

# FISHERS-HSE YOUTH BASEBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MEETING MINUTES

<u>Billericay Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Concession Bldg.</u>	<u>2011/2012-001</u>
MEETING LOCATION	MEETING NUMBER
<u>Wes Shealey (Player Agent)</u>	<u>10/06/11 at 7:00 pm</u>
MEETING CHAIRPERSON	MEETING DATE
<u>John Brown (Secretary)</u>	<u>10/13/11</u>
ISSUED BY	ISSUED DATE

<p><b>PRESENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball Board (see attached list)</li> <li>Tim Cobb</li> </ul>	<p><b>DISTRIBUTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball Board (see attached list)</li> <li>Lynda Carlino (SPORTS Exec. Dir.)</li> <li>Coach Matt Cherry (Fishers)</li> <li>Coach Scott Johnson (Southeastern)</li> <li>Dan Henke (Legal Consultant)</li> <li>Greg George (Insurance Consultant)</li> </ul>
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\* Part-time participant

Notice to all present: If any of the following items are incorrect or fail to record discussions at the meeting, please contact the writer of these minutes immediately.

Item No.	Subject	Action By (If applicable)	Due Date (If applicable)
1.	Wes called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. The minutes were recorded by John Brown.	None	NA
2.	Introductions were made and the attendance sheet was passed around the room.	None	NA
3.	<p><u>OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Motion to approve minutes from September 8 meeting by Keith Bucklew and seconded by Matt Morrow. All in favor, none opposed.</li> <li>B. Action Items from September meeting:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How should we handle player names/pictures on our new website? Lets find out Sports policy and get input from our legal consultant.</li> <li>• USSSA Midwest Games? Wes Shealey met with town board and worked out schedule to use the fields and the town gave us the OK to host.</li> <li>• Fix Scoreboards/Batting Cages? The town will fix the scoreboards, give them parts (Rick). The town will</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Brown</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complete</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rick Sherman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11/3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASAP</p>

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	<p>take down the backing cages for the winter and fix next spring. Q: Do we add cage dividers similar to Noblesville cages? A: None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting travel forms/fees (Rhys)? Rhys has turned in all forms and money except for 1 team (yet to do).</li> <li>• Appoint volunteers for Fields and Field Equipment Maintenance (Exec. Comm.)? Dan Reed (Fields) and Jeff Pearson (Field Equipment Maint) – both accepted.</li> </ul>	<p>Information Rhys Helt</p> <p>Information</p>	<p>NA ASAP NA</p>
	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>A. Fall Baseball (Bill O’Patterson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tournaments coming up, things are going well.</li> <li>• Q: Tom Quakenbush → Can we use more than 1 field on upper pod for fall ball next year?</li> <li>• A: Beau Brunner → It depends on how much work the town gets done and has yet to do.</li> </ul> <p>B. Auxiliary (Jason Acquisto)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haunted Woods meeting is next Thursday at 7:00 at BW3’s on SR37.</li> <li>• Set-up will begin Saturday 9am on 10/15. Meet at fields to remove black tarps. Bring plastic tie cutters.</li> <li>• Opening Day has been set for April 21, 2012.</li> </ul> <p>C. Travel Tournaments (Jeanette Payne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wes → working with Janette to set next year hosting dates and have have within next couple weeks. Please send email to board with dates.</li> <li>• Wes → Midwest Games – our last travel tournament would have to be weekend of 7/21 so town has 3 weeks to prep fields and Aug. 18-19 is the only weekend to have tryouts at Billericay. We would charge USSSA a minimal amount for field use and be reimbursed for field supplies. <u>USSSA awarded us the Midwest Games tournament to host.</u></li> <li>• Wes → Recommend selling sponsors for that week to make money. We need to discuss idea with existing sponsors.</li> <li>• Wes → We will need to create a Tournament Committee to run/host these games.</li> </ul>	<p>Information Information Information</p> <p>Volunteers Volunteers Information</p> <p>Jeanette Payne</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Chad Hightower</p> <p>Information</p>	<p>NA NA NA</p> <p>10/13 10/15 NA</p> <p>10/22</p> <p>NA</p> <p>Nov/Dec</p> <p>NA</p>

