

Southwest Summer League – SWCL  
2022 Spring Meeting Agenda  
Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville WI: April 6th, 2022 @ 7PM

1. Roll Call / Introductions

**-Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. All Communities were present.**

2. Review/Approval of Fall 2021 League Meeting Minutes

**-Summary provided and Approved.**

3. Election of officers:

a. Treasurer

**- Whitney Runde Nominated. Voted in and approved.**

4. Report of Officers

Financial Report –

**-No change from last fall. Balance of \$3128.53**

Webmaster – Dustin Myers

**-3 year renewal and Annual Fee's came due (Total of \$560.81.) This was paid by Jess Heisel (former Webmaster). Was provided a check at the meeting to reimburse Jess for the fees. Website is ready to go. SWCL.org. All usernames and passwords used for 2021 WILL NOT WORK FOR THE 2022 SEASON! Once we have a coaches list, you will all be provided new usernames with a default password. You will be able to change your password to whatever you like. If you forget your password, you will need to reach out to the webmaster to reset it.**

Softball VP – Randy Hoffman

**-Seeding for last year's tournament was skewed by coaches not reporting scores on the website. **PLEASE REPORT YOUR SCORES!** Winning team must report the score. Rule passed last fall: Any team with 2 or more unreported scores by the deadline, the current head coach will not be allowed to coach the next year unless a \$150 fine is paid to the SWCL. **Tournament Time – Winning Team PLEASE REPORT YOUR SCORE PRIOR TO LEAVING THE FIELD.** It will help get the bracket updated much faster. THE SWCL should not have to track coaches down to report scores. Please do your part. Texting works great!**

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Baseball VP – Brent Sheckler

**-First year in this position. Lives in Fennimore coached in the SWCL for years. Head coach for Varsity baseball at Fennimore. Cell phone number is: 608-732-2275. If you need anything, please call or text. Really is passionate for this league. Encourages travel ball and Rec Ball. Goal is try to get the league more competitive.**

Commissioner - Quinn Schultz

5. Discussion to Add Communities to League

a) Reedsburg

**– No representation present at meeting. Motion was made to not vote in. Seconded and approved.**

b) Darlington

**– No representation present at meeting. Motion was made to not vote in. Seconded and approved.**

6. Softball and Baseball Rule Changes Tabled to Spring Meeting

Baseball & Softball:

a. Evaluating the need to report rosters if other coaches are unable to see them prior to the game played.

**-Motion was made to continue submitting rosters. Was seconded and motion was approved.**

b. Start League games June 1st due to conflicts with high school.

**-Motion was made to start after June 1. Was seconded and the motion was not approved. Will start as normal and to end the year in mid-July.**

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- a. All grade levels to pitch from a mound.  
**-Motion was made to only have Grades 5 and above in scope. Motion was seconded and approved.**  
**-Motion was made to table the vote till the fall meeting with the following changes: Mounds can be used if both coaches agree to use them. If a coach is not comfortable using a portable mound, their team will not be forced to use one. Motion to table was seconded and passed.**

Softball:

- a. Clarifying questions regarding 3/4 grade Coach's 4th pitch.  
**-If a player fouls off on the 4<sup>th</sup> Coach's pitch it will be treated like a foul ball on a second strike. The batter will be allowed another pitch. If the batter does not swing on the 4<sup>th</sup> pitch, the batter is out.**
- b. Questions regarding hit by pitch at the 3/4 grade Coaches hitting batters vs pitchers hitting batters.  
**-The batter must make an attempt to avoid the pitch. They cannot just let the ball hit them and be awarded a base. Please note that the umpire makes the final call.**

7. Rules Review from 2021

Baseball and Softball:

- a. 2nd Graders may be brought up during the season to participate in 3/4 Grade to help make a complete team. It will be required that the player participate in that community's rec program.
- b. There were issues with coaches delayed in reporting scores if at all. This caused issues with team seeding in the SWCL bracket. A motion was brought up to make the following rule: Any team with 2 or more

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unreported scores by the deadline, the current head coach will not be allowed to coach the next year unless a \$150 fine is paid to the SWCL.

- c. For 3/4 grade, no outs will be taken for less than 10 players in the tournament. Teams can play with 8 players.

Baseball

- a. Host seeding for SWCL Tournament. All winner bracket and losing bracket games will be played at the host site Thursday – Saturday. This is the same process that Softball uses for the SWCL tournament.
- b. For 3/4 Grade, base runners can lead off when it leaves the pitcher's hand. The base runner is not allowed to advance to the next base under any circumstances. It will be a force out at the base the runner led off from if any play attempts are made. If base runners leave base too early, a warning will be made the first time. Any additional times it will be an out.
- c. For 5/6 Grade the field dimensions be changed to 70-foot bases. Pitching Rubber will be at 50 Feet. Home is open. Regular leading off. Dropped 3rd strike is out. Balk warning, no advancement.
- d. first two innings are closed to a limit of 4 runs, all remaining innings are open for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6th Grades.
- e. All Grade Levels, catchers cannot come into pitch unless there is an injury.

**Reminder from 2021: USE OF ILLEGAL BATS (BASEBALL ONLY!)  
Use of an illegal bat, (ie. USSSA bat of any size, or 2 3/4" diameter bat) will be punished as follows.**

**First offense: Offender is out and ENDS THE INNING.**

**2nd offense: TEAM FORFEITS THE GAME.**

**3rd offense: TEAM IS BANNED FROM LEAGUE TOURNAMENT PLAY.**

**Note: Wood bats are legal at all levels**

**\*All offenses must be reported to the League Commissioner and VP of baseball.**

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**-i.e., a catcher cannot come into pitch within the same inning unless there is an injury. If a player is not catching that inning, they can pitch.**
- c. For 7/8 Grade softball. All innings are open. 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 5.
- d. For 5/6 Grade softball. Home is open.
- e. If the ball hits the ground on a pitch, the batter must make an attempt to avoid getting hit by the ball. If the batter does not make an attempt, they will not be rewarded 1st base.

8. Tally number of teams

Year	Baseball	Softball
3/4	30	23
5/6	31	24
7/8	26	21
Total	87	68

9. Confirm dates and Sites for End of Season Tournaments

Baseball			Softball		
3/4	7/5 – 7/9	RV – Arena	3/4	7/11 – 7/16	Boscobel
5/6	7/11 – 7/16	IG - Livingston	5/6	7/5 – 7/9	RV Arena
7/8	7/5 – 7/9	Boscobel	7/8	7/11 – 7/16	Highland

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10. Fall Meeting - Proposed Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 @ 7PM. Site TBD

**-Motion was made to move the fall meeting date to Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion was seconded and passed. Was also discussed to have it at Dodger Bowl as it is centrally located withing the participating communities and also due to the fact Dodger Bowl was so accommodating. Agreed to having it at Dodger bowl in September. **Fall Meeting will take place Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at Dodger Bowl in Dodgeville at 7PM.****  
**The fall meeting is the time and place to propose rule changes. Please make a point to be there in September.**

Rosters are due May 14th. Please send to Brent Sheckler for Baseball and Randy Hoffman for Softball.

**Emails can be found on the main page of the website (SWCL.org) as well as the “About Us” page of the website.**

If you haven't already, please submit Field locations for all age levels and identify if the field has lights to Quinn Schultz for Softball and Brent Sheckler ASAP!

Late fee will be charged if Team fee is not paid by May 14th

- Team fee for the year will changed this year from \$70 per team to \$100.  
Please pay on Time!

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:25PM.**