

KNSB Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2021

Opening

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Knarr at 3:00PM.

Present

Jamie Keener, Chris Knarr, Pete Mecke, Josh Wilson, Mike Lebo, Steve Jeltz, Josh Trego, Mike Hancock, Rob McCartney

Also present were multiple parents from the 14U team and 17U Red team.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Mike Lebo made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/12/21 Board Meeting which was seconded by Steve Jeltz and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Taylor was unable to attend the meeting. Steve Jeltz made a motion to table approval of previous reports until the next board meeting. This motion was seconded by Jamie Keener and unanimously approved.

Facility Update

Jamie Keener and Steve Jeltz provided updates as to the progress of the required facility improvements. Since the last meeting, insulation has been installed in the restrooms and it has passed the insulation inspection. Drywall has been installed in the restrooms and drywall screw inspection is scheduled for 12/20. The project timeline is to occupy the facility as of 1/1/22. Mike Lebo will bring in a group of volunteers on 12/23 to conduct use preparations such as cleaning batting cage mats and bringing in the pitcher's mounds.

14U Baseball Team

The 14U team admin, Heather Miller was present at the meeting along with other 14U team parents. After the previous Board meeting, she reported that the team has 7 committed players, but needs a coach. Josh Wilson made a motion to have Mike Hancock run practices for the team and assist with tournaments when possible. This was seconded by Steve Jeltz and unanimously approved. Coach Jeltz will also inquire at local high schools for available players. Parents of the 14U team stated a desire to compete at the 14U level and not play up at the 15U level if possible.

17U Red 2023/2024 Baseball Team

Coaches Baker and Sutch as well as parents of the team were present to express concerns regarding the 2021 facility fees. The concern is that Keystone Nationals members paid \$500 for January-December 2021, but did not have the facility available after April 2021. Additional concerns were that although the Board amended the 2022 rate, that it did not amount to any type of discount. There was much discussion of potential solutions and ultimately a motion was made by Josh Trego for the Board to review the financial feasibility of all potential solutions and take action accordingly. The motion was seconded by Steve Jeltz and unanimously approved.

Equipment

The Board engaged in discussion of what equipment is needed for the facility to be ready for use. Baseballs, softballs, and tees are needed for opening. Ultimately, the plan is to switch to lighter, more maneuverable L-screens and to obtain a L-screen specifically for softball.

Fundraising

Josh Trego reported that the organization received a \$500 donation from Member's First. Josh wrote a grant proposal for the GB Stuart Foundation which was declined this year, but we were encouraged to apply again in the future. All were reminded to please send any contacts to Josh in order to solicit donations. Mike Hancock indicated he has contact with a professional grant writer and he will inquire if they would be willing to partner with KNSB.

Strategic Plan

Chris Knarr reported that he has been working with Robyn Euker to make updates to the strategic plan based on feedback he received from coaches as a result of his outreach efforts.

Open Discussion

Josh Wilson reported that he has been in touch with LK Thompson regarding hitting instruction for Nationals members. LK is a former National who played Division I baseball at West Virginia and currently coaches at Dickinson College. A motion was made by Mike Lebo and seconded by Jamie Keener to have Josh Wilson open discussion with LK about an official partnership with Keystone Nationals. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chris Knarr raised the possibility of forming a tournament committee to run a multi-age tournament that would benefit the organization as a whole.

Rob McCartney suggested more regular coaches meetings to ensure consistent communication from coaches to teams.

A motion was made by Josh Wilson and seconded by Josh Trego to have Coaches Lebo, Hancock, and McCartney run open gyms for softball on Saturday evenings. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Jeltz at 4:39PM. This was seconded by Josh Trego and unanimously approved.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 12/28/21 at 6:30PM.

Minutes submitted by Pete Mecke.