

Mid Ohio Youth League (MOYL) Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Amanda Township Fire Hall

Recorder: Elissa Spangler

Attendance:

Board Member	Attendance	Board Member	Attendance
Jed Spangler	x	Jason Jarvis	x
Tony Davis		Brent Poston	x
Matt Poston	x	Seth Charlton	
Linsey Poston	x	Andrea Jarvis	x
Elissa Spangler	x	Jared Mount	
Jesse Poston	x	Mike Brosovich	
Natalie Mesler			

1. Read in new bylaws: Article XIV- Budget for Repairs and Planned Work

- a. These were not read aloud. The complete MOYL Bylaws can be found on our Google Drive in a folder labeled "Bylaws/Constitution". Elissa will update soon.

2. Nominate/vote in Field Committee - tabled to January 2023 meeting

3. Approve planned fall work for 2023

- a. Priority was given to the following work that needs done in this order
 - i. Drainage work at Ed Wolfe Park
 - ii. Field Maintenance at Ed Wolfe Park and getting the fields in Stoutsville in playable condition
 - iii. Expansion of the equipment shed at Ed Wolfe Park
 1. Discussion was held about finding a sponsor to help with this project
 2. Also to look for grants to alleviate some of the cost. Currently do not have the funds to support this.

4. 2022 remaining fall work

- a. Batting cage - some turf has been placed, need pads and tie downs for the legs
- b. Use remaining dirt at EWP on diamond #2

5. Player and Coaches Training

- a. Softball—plans for 2023
 - i. Contact Ben Hedrick (ACHS Varsity Softball coach) to make plans for clinics/training
- b. Baseball—plans for 2023
 - i. Continue working with Travis Stone (ACHS Varsity Baseball coach) for planning clinics/training.
 - ii. Pitching clinic on December 17, 2022 with ACHS Varsity Players and coaches in the 77 gym.

6. Baseball, Softball and TBall Liaisons - Equipment needs for 2023

- a. More bags are needed for our TBall teams
- b. Baseballs have already been bought, plenty of softballs in shed
- c. Catcher equipment needed for an additional 12U Baseball team
 - i. Discussed finding used catcher's mitts since they are already broken in (eBay, etc.)

- ii. Brent stated that we should be able to cover these needs with the funds received from our Dick's Sporting Goods sponsorship.

7. Preseason practice scheduling @ EWP

- a. Softball practices will be held on Monday/Thursday
- b. Baseball practices will be held on Tuesday/Friday
- c. T-ball practices and games will be held on Wednesday
 - i. This is the same schedule as 2022 and we will do as we did last year.
 - ii. Schedule to be created on Google Sheets and shared on the MOYL Google Drive.

8. Player Drafting

- a. Approved baseball and softball draft methods for 2023 in **Article XIII** (Team Drafting)
 - i. Methods to remain the same, draft and build teams as we did for the 2022 season.
 - ii. Baseball player evaluations for any player moving up from TBall or playing for the first time as an 8U player. The 77 gym has been reserved for evaluations on February 4, 2023 from 8:45 am to 12:00 pm. If needed, softball will also use this time for assessments.

9. Softball with Lancaster Girls Softball Association (LGSA)

- a. Cost will be \$360 per team entered to play with the LGSA
 - i. This is the same arrangement as last year.
 - ii. Covers the cost of umpires and paying a fee so that our teams do not have to work concession stand shifts at Martens Park.

10. Baseball with MSYL - Jed attended the MSYL Board Meeting held on 12/9/22 . Here are the highlights:

- a. Umpires
 - i. It was approved that umpires would receive \$65 per game for the 2023 season. Last season's fee was \$50. With 7 home games and tournaments this equals approximately \$100 - \$150 more per team.
 - ii. May have backup umpires for the first few weeks of the season due to middle/high school games.
 - iii. "Chalk to chalk, chin to shin" strike zone will be used to encourage more swinging and less walks.
- a. MSYL Season Timeline
 - i. March 15, 2023 - Number of teams must be turned in.
 - ii. March 19, 2023 - Game scheduling at the Baltimore firehouse with the time TBD.
 - 1. Jason mentioned that he would like 3 people to attend this day. Will be several hours for scheduling.
 - iii. April 16, 2023 - Coaches meeting at the Lancaster VFW
 - 1. 2pm: 8U coaches; 3pm: 10U coaches; 4pm: 12U coaches
 - 2. It is preferred that the Head Coach attend the meeting, but each team must have one representative.
 - iv. April 24, 2023 - Regular season begins
 - v. June 10, 2023 - Regular season ends
 - vi. June 14 - 22, 2023 - 8U Tournament
 - vii. June 17 - 26 - 10U/12U Tournament
- b. Tournament Seeding
 - i. Teams will receive 2 points for a win/forfeit and 1 point for a tie.
 - ii. Tie in points will be broken by head-to-head records, then coin flip if they did not play each other.
 - iii. Points format is to encourage teams to make up missed games rather than avoid teams.

- c. Rules Updates
 - i. 8U: Outfielders must start approximately 25' behind the base paths due to field size variance. Coaches should communicate approximate distances prior to games. No measurements or markers will be placed
 - ii. 8U Tournament - Coaches are NOT permitted to be in the outfield/foul territory. Defensive coaches must remain in the dugouts.
 - iii. Not a league rule, but leagues should consider a "No parents in the dugout rule"

11. Baseball Umpire cost for 2022 - In December, we paid an additional \$406.25 to Arbiter

- a. Total 2022 season cost for baseball was \$2206.25. The following is the breakdown:
 - 41 games @ 50\$ ea.= \$2050
 - Assigner Fee = \$156.25
 - Previously added for 2022 season = \$1800
- b. Discussion was had about the need to have a system in place to document umpire fees for all home games. A suggestion was made to leave a paper for coaches to sign at the concession stand. No final decision was made, but Jason is aware of the need.

