

Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2015

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:39 PM on April 9, 2015 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp (7/7), Robbie Burkhart (6/7), Kirsten Muller (6/7), Rob Hager (6/7), Jeff Elder (4/7), Avery Scheib (7/7), Dave Maurer (6/7), Zarir Erani (7/7), Steve Countryman (5/7), Marty Kusar (7/7), Kelli Binder (7/7), Brian Schimke (6/7), Parker Gillespie (5/7)

Absent:

Monica Kosvic (6/7), Chad Johnson (5/7), Paul Twenge (1/7)

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting agenda, prior month's minutes by Dave Mauer, Second by Jeff Elder.

1. Treasurer's Report

AP large value due to Tonka Dome bill being paid this week and a significant Universal invoice for equipment. Healthy bank account. Scholarships a little under budget---total of 48 requests (less total value than last year). Move P. Gillespe, Second D. Mauer

2. League Update

Kyle and Robbie met with two AL coaches interested in moving from 3 to 2 charters. They voiced their desire to field the most competitive team possible for Minnetonka. The Board remained in support of three charters for 2015.

All is set and ready with Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tryouts are coming up the second two weeks of April.

Travel scheduling meeting is this weekend. Travel teams will need support of families to work field clean up as Coaches are already busy at scheduling. Need support to get the cages up. As a league the Travel group is open loop on spending with uniforms, equipment, etc. Need to work next year to bring them in the fold with support groups like uniforms (Eileen), equipment (Kirk and Mark) etc. like Little League. Agreed to discuss at the end of the summer, before Fall tryouts, to balance fees with costs/budget for spend.

3. Scheduling

Issue raised again about 9's having two practices per week is too much. Want to move to model of one 90 minute practice. Also raised issues of 7:30pm practice slots----feel it is too dark. Agreed to open Freeman 1 and 3 for two weeks before games start to be used by 9's with 7:30 practices to get in some time

4. Background Checks

Warnings are out. 360 done. Head coaches are in charge to get them done for all their staff.

5. PCA

Three PCA sessions are completed. Lots of good feedback. Strong attendance. Steve points out it is the start of a culture change and the opinion is that it was money well spent.

6. Team Parent

Picture day going for older kids if they want to do a team photo. Banking and Sam's Club card being worked for concessions. Working through Team Manager Monday email blasts to gauge attendance for Rally Night. Re-voted again to give gift cards to coaches. Moved by Zarir to give cards again. Second by P. Gillespe. Motion approved. This is for 2015 only. We will revisit if we do the program in the future. Question raised if Sponsor's are exempt if they have more than one kid. Answer is "yes."

7. Equipment/Uniforms

All good

8. Fields

All ready for clean-up day

9. Weather Cancellation Process

Under review. Trying to stay away from closing the field in the am.

10. Opening Day

School is covering insurance. Diamond Club is buying hot dogs. Start at 2pm.

11. BFP Update

Bennett Family Park: we have nominations for awards

14. MDC

Spring Breakfast Saturday-Kyle will talk on the merger and how we are coming together with the High School.

Motion to adjourn by Robbie Burkhart, second by Steve Countryman. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Avery Scheib