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	<p>D. Fields (Beau for Dan Reed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Closing will be Sunday, October 23 after the Haunted Woods. We can do final clean-up and close fields in same day.</li> <li>• Wes → We need to create an inventory list of 'to do' items for each spring ... such as what to buy and when, etc.</li> </ul> <p>E. Executive Committee (Beau Brunnemer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was discussion around the idea of combining National Blue and White divisions at 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade level and possibly lower.</li> </ul> <p>F. BBCOR Bats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All USSSA tournaments must have USSSA stamp in 2012</li> <li>• Q: What will the league policy be in 2012 for rec and for hosted travel tournaments?</li> <li>• A: We need to research and develop a policy.</li> <li>• Put on website some kind of disclaimer stating referencing new USSSA rules and new league policy forthcoming.</li> <li>• Coach Johnson → Would like to see all 13U/14U teams using BBCOR bats, if able. You really have to hit the sweet spot. The trampoline effect is very small. Rip-It and Marucci getting good early reviews. Recommend practicing with wood bats.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>Executive Comm./Dan Reed</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Executive Comm.</p> <p>Scott Berkel</p> <p>Information</p>	<p>10/23 at 11:00 am</p> <p>Nov/Dec</p> <p>NA</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>NA</p>
4.	<p><u>OTHER DISCUSSION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Berkel → Softwall website points to main website and is currently under construction.</li> </ul>	Information	NA
5.	Matt Morrow made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 and it was seconded by Scott Berkel.	Information	NA

# ATTENDANCE

BASEBALL	EXEC BOARD	6-Oct	3-Nov	1-Dec	5-Jan	2-Feb	1-Mar	5-Apr	3-May	7-Jun	5-Jul	2-Aug	6-Sep	Present overall
		OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	after
President	Beau Brunnermer	x												1
Secretary	John Brown	x												1
Treasurer	Steve Pfansteil	x												1
Player Agent	Wes Shealey	x												1
	<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>													
8th - 12th Grade	Scott Hullinger	x												1
5th/6th Grade NLB & 7th Grade	Bill Demumbrum	x												1
5th/6th Grade NLW	Jim Grüber	No												0
5th/6th Grade AL	Keith Bucklew	x												1
3rd/4th Grade NLB	Charles DeLong	x												1
3rd/4th Grade NLW	Todd Bantz	x												1
3rd/4th Grade AL	Mike Blackburn	x												1
1st/2nd National Blue	Aaron Brattain	x												1
1st/2nd NLW	Frank Runion	No												0
1st/2nd American	Scott Berkel	x												1
6yr PeeWee	Chris Reardon	x												1
5yr PeeWee	Jeff Garrett	No												0
Travel	Ed Woolwine	x												1
Tournaments	Jeanette Payne	x												1
7-8 Year Old Travel Comm.	Tim McCoy	No												0
9-10 year Old Travel Comm.	Derrick Johnston	No												0
11-12 year Old Travel Comm.	Rhys Helt	x												1
7th-8th Grade Travel Comm.	Derek Garwood	No												0
Fishers Stars Comm.	Aaron Jones	No												0
	<b>STAFF</b>													
Co-Equipment	Todd Jamieson	x												1
Co-Equipment	Greg Dewald	No												0
Fields	Dan Reed	No												0
Field Equipment Maintenance	Jeff Pearson	x												1
Facilities, Scoreboards, Sound	Rick Sherman	No												0
Uniforms	Jeremy Guler	x												1
Umpires	Tom Quakenbush	x												1
Marketing	Rick Jacobs	*x												1
Co-Sponsorships	John Hoffman	No												0
Co-Sponsorships	Chad Hightower	No												0
Registrations	Phil Anton	No												0
Trophies/Pictures	Greg Morlen	No												0
Scheduling	Mike Linnick	x												1
Player Development	Matt Morrow	x												1
Concessions	Tony Schneider	x												1
Fall Baseball	Bill O'Patterson	x												1
Auxiliary	Jason Acquisto	x												1
	<b>SPORTS</b>													
Lynda Carlino		No												0
	<b>GUEST:</b>													
Coach Cherry		No												0
Coach Johnson		Yes												1

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# FOR REFERENCE

All,

There has been some discussion in regards to new certified bats for the upcoming 2012 season.

I am not yet sure how this will affect our rec program and hosted tournaments travel this year, but I wanted to get out to you what has been found so far (see below).

JB

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I can't find anything about getting existing bats certified with the USSSA stamp. From what I can find, the bat must come from the factory with the stamp. The reasoning for the USSSA stamp is as follows:

The New USSSA Mark reflects that the manufacturer of the bat has committed to you the customer and to USSSA that the bat meets not just the USSSA 1.15 BPF test, but also the USSSA rule book, the USSSA anti-altering requirements and all other requirements as set forth in the licensing agreement between the bat manufacturer and USSSA.

The important part is what I underlined above. Existing bats may meet the 1.15 BPF test but might not meet the anti-altering requirements. Many of the composite bats met the 1.15 BPF but were easily altered by being shaved or rolled to increase performance. Due to this, it doesn't seem like we can get any existing 1.15 BPF bats certified. The stamp must come on the handle from the manufacturer. The USSSA website summed up the new bat requirements very simply:

**AGAIN TO BE LEGAL IN 2012 FOR USSSA 14U AND BELOW, A BIG BARREL BAT MUST BE MANUFACTURED BY AN APPROVED USSSA BAT LICENSEE AND (1) HAVE THE NEW USSSA MARK ON ITS TAPER, (2) BE A QUALIFIED BBCOR BAT OR (3) BE A WOOD BAT. There are no exceptions to this rule!!!**

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Below is from the USSSA website.

