



Junior Baseball of Oregon – Sherwood | January Board Meeting

Date: January 16, 2024 **Time:** 7:30 - 9:45 pm

Location: Remote Google Meet Publicly Posted on Website

Topics of Discussion:

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Notes:

- Kevin Mills motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, with Aaron Rudis seconding the motion. All present members voted in favor, and the minutes were officially approved.

Westside Update:

- League Updates: The board discussed Banks JBO's attempt to rejoin the Westside JBO. Despite efforts, their request for the 2024 season was not approved. However, avenues are being explored to accommodate their participation in the future.

- Financial Irregularities Investigation: Concerns were raised about financial irregularities involving the JBO state board and another city association. It was noted that several associations have offered assistance to affected parties and that SJBO pledged to reciprocate support.

Umpire Training:

- The board discussed options for umpire training, with Reedville offering to host. Further deliberation is required to determine how to align internal umpire training appropriately and management for 2024.

Deadlines and District Tournament:

- The WSYB board emphasized the importance of meeting strict deadlines for team submissions. Hosting the district tournament was discussed, with a decision deferred to a later date.

League Rulebook Amendments Update:

- Several amendments to the league rulebook were proposed and approved. These votes consist of the SJBO vote within the Westside District; the other associations all have their respective votes and ultimately these 2024 rule changes will be decided when the State JBO, consisting of District Coordinators from the respective districts, Valley, Clackamas, and Westside, cast their vote to approve or deny the proposed rule changes.

- A motion to waive the rule prohibiting transfers into the league from another was denied.

- A motion to allow additional time in extra innings to speed up gameplay was approved.

- A motion to allow 2 equally skilled teams at the National level for 1 and 2 A leagues was approved.

- A motion to clarify the rule regarding courtesy runners at the junior baseball level was approved.

- A motion regarding the waiver policy for out-of-town players was approved.

- A motion to remove language regarding finishing a batter from league play in pitching regulations was approved.

- A motion to amend gameplay regulations to include consistent language was approved.

Sherwood Junior Baseball Internal Topics:

- The board was provided updates on the ongoing investigation, noting that progress had been made but no charges had been filed yet.

- Audit costs were discussed, with the total amount approved for payment. The motion to approve the updated cost advisor's total was made by Kevin Mills, seconded by Layce Bauman, and unanimously approved.

- Plans for budget allocation and potential savings for the upcoming year were reviewed.

Financial Report:

- Aaron Rudis presented a detailed review of the 2023 expenses and established 2024 budget, including expenses and anticipated income and when the monies can be expected throughout the year. Discussion ensued regarding potential savings and allocations for larger capital improvements.

Events Calendar:

- The board reviewed proposed events for the 2024 season, aligning with previous 2023 Calendar.

New Business: *Committees were formed to address specific areas*

- An evaluation committee comprised Kevin, Jason, Kellen, Stephanie, Layce, Justin, Nick, and Evan.
- An apparel committee was formed, comprising Stephanie, Olivia, Layce, and Evan.
- A tournaments committee was created, with members including Nick, Stephanie, Jason, Olivia, Tim, and Justin.
- An umpires committee was established, consisting of Kevin and Tim.
- The board discussed other new business items, including field maintenance and equipment needs.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 pm.