



Minutes

SMSUA Executive Board Meeting

October 13, 2025 7:00 pm

Zoom

Attendance: Jeff Pohjola, Mike Fingar, Tom Kelly, Charles (Rookie) Coburn, Jeremy Snook, Jerry Forkner, Joy Rosenbach, George Gunn

Absent: Cheyenne Diaz

Review and of previous Board minutes from September 2025

Approval: 8 yes 0 no 1 absent

- **Committee Appointments**

- Tech (Interim: Jeremy Snook)
 - Goals
 - New website: build or buy to be built; once done, maintaining updates; estimate was gathered but Jeff will need to go back to the notes
 - Need a resource to lead project
 - Kevin Whitehouse and Cheyenne Diaz have expressed interest
 - Jeremy Snook has committed to performing some initial research
- Communication (Joy Rosenbach)
 - Goals
 - Establish a recurring newsletter
 - Joy will continue as lead
- Finance (Jeff Pohjola)
 - Jeff needs to sign past tax returns; then filed
 - Need to build out budget for 2026 and how we wish to spend that
 - Follow up on questions about L&I
 - We are currently covered for WOA games
 - We are currently covered for USA Softball assigned games / scrimmages
 - Jeff will look at slow pitch L&I coverage
 - Board insurance has also been activated in the past
- Membership (Jerry Forkner)
 - Goals
 - Retention
 - Revive camaraderie
 - Awards / Recognition
- Recruiting/Training (George)

- **President's Report**

- Latest on budget
 - Could be 1 to 2 months before our non-profit is reinstated
 - Jeff meeting with Kirk to sign IRS returns for submission
 - By end of calendar year, Jeff hopes to have a budget set
 - Gathering income sources and expenses with a plan on how money will be spent in 2026
 - Kirk will be creating P/L statements

- Historically these budgets existed but we plan to set up a better method to track it
 - Kirk is taking on the Treasurer role
- 1st/2nd Year Position vacancy
 - No one volunteered at last general member meeting
 - Jeff would like to recommend Alyosha and gain consensus from the general membership to confirm this appointment
 - Secondary to this, the board seeks to revise the language to expand "early in career"
- **January meeting**
 - Goals
 - Honor members that attended State and National tournaments
 - Historical Awards:
 - Commissioners award
 - Assignor award (may be moot)
 - UIC award
 - Umpire of the Year
 - Rookie of the Year
 - New Award proposals:
 - SMSUA Hall of Fame
 - Award Expense
 - Jerry will research costs and styles
 - Rookie will supply Jerry historical information about past orders
 - Jeff will consult football association to see who is used
 - 2026 USA Softball tournament opportunities
 - Establish requirements (games to be worked, uniforms, etc.)
 - Meeting location will move to the Bellevue City Hall
 - How to write an ejection report
- **USA Softball UIC Report (George)**
 - George will send out info about the advanced camp
 - Opportunities to work slow pitch tournaments in our area
 - Tournaments about B tournaments is known; George will put circulate the info
- **WOA/High School Softball (Rookie)**
 - Fastpitch numbers:
 - 718 games worked: 1176 slots
 - Slowpitch numbers:
 - 80 games; 159 slots
 - Playoffs assigned = 24 games: 48 slots
 - Mandatory meeting from 6pm to 8pm that did not get attended; WOA took away the 1 state assignment that we had
- **USA Softball Slow pitch (Rookie)**
 - New were down; # cut in half with USSSA umpires
 - May get some new umpires from USSSA
 - 2480 games; 2487 slots
 - We had sufficient #s to support the games this year
- **Assigner's Report (Rookie)**
 - High School has changed some things
 - Historically we have been paid for our games
 - Going forward, the HS will turn in their schedule, and the association will be paid a lump sum based on the count of games turned in

- Rookie will follow up with Jeff Stordahl to discover how the association will recoup expenses for rescheduled games
- **Secretary's Report (Joy)**
 - Joy will work with Tom Kelly to understand responsibilities and protocols for the secretary position
- **New business**
 - G-Suite for Non-profit
 - Zoom for Non-profit
 - Existing Zoom for Business has been renewed; Joy will follow up with Tom Kelly
- **Executive Session**
 - (Board went into executive session)
- **Next Board and General Membership meeting dates**
 - Board
 - 11/9/25
 - 12/7/25
 - 1/4/26
 - 1/11/26
 - General
 - 1/12/26
 - 2/9/26
 - 3/9/26
 - 4/13/26

Adjourn