

# **SCOTT COUNTY** **SOFTBALL CLUB**

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## **Scott County Softball Club Board Agenda**

**Date of Board Meeting:** Thursday, July 6, 2023

**Time of Board Meeting:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Conference Room @ Georgetown/Scott County Parks & Recreation, The Pavilion, 140 Pavilion Way, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

**Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Heather D'Hondt**

**1.) Call to Order and Roll Call – Heather D'Hondt, Tiffany Jones, Sam Jones, Jessica Helmick, Melanie Helton, Crystal Sharpe, Kevin Sharpe, Hali Portwood, Ashley Mueller, Birgen D'Hondt, Zack Francis, Andrea Francis, Richard Helton Jackie Beaver and Julie Flaig**

**2.) Approval of Agenda – Amendment to agenda to include addition of TannerTee Sponsorship and All-Star Tournament shirts added to agenda. Richard Helton made motion. Sam Jones second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**3.) Public Comments – The Sharpes inquired about who will be and chalking the fields for middle school games. Heather D'Hondt shared that Parks is taking over dragging and chalking the fields for the middle school games. Concerns about dugouts were shared. Heather D'Hondt shared that she spoke with Larry Brandenburg that the Field One Dugouts will have the roof replaced during the clean-up weekends. Parks will be providing the materials. Parks is taking bids for dugouts. It was explained that the league is not permitted to make those changes to the fields without Parks approval. The Sharpes also inquired if there will be more trashcans put out by the fields. Field 3 and Field 4 have extra trash cans now.**

**The Sharpes also asked about league play. It was asked what the status is for coaches. Discussion was had on what the league is doing to encourage people to coach. It was shared that we have had several volunteers for coaching.**

**It was asked about how the fall league would be structured and if score would be kept and if there would be tournaments. During the upcoming coaches meeting it will be determined if all kids will be going back into the draft in the Spring. It was also shared that there would be scores kept and a tournament at the end of the fall league.**

**Jackie Beaver – Asked about 5U v. 6U. The decision will be made at the Coaches Meeting so that input can be made by all. Through discussion on creating a 5u and 6u league. Heather stated that it has been really difficult to expand into 5u/6u just because of the extensive load that we have had to undertake with the lack of volunteers. Discussion of doing a 6U instead of 5U took place. It was suggested that a poll of stakeholders could be taken to see what structure the parents/coaches of players 6U would prefer.**

**4.) Consent Agenda**

**1.) Approval of the Minutes from Board Meeting held on June 13, 2023 – Motion to approve minutes by Sam Jones. Birgen second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**5.) Old Business:**

**1.) Fall League 2023**

**A. Update on registration – Melanie Helton shared that she had spoken with Bryan, the Parks and Recreation representative assisting with registration through the new website. He shared that he felt it was going well. We are continuing to work on getting the kinks out of the site. There are still lots of questions and we are working with him to get them answered. Bryan did share that 5U had disappeared from the site. Heather shared that they were found. Heather D’Hondt shared that current numbers for each division.**

**B. Update on Advertising for Fall League –Heather D’Hondt shared that in order to fulfill the obligations from the previous board we had to take out a billboard ad for our current sponsorships. It would be \$500 for the designated time. The ad is for registration open and has the two logos for the \$1000 sponsors on it. Motion made by Julie Flaig to use the electronic billboards for advertisement. Sam Jones second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**It was asked about the sponsorships for the future. The way that sponsorships are done currently are very taxing to the league. Ideas were shared. Discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.**

**B. Umpire Scheduling –Heather D’Hondt shared that Mr. Johnson has been asking if the league would be using his services as head umpire. Discussion was had. Melanie Helton suggested that the league try to get bids for umpire scheduling. Julie Flaig suggested to let Gary Johnson finish the season. After continued discussion it was agreed that bids will be taken for umpire scheduling. Bids will be due by**

