1. Finishing on March 9th
- b.i.2. Weather has created many issues

c. Soccer

- c.i. Structure moving forward would be Katie Kadolph commissioner, Dave Leatherwood Spring Director and Referee training, Nicole referee scheduling
- c.ii. Motion to appoint Katie Kadolph soccer commissioner by Fudacz, 2nd Webb, motion passes
- c.iii. Motion to appoint Dave Leatherwood soccer referee director by Dave Surdyk, 2nd Fudacz, motion passes
- c.iv. Motion to approve 2019 spring soccer budget by Conyer, 2nd Surdyk, motion passes

d. Volleyball

- d.i. Used up all extra days because of weather
- d.ii. Is it possible to get days in March if necessary?
- d.iii. Games have been competitive
- d.iv. Good feedback from parents
- d.v. Trophies are set

e. Softball

- e.i. Registration at 77 girls, low at 2 levels
- e.ii. Using pitching machine at 8u and umpires
- e.iii. Winter workouts are going well
- e.iv. Evaluations are on March 2

f. Lacrosse

- f.i. We ended up with nearly half as many kids to register for the 2019 Winter Camp compared to the 2018 Winter Camp. Our last session is Feb. 17, where I hope to distribute T-shirts ordered by Stan.

g. Facilities (Sportscore)

- g.i. New light fixtures for vending room and side door
- g.ii. Light was broken by back door, motion to approve \$100 for new light by Fudacz, 2nd Webb, motion passes
- g.iii. Going to add line item under administrative for sportscore

h. Fields

- h.i. Met with baseball directors to cover field opening dates and times

i. Administrative (Picnic, Sponsors, Marketing, Website, Social Media)

- i.i. Overview –Open registrations include baseball, softball, and t-ball.
- i.ii. Open Accounts/Financial Assistance
- i.iii. One active baseball payment plan, which is current.
- i.iv. One basketball account and one volleyball account remain unpaid – I have been attempting collection on basketball account since November, and volleyball account since December.
- i.v. Three open softball accounts and one open baseball account. I am trying to collect.
- i.vi. Fundraisers
- i.vii. District 63 Trivia Night - Registered Payton Hallman for 10U Softball. Registration would have cost \$195.
- i.viii. Cass Junior High Fundraiser – registered Evan Choisser for 14U Pony. Registration would have cost \$252.
- i.ix. Darien Night Out – Registered Olivia Fulton for 14U Softball. Registration would have cost \$220.
- i.x. Scorekeeper Issues
- i.xi. Scorekeepers and basketball referees are working out well – good coverage, no complaints, some cancellations. Season coming to a close.
- i.xii. Necessary to cancel several dates and reschedule due to bad weather.
- i.xiii. Correspondence

- i.xiv. Several families, particularly from t-ball, emailed with team requests. It might be helpful to have a comment section in the registration process where families could note requests.
- i.xv. Grid One Solutions, authorized contractor for Nicor, called several times to schedule an appointment to upgrade the gas meter at 1410 75th Street.
- i.xvi. Email from concerned parent regarding Sterogenics.
- i.xvii. Scam email seeking money.
- i.xviii. Newsletters
- i.xix. Advertised baseball, softball, winter workouts, Lacrosse winter camp, spring soccer, the Cubs camp, and the Board Meetings.
- i.xx. Newsletters issued on 1/25/19 and 2/8/19.
- i.xxi. Open rate of over 21% on both newsletters, with number of clicks at 11 and 27.
- i.xxii. I also issued email blasts and facebook posts dedicated solely to the Cubs camp and baseball registration.
- i.xxiii. Family Maximum
- i.xxiv. One family with a combination of softball and baseball registrations. Family saved \$318 with the family maximum discount.
- i.xxv. Facilities
- i.xxvi. Eisenhower cancelled several volleyball dates.
- j. Social Director
 - j.i. Continuing with Meatheads certificates. Will have at next meeting for Spring sports
 - j.ii. Kane County Cougar game is June 4th
 - j.iii. Portillo's fundraiser to receive 20% week of April 15th for baseball softball
 - j.iv. Oberweiss fundraiser will most likely be in May
 - j.v. Picnic Aug 24, DJ, balloon guy, Meatheads will cater
- k. Social Media
 - k.i. Ad currently running for baseball and softball
 - k.ii. Should we track how people are hearing about DYC? Is cost worth it?

12. Standing Committee Reports: none

13. Questions and Comments – Agenda Related (This is an opportunity for the public to make comments or ask questions on any item on the Club’s Agenda – 3 minute limit per person): **none**

14. Old Business

a. **Any update on field improvements? Nothing is moving right now.**

15. New Business: **none**

16. Questions, Comments and Announcements – General)This is an opportunity for the public to make comments or ask questions on any issue – 3 minute limit per person): **none**

17. Adjournment: **motion by Webb, 2nd Fudacz, 8:09**