

Board of Directors Meeting 3/11

11 March 2026 / 6:00-8:00 PM /Countryside Church Spearfish, SD 57783

ATTENDEES *(invited, confirm attendance after meeting)*

- Gary Walz, Ryan Scharf, Jeremy Bowar, Daniel Krohn, Krista Sarvis, Matt Kemp, Dean Hansen, John Ainsworth, Jake Davis (call-in) (Board Members)
- Parker Louks, Nate Viessman (Coaching Staff)
- Community Members:
 - Tara Sewell
- American Legion: Keith Schultz

AGENDA

6:02pm called to order by Krohn

Regular Items

1. Approve Minutes from 2.11.26 BOD Meeting
 - a. Kemp motioned to approve, Ainsworth 2nd, approved
2. Open Community Comments (10 Mins)
 - a. Tara Sewell
 - i. Silent auction – 8 people volunteering
 1. 41 items currently
 - a. Elkhorn Golf
 - b. AZ vacation
 - c. Cabin at Elkhorn
 - d. Many others
 2. Needs 2 printed Venmo QR codes
 - a. Krista Sarvis will take care of this and collect money
 3. Asked about announcing all the teams
 4. Theme? Feels that everyone should wear baseball gear
 5. Baby picture of their player and do a matching game
 - a. Tara is willing to do this
 6. Would like boys to help bus tables and dress up
 - b. Walz asked if travel uniforms will be in by then. May be able to distribute them at the Chili Feed to encourage more attendance.
 - c. Senior banners will cost \$157 total for 3 seniors. Wants permission to order them
 - i. Ainsworth moved to approve, Sarvis 2nd, approved
 3. Coaches Report 6:15pm
 - a. Nate Viessman
 - i. Wants to do a good job and would like a list of responsibilities/duties

1. Gave examples of field issues, calling other coaches for cancellations, equipment needs
 2. Went through job duties of board members
4. Coaching Director
 - a. Bulk background checks will be done soon
 - b. Is setting program expectations based on age level and milestones
 - i. Would like to get those out to coaches
 - c. Coach Sarvis reached out for help with 13/14 practice plans
 - d. Coach from Brandon Valley is moving to Spearfish
 - i. Dean has reached out to him directly. He is a teacher
 - ii. Will be vetted as potential contributor to the program
 5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$14,399.98 Senior account
 - b. \$77,204.10 Youth account
 - c. \$22,241.69 Van loan
 - d. \$4,600 has come in for player fees
 - e. Coach pay: April, May, June, July payments
 6. VP Report (Youth)
 - a. Met with Rob Kortan
 - i. 800 for chili feed
 - ii. \$3,500 for chili
 - iii. Will buy utensils/bowls through distributor which will be cheaper.
 - iv. Will also bring fixings
 - v. 4 different types of chili
 - vi. Will need extension cords to avoid blowing a circuit at The Barn with warmers
 - vii. Sawyer Brewing will donate a keg of beer
 - b. 3 majors, 3 AA, 4 A, 7 tee ball teams
 - i. Rosters have been set
 - ii. Kids will know their team by next week
 - iii. Is in process of scheduling and should be out soon
 - iv. Would like to find a tournament for 13/14 team to finish the year with since they will not be eligible for the State A tournament due to ineligible players
 7. Secretary Report
 - a. Season passes have been printed
 - i. Cost was \$284.09
 - b. Gameday programs?
 - i. Need a list of businesses to get started
 - ii. Team photos
 - iii. Tara Sewell suggested digital rosters with a A frame and a QR code
 - c. Do we want pocket schedules? Necessary expense?
 - i. QR Code?
 - d. Team Store link added to social media and website
 - e. Sign up genius
 - i. Parent rep
 - ii. Scharf will reach out to Andrea Chase to get that rolling
 8. Fundraising Director
 - a. Chat GPT write up for each sponsor to be read between innings at games
 - b. Hour a thon took place last weekend. Finishes Sunday
 - c. Has 13/14 sign sheets. Will distribute