**C. Uniform Bids – Bids for fall ball uniforms will be done by Ashley Mueller and Jessica Helmick. They will present the information at the next meeting which will be the Coaches Meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**D. Fall Equipment Donation Day –Equipment donations will be accepted on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at concessions and July 22<sup>nd</sup> donations will be accepted at field house. Times will be 6:00pm-8:00pm at concessions and 12:00pm-4:00pm at field house by Field 1. Have pre-made thank you cards to hand out as they are dropped off. Advertise on Facebook. Melanie Helton will do flyer.**

**2.) League Summer Camp – League Summer Camp will be held on August 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. Heather D’Hondt shared a tentative plan for the day. Sessions will be offered for conditioning, hitting, pitching, catching, basic skills, etc depending on age. The camp will be offered in half day sessions.**

**A. Lunch – Costco has grant for sponsorship. Need to apply. Heather D’Hondt will apply.**

**B. Need to get design and flyer for Summer Camp. Mike Mueller will do design for t-shirt. Jessica Helmick will create the flyer.**

**C. Camp costs will be \$40 per session. Scholarships will also be offered. There will be a sibling discount of \$10 off. If a player attended the Georgetown College Softball Camp then they will receive 50% off. Heather D’Hondt shared that proceeds from the camp will be split between Scott County Softball Club and Georgetown College.**

**D. Volunteers will have one child permitted to attend camp for free.**

**3.) All-Star Tournament – Melanie Helton shared that when she talked with Bryan at Parks and Recreation that he felt with the kick-off of softball registration on the new website was more than they could handle at the moment. Registration will need to take place through the SCSC website.**

**A. Bids for tournament shirts**

**1.) Tammy Tees- Multiple color t-shirt with one color ink. Up to two sponsors on back. \$15 per shirt with all of the things. If plain they are \$6.00 or \$7.00 for shirt.**

**2.) Splatter, Inc – Will give us a discount on shirt if we put the logo on the sleeve. Any color but black. Shirts will be \$7.50 with his logo on sleeve of shirt or \$8 without. Does not charge a screen fee or a print fee unless you want to see artwork prior to order. Any shirt color with one color imprint.**

**3.) Print Lex – Gray or white. Three color logo font. Two sponsors on back. \$10 per shirt. Can use the logo that was developed.**

**Discussion regarding t-shirts took place. The idea of getting a sponsor for the shirts with WGM. Ashley Mueller will reach out to them to see if they would like to sponsor the shirts for the tournament. Majority agreed that shirts will be given with tournament registration and some extra to sell. Melanie Helton made a motion for Print Lex to do tournament shirts. Tiffany Jones second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**B. Trophies for tournament – Rings for championship team and a runner-up ring. May end up doing Heather D'Hondt will be in charge of finding rings for the tournament.**

**C. Prices for Team Registration – Melanie Helton proposed that there be a \$150 gate fee for each team. Team registration would be as follows: 8U \$175, 10U \$250, 12U \$275 and 14U \$325. Prices approved.**

**D. Rain date for August 12, 2023**

**4.) NSA Sanction – All-Stars are currently sanctioned NSA and it appears that this is the most cost efficient choice for league. Heather D'Hondt shared that their by-laws and rules are more consistent with the league. Heather D'Hondt also shared she has spoken with the NSA representative and the representative agreed to hold an umpire clinic for the league to recruit more umpires and have them sanctioned under NSA. The representative also shared to schedule umpires for free.**

**5.) Appointed league positions that need to be filled**

**A.) League Director – Motion made by Jessica Helmick for Ashley Mueller to fulfill the position of League Director. Second by Melanie Helton. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**B.) Team Parent Coordinator – Motion made by Birgen D'Hondt for Hali Portwood to fulfill the position of Team Parent Coordinator. Second by Jessica Helmick. Majority yay. No nay.**

**C.) Fundraising Committee Coordinator – There is a parent who is interested. She was unable to attend the meeting. Tabled until future meeting.**

**D.) Charitable Gaming Coordinator – Motion made by Birgen D’Hondt for Andrea Francis to fulfill the position of Charitable Gaming Coordinator. Second by Jessica Helmick. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**E.) Equipment Coordinators – Motion made by Richard Helton for Billy Helmick and Mike Mueller to fulfill the position of Equipment Coordinators. Sam Jones second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

