

Board of Directors Meeting 11/12

12 November 2025 / 6:00-8:00 PM / Countryside Church Spearfish, SD 57783

ATTENDEES

- Gary Walz, Ryan Scharf, Jeremy Bowar, Daniel Krohn, Krista Sarvis, Matt Kemp (Board Members)
- Andrea Chase (Parent Rep)
- Community Members: Ryan Hughes, Ben McCann, Ty Wood, Nate Viessman, Chris Olson, Tara Sewell

AGENDA

Called to order 6:01pm

Regular Items

1. Approve Minutes from 10.08.25 BOD Meeting
 - a. Walz moved to approve, Kemp 2nd, approved
2. Treasurer's Report (10 Mins)
 - a. 2024 Taxes Filed
 - b. High School balance \$13k
 - c. Youth balance \$47k

New Business

1. Chili Feed Fundraiser - Matt, John, Daniel
 - a. Kemp, Krohn, Ainsworth visited the Barn
 - b. Holiday Inn more restrictive
 - i. Will cater all food and complete all clean up
 - ii. No additional fundraising option through sale of alcohol
 - iii. \$500 for venue
 - iv. \$5000 total cost
 - c. The Barn
 - i. \$250 for venue
 - ii. Can sell alcohol for more fundraising
 - iii. Barn takes \$1 per beer
 - iv. We would have to clean up
 - v. \$3000 all in including chili from golf course
 - vi. Plenty of room including outside area for kids to play
 - vii. Could have boys complete clean up/take out trash
 - viii. Auction area is available upon entrance to the facility
 - ix. Max 525 occupancy but not very strict
 - d. Scharf moved to use the Barn for Chili Feed, Kemp 2nd, approved unanimously

- i. Discussion about timeframe. 4:00-6:30pm was suggested by Kemp
- 2. Bus (Update - Matt Kemp)
 - a. Brother, Brandon Kemp, is willing to set it on the lot for bids but is hesitant to take it on trade due to Canadian VIN #
 - b. We can move the van to the Superior Auto lot and Brandon Kemp will post it on website. Leave decals on for now in case it doesn't sell
- 3. Discussion about responsibility to clean up equipment and put it away after the Fall season.
 - a. All need to be better going forward about this
- 4. Ryan Hughes - 15 Minutes
 - a. Question about Sponsorships which are available for those who may not be able to afford to play
 - b. These have always been available but is not typically advertised
 - c. Could build a message into the site during registration for direction
 - d. Concern about lack of pitching for 13/14u with losing Borbely, Viessman. Would like to add Landry Wilson from Sturgis if possible
 - e. Question about Breaker Stensland from Sundance and why he was brought over considering there is a rec program in Sundance
 - f. Concerns about the evaluations and fairness
 - g. Ben McCann asking for a release so Brody and Grayson can go play in Rapid
 - h. McCann does not think Grayson had a fair tryout
 - i. Hughes would like us to stop playing in the State A and continue with a travel team to get kids from around the area and not just Spearfish
 - j. Hughes wants to know the direction of the program.
 - k. Hughes would like his kids to play on multiple teams to share talent between age divisions
 - l. Would like to try to keep families together for tournaments
 - m. Board reiterated that we want all Spearfish kids to stay in Spearfish and, in general, do not want to release kids to other programs no matter the kid.
 - n. Suggested using Sasquatch to help train kids
- 5. 7:05pm Optimus Fundraiser (Keith)
 - a. Time constraints will not allow fundraiser to take place this year. Plan is to meet with fundraising committee and Krohn to start in September/October of next year in time for football season.
 - b. United States is turning 250. Would like to get the Legion more involved in the team and have some sort of celebration with veterans around July 4 of 2026.
 - c. Scholarship opportunities through the American Legion
 - i. Boys State, juniors/seniors
 - ii. Girls State, juniors/seniors
 - iii. Highway Patrol, 24 kids (mini academy)
 - iv. VFW has a few as well
 - d. Bowar asked for a website that we can share with our kids and we can potentially put it out on social media
- 6. Move to Executive Session
 - a. 7:13pm entered Executive Session
 - b. Executive Session paused 7:23pm

7. Nate Viessman & Chris Olson
 - a. Spoke about the state of the high school program and lack of skill development/exposure opportunities for college
 - b. Viessman & Olson exited at 9:05pm
8. Re-enter Executive Session at 9:05pm

Executive Session:

9. Other
10. Board Candidates
 - a. Walz motion for:
 - i. President Dan Krohn
 - ii. Vice President Matt Kemp
 - iii. Secretary Ryan Scharf
 - iv. Umpire Director Jeremy Bowar
 - v. Treasurer Krista Sarvis
 - vi. Field Director Gary Walz
 - vii. Fundraising Director John Ainsworth
 - viii. Travel Director Jake Davis
 - ix. Coaching Director Dean Hansen
 - b. Kemp 2nd, Approved unanimously. Dean Hansen, John Ainsworth, and Jake Davis voted onto the Board.
 - c. Dave Raad, Steve Kozel, and Jessi Hughes will be removed as facilitators of the bank accounts with their exit from the Board.
 - d. Krista Sarvis and Matt Kemp will be added as facilitators of the bank accounts.
11. Coaching Positions
 - a. 14U Ty Wood and Justin Sarvis
 - b. 12U Gary Walz, Dan Krohn, Kevin Dailey
 - c. 11U Maroon Randy Southern head coach with Mike Roberts assisting
 - d. 11U White Joe Pygott
 - e. 9U Matt Kemp and Jake Davis
 - f. 9U White Brandon Bentley
12. Board voted to approve addition of Landry Wilson and Jett Leonhardt to the 13/14U team due to lack of numbers/pitchers considering they played with the team last year. Will not be able to participate in the State Tournament due to boundary guidelines within Class A rules as both boys reside in Sturgis. 14U Coach Ty Wood will be made aware.

Motion to exit Executive 9:59pm by Krohn, Walz, 2nd, Approved unanimously,
Executive Session concluded

Motion to conclude meeting 9:59pm by Krohn, Bowar 2nd, Approved unanimously
Meeting concluded