- d. Between 10-13 were destroyed by wind
 - e. Quik Signs has all the business artwork
 - f. Will obtain quote vinyl, metal, and cardboard-type
 - g. Rec jerseys - Kemp will take care of it
9. Travel Director
- a. Jake Davis call-in:
 - i. Crow Peak Tourney format
 - ii. 8 teams for 5 divisions
 - iii. Approx 55 games
 - iv. Would like a field representative at each field
 - v. Will do medals for 1st & 2nd place
 - vi. Gate fee will be determined by committee
10. Field Director (Fields and Equipment)
- a. Legion Field
 - i. Batting cages are up with new L screens & mats
 - ii. Unsure where we are with baseballs. Will check with coaches
 - iii. Cage nets are in rough shape and will likely need to be replaced soon. May be able to get by this year
 - iv. Nate Viessman attempted to roll the infield
 - 1. Will do it again when the field has a little more moisture in it
 - v. Fence stain will be paid for by the City
 - 1. Will do the front-facing sides of the fence so some areas will not be done
 - 2. Will need volunteers to do the labor
 - vi. Ready to go for the season otherwise
 - vii. 4-wheeler had a new battery installed. Something seems to be draining the battery. New starter put in for \$250 including air filter & oil change
 - 1. 4 wheeler is now running
 - 2. Battery may be needed for about \$150
 - viii. Dirt for the infield: Per Rex, Eric would like to truck in dirt from Colorado for the Legion field. Total would be around \$15k-\$20k. MOU states we pay half of half. Per Schmidt, The City paid for dirt last time.
 - b. Teener Field/Sawmill Complex
 - i. Sarvis met with Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Kemp to relay info for concessions
 - ii. Walz motion to pay \$2500 to get concession stand up and running and purchase inventory, Ainsworth 2nd, approved
 - iii. Batting cage installed behind teener outfield fence
 - 1. Thinks mice have chewed holes in netting while stored in shed.
 - 2. Would like to go with 2 short cages vs 1 long cage
 - 3. \$700 at networkd.
 - a. Idea could be to use it outside in the summer and move it indoors in the winter with indoor facility
 - b. Walz motion for 2 new 45' cage nets for \$700 each plus another L screen and 2 totes for storage, Scharf 2nd, approved
 - iv. Scoreboards are ready to go
 - v. Netting is up on the dugouts
 - vi. Cleaned out the crow's nest

11. Umpire Director (Umpires and Vans)
 - a. Bowar left meeting early for home emergency
12. Keith - Legion
 - a. Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast
 - i. No longer do them during summer
 - ii. We are too late for this year as things are set
 - iii. Contact after 1st of year for next year
 - b. Parker and a few players came to Legion meeting last week and were well-received

New Business

1. Indoor Facility - Update
 - a. Krohn
 - i. Dave Donat, Krohn, Kevin Dailey met with Rex, Rauterkus and city finance
 - ii. Is moving quickly with minimal pushback from the City
 - iii. Should have a bid for the building by the end of next week
 - iv. Opinions vary as to what the actual cost will be
 - v. 96'x72' building measurements is the plan
 - b. Krohn questioned whether we need portable mounds
 - i. Pricing varies but would be likely \$3,000-\$4,000
 - ii. Scharf expressed concern about price of \$4,000 for a mound stating if mound will be used in other areas outside of just 1 weekend for 1 tournament, it may be worth it like in a potential indoor facility.
 - iii. Goal is to build interest in the Crow Peak Tournament and draw people to come.
 - iv. Will be tabled until Walz can research pricing more
2. Season Passes
 - a. Distribution
 - i. Scharf will bring them to practice
 - b. Cost
 - i. \$50 Family
 - ii. \$30 individual
 - c. Go towards player fees
3. Vans and Trailer
 - a. Mock up of design on the vans by Quik Signs -
 - b. Seat Covers vs. Reupholster
 - c. Insurance
 - i. Switch to Progressive \$3808 annual premium with a \$2 million liability limit. Also includes trailer liability. Current carrier Berkshire Hathaway was over \$6k
 1. Krohn motion to switch to Progressive for auto policies, Hansen 2nd, approved.
 - ii. Umbrella? Would likely be about \$1500 per year
 1. K&K Insurance provides \$3 million general aggregate limit through American Legion but doesn't appear to include travel liability.
 - iii. Work comp? \$412 premium
 1. Highly recommended by agent
 2. Feels that if we're advertising for coaches and the coaches are not coaching anywhere else, they would be considered employees vs. independent contractors

- iv. Will relay the quotes for umbrella
- d. Coaches Driving
 - i. Parker agreed to an additional \$1,000 to drive
 - 1. Both Parker and Viessman have been added as drivers on the insurance policy
 - 2. Discussion about a raise for Parker
 - 3. Ainsworth moved to provide cost of living increase for Parker and Wes. \$300 for Parker and \$150 for Wes
 - a. Scharf 2nd, approved
- e. Discussion about 8th grader Brody McCann playing high school baseball

Krohn motion to adjourn 9:45pm, Ainsworth 2nd, adjourned.