## **6.) New Business:**

**1.) Field Rentals – What we have learned now... Melanie Helton shared that at a previous meeting the Director of Parks and Recreation had advised the SCSC Board get the information from those using the field if they do not have a rental agreement and she would send a Cease-and-Desist letter to them. The conversation had started with the SCSC Board asking for advice on how to handle a situation with an individual who was giving lessons on the fields. The Board then asked if this applied to travel teams and she stated that it did – if they didn’t have a rental agreement that they needed to leave. It was shared that an incident occurred on the fields with a travel team on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> that escalated with the parents/coaches becoming verbally aggressive toward Heather D’Hondt and Jessica Helmick. Helen Tobin was initially contacted and had reiterated that if they did not have a rental agreement that they could not be there and if they don’t leave to call law enforcement. The team left Field Three where they initially were and went to Field One which was open. Birgen D’Hondt began mowing the fields. He mowed Field Three and then went to Field One, Field Two and on up to Field Four. Adult participants came up and began yelling and cursing at Heather D’Hondt and Jessica Helmick. Helen Tobin was on the phone with Heather giving her advice and could hear the adults from the travel team yelling and cursing and advised Heather to call law enforcement. Heather called law enforcement and the dispatcher could hear and inquired about the disorderly conduct of the other adults. The head coach of the travel team called Kim Rice, Director of Parks and Recreation and she did state that the travel team can be there practicing. Clarification on the usage of fields needs to be obtained since the Board is being told differing things by those at Parks and Rec.**

**Melanie Helton shared that she and Jessica Helmick came out to get clarification on Wednesday, July 6, 2023. They were told at this time that if the fields are showing online available then it is open to the public due to the land and water grant that Parks and Rec receives. It was also shared that Helen told Melanie and Jessica that the Board needs to block off time for field maintenance.**

**Discussion of what can be done in the future to prevent these conflicts was had. Concerns of Board Members was shared. The Board does not feel that it is fair that league monies is used to maintain the fields for them to be torn up by outside entities. Problem solving on how to prevent these was discussed. Tarps need to be looked into. Birgen D’Hondt and Sam Jones will look into costs of tarps. Mike Mueller will look at options on storage and etc.**

**Proposed consequences for the adults involved were discussed. The expectations are for appropriate behavior are clearly stated by Parks and Recreation, as well as, the Scott County Softball Club. There is zero tolerance for verbal abuse at the league and especially in front of the kids. The board was in agreement that it would be proposed that the individuals who were verbally aggressive would be banned from the SCSC fields and association with the league.**

**2.) Tanner Tee/Sponsorship – Tanner Tee’s was contacted. For a \$300 sponsorship there will be \$300 credit given for ten tees at \$900.00. Birgen D’Hondt will make a motion to purchase ten Tanner Tees. Second was made by Sam Jones. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**7.) Open discussion of Articles I-VI of current by-laws – Tabled until next Executive Board Meeting.**

**8.) Financials – Jessica Helmick reported on financials for June 1<sup>st</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. See Financial Report.**

**A.) Outstanding receipt for Heather D'Hondt from the championship games to be paid. Sam Jones made motion. Tiffany second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**B.) Mileage reimbursement for league business will be \$.66/mile per the federal government's IRS tax rate for current and future mileage expenses.**

**C.) Outstanding mileage reimbursement for Birgen D'Hondt to pick up trailer, pick up inflatables, take them back, pick up mower and drop off mower for a total of 286.9 miles. Total of reimbursement will be \$187.92. Sam Jones made a motion for reimbursement. Ashley Mueller second. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**

**9.) Board Member Comments – Birgen fixed the three-wheeler and it can be used to rake/drag the fields. Pitcher mounds were fixed on Fields 1, 3 and 4.**

**10.) Next meeting will be Friday, July 14, 2023 at 6:00pm at Concessions. This meeting will focus on the Coaches meeting.**

**11.) Next Executive Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 6:00pm.**

**12.) Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm. Motion made by Sam Jones. Second by Melanie Helton. Majority yay. No nay. Motion carried.**