## 15 and Over High School Age Groups

While USSSA believes that the material oriented 2011 ban and the ultimate move to a wood like performance standard is not in the best interests of the game, USSSA will continue its policy for 15 and over of following the NHFS rules. Because so many of our 15 and over players are focused on being a part of their High School teams, it is the view of USSSA that its customers are best served by playing with the same bats that they will be using in High School play. Thus, if a bat is legal under the NHFS rules, it is legal for USSSA sanctioned play. If not legal for NHFS play, it is not legal for USSSA play.

## 14 and Under Age Groups Big Barrel Bats

The continued popularity of for 14U and younger USSSA sanctioned baseball has led USSSA to believe that the

1.15 BPF standard should be continued, but with improvement to address use and alteration issues.

For 2011, there will be no change to the performance standard for bats allowed in USSSA play in these age groups. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " , 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " and 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  " bats will all continue to be allowed in 14U and younger USSSA sanctioned play. Manufacturers, however, will be required to alert USSSA if they are aware, or have reason to be concerned that, any of their bat models—carbon fiber or other material bats-- would significantly exceed the 1.15 BPF standard with normal use. In such a case, USSSA would then list such bats as ones which are not allowed in USSSA play. In general, all bats of USSSA Licensed manufacturers will be allowed in USSSA play, unless they are otherwise identified by USSSA as not being allowed. Bats from manufacturers that are not licensed with USSSA will not be allowed in USSSA sanctioned play without regard to BPF testing.

For 2012, Dr. Brandt in coordination with the Bat Manufacturers will create a more rigorous 1.15 BPF test that will not allow bats that improve past the 1.15 BPF level with use or most alteration without clearly showing visible physical damage. Both 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " bats will continue to be allowed in 14U and younger USSSA sanctioned play. Such bats will carry a new USSSA 1.15 Mark that will be easily identified without the requirement of a close inspection. This test will be similar to that currently used by the 5 associations that require 1.15 BPF testing for Small Barrel bats and which is now being used by USSSA in its Small Barrel bat testing. Beginning in 2012, only such Big Barrel bats with the new USSSA 1.15 BPF mark will be allowed in USSSA play. All other Big Barrel bats will no longer be allowed in USSSA play as of January 1, 2012. It is expected that such 2012 bats will be made available for purchase by October of 2011.

**From:** Kevin Fitzgerald [mailto:scott@roundtripper.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2011 1:42 PM  
**To:** Cherry, Matthew  
**Subject:** Thank You from Round Tripper

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## All Remaining BBCOR Bats \$15 off

Sale ends Wednesday, October 5th, 2011

# BUY 3 GET 4th BAT FREE\*



\$299.99

BBCOR 2012 VOODOO

\$399.99



BBCOR 2012 CF5



\$249.99

BBCOR 2012 VEXXUM



NOT PICTURED: 2012 VERSUS BBCOR  
\$199.99  
NEW MODEL

\$249.99



BBCOR 2012 M2M

\* 4 Bats Must be ALL BBCOR and ordered together.  
Free Bat will be least expensive of the 3 other models chosen.

# Baseball Bats

If you are interested in buying a new bat with the BBCOR requirements, those need to be ordered sooner rather than later. Most bat manufacturers are telling companies that orders made after the New Year will not be able to be filled until well after our season has started.

A local company is working with us to get bats in a timely fashion and also save us money. *But we must act quickly!*

If I get four players to order a bat, the savings will be better than advertised. Here is how it works.

**Louisville Slugger (TPX) Z-1000**

Retail: \$369.95                      \*Our price: \$319.95

**\*BUT, TPX is offering a "buy three get one free" program. So if I get four orders for this bat, I will pass the savings along and charge each player \$240, which is the total of three bats divided four ways!**

**Louisville Slugger (TPX) Exogrid**

Retail: \$299.95                      \*Our price: \$274.95

**\*Actual price with four orders: \$207**

**Louisville Slugger (TPX) Omaha**

Retail: \$199.95                      \*Our price: \$189.95

**\*Actual price with four orders: \$143**

I am not encouraging the buying of bats. I am simply offering the opportunity to save money to those interested. Neither the school nor I will make any money off of any bat sales. Also, if a player buys a bat and does not make the team, these bats are going to be needed for any league where players might play, or the possibility exists to sell it to another player.

-Coach Johnson

Cut along this line and give the bottom portion to Coach Johnson

If you are interested, I need the following from you by the morning of Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Name:

Phone #:

Name of bat: (Circle one) Z-1000                      Exogrid                      Omaha

Size of bat: (Circle one)                      31/28                      32/29                      33/30

\*I do not recommend 33/30 to many players. And most players - especially freshmen - would benefit most from a 31/28. See me if you have questions. **If four bats are not ordered, "Our price" will be charged. Payment will be expected the next day, Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, after I know the total needed.**