12. Uniforms - Information provided by Andrea

- a. We will be using Hover Apparel again this year. The jersey will be sublimated. The design is being worked on.
- b. The cost will remain the same as the 2022 season:
 - i. Jersey only \$20, jersey and hat \$30
 - ii. The could fluctuate by \$4 due to shipping costs for Hover.
- c. The date to turn in our uniform order is February 13, 2023 to ensure uniforms arrive before the start of the season.
- d. Discussion was held about ordering hats before sign ups close. Hats are currently 10 - 12 weeks out and could not be in for the start of the season. If we order now, they should arrive in time. We ran into the same issue for the 2022 season.
 - i. *Motion made by Jesse and seconded by Elissa to purchase 100 adult and 100 youth hats. All were in favor.*
- e. Andrea discussed the quality issues from the 2022 Apparel sale fundraiser. Hover was informed about the variation in quality of the apparel between orders. They are assuring us this would not happen again as we would like to do another fundraiser with them.

13. Concession stand

- a. Concession stands volunteer help discussion
 - i. Another league in the MSYL adds \$25 to their registration fee that parents get back if they work the concession stand. We discussed if this would work for MOYL, but determined it would be difficult to track.
 - ii. Concession stand scheduling will remain the same as the 2022 season.

14. Set 2023 Player fees - TBall: \$50 Baseball: \$100 Softball: \$80

- a. This is an increase from 2022 due to the rising cost of field maintenance and umpire fees.
- b. The price difference between baseball and softball is due to softball players not receiving a hat with their uniforms and that we pay a flat rate for softball to play in the LGSA. The rise in baseball umpire fees is also reflected in the difference.
- c. *Motion made by Matt and seconded by Linsey to set the 2023 player fees. All were in favor.*

15. Board position responsibilities- Below is the information Jesse sent to everyone's email on 11/30/22. Elissa will update the Bylaws to reflect these changes.

President **Jed**

Vice President **Seth**

Treasurer **Matt**

Secretary **Elissa**

- a. Additions made at 11/17 Board Meeting:
 - i. Oversee Team Sideline
 1. Correspond with all League Members through Team Sideline
 2. All signups
 - ii. Maintain League Records on Google Drive
 - iii. Check for Mail at Post office
- b. Removed at 11/17 Board Meeting:
 - i. Maintain all social media sites

Baseball Liaison **Jason**

Softball Liaison **Brent**

TBall Liaison **Tony**

Concession Manager **Jesse**

Coordinator 1= Communications Coordinator **Linsey**

- a. Maintain Social Media Accounts
- b. Sponsorship Coordination w/ Secretary

Coordinator 2= Event Planner **Natalie**

- a. Opening Day
- b. Picture Day
- c. End of Year Party

Coordinator 3= Field Maintenance **Mike**

- a. Field Needs/ Repairs
- b. Addition made at 11/17 Board Meeting:
 - i. Committee Leader for newly established Field Committee (Article 14- section 1)

Coordinator 4= Uniforms **Andrea**

- a. Uniforms
- b. Fundraising

Assistant **Jared**

- a. Concession Help
- b. Event Help
 - ii. Opening Day
 - iii. End of Year Party

Motion made by Elissa and seconded by Andrea to make these changes to the MOYL Board positions. All were in favor.

16. Set MOYL Dates

- a. Registration Dates
 - i. Online - open ASAP
 - ii. In-person - only 2 dates were chosen

1. 1/14/23 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Amanda Township Fire Hall
 2. 1/25/23 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Amanda Township Fire Hall
- iii. Close signups to public by 2/1/23
- b. Team drafting finalized on Team Sideline by 2/10/23
- i. What will the MOYL do with incomplete teams by this day? To fill teams an administrator can add a player registration through Team Sideline. Elissa can take payments by phone. This is only to fill teams if needed. No other late enrollments can be taken.
 - ii. Replacement players may be needed due to a player dropping out. This will be handled on an individual basis and an administrator can add them on Team Sideline.
- c. Team Sponsors must be received by 2/1/23
- d. MOYL Coaches meeting - 3/4/23
- e. Pictures - TBD at a later date
- f. Park work day - TBD at a later date
- g. Opening day - 4/22/23
- h. T-ball - begin the week of 5/3/23 and end the week of 6/7/23
- i. End of year party - TBD at a later date

17. Age Guidelines (Article III Section 2)- Tabled from November Meeting

- a. Matt sent out a possible method by email to everyone on 11/21/23. Discussion was had about keeping kids together with their classmates so when they get to the Junior High (7th grade) level they have experience playing together.
- b. T-Ball - Age as of 5/1/23
 - i. Minor: 4 year olds
 - ii. Major: 5 & 6 year olds
- c. Baseball - Current grade at time of signups
 - i. 8U: 1st and 2nd grade; K must attend assessments
 - ii. 10U: 3rd and 4th grade
 - iii. 12U: 5th and 6th grade
- d. Softball - Current grade at time of signups
 - i. 8U: 1st and 2nd grade; K must attend assessments
 - ii. 10U: 3rd and 4th grade
 - iii. 12U: 5th and 6th grade
- e. *Motion was made by Brent and seconded by Matt. All were in favor.*
- f. Discussion was had about a parent wanting to move their player up an age division. This is at the MOYL board's discretion and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The goal is to keep players safe and will be discussed with the parent.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 pm by Jed Spangler

Next meeting: January 14, 2023 @ 8:00 am before in-person registration at the Amanda Township Fire Hall

Minutes submitted by Elissa Spangler to all board members via email.

Minutes will be uploaded to Google Drive and to our website (midohioyouthleague.com).