

Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 14, 2016

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 8:03 PM on April 14, 2016 by Kyle Heitkamp.

In Attendance: Kyle Heitkamp, Dave Maurer, Kelli Binder, Robbie Burkhart, Rob Hager, Chad Johnson, Marty Kusar, Janet Loomis, Avery Scheib, Brian Schimke, Tammy Sessa, Jeff Elder, Deb Hanson, Kirsten Muller, Matt Walker.

Absent: Paul Twenge.

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes: Jeff motioned to approve the prior month's agenda with the discussed changes. The motion was seconded by Kelli and the prior month's agenda was approved with the discussed changes.

Treasurer's Report – K. Muller

- Doing well with sponsorships
- A number of banners need to be redone.
- Many sponsorship fees have already been collected.
- Little League is down 32 from last year.
- Rookies are down.
- Looking into bleachers for Cathcart – waiting for city approval.
- Let Kirsten know if you have someone working on an expense form.

Jeff moved to approve funds for bleachers at Cathcart and Kelli seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.

Registration – B. Schimke

- Consideration being made to change registration so that you must pay at the same time you register.
- Platforms – League Athletics is less supported.
 - RSVP tab is currently not working.
- 5 Tier II teams (14 players)

League Updates – C. Johnson/M. Kusar

- All leagues are up and running.
- Receiving feedback about PCA that it was outstanding.
- Tier II is closed.
- Travel scheduling 'down' last weekend.
- Prep – discussion – player substitution – Hopkins agreed.
- Equipment – Catcher equipment does not come with catcher's glove.

- Looking at purchasing used catcher's gloves from Play It Again.

Player Exception Request – D. Maurer

- Discussion was held to wave a player into AL.
- Majority ruled to allow the player to play in NL.

Scheduling – A. Schieb/J. Elder

- All games will be posted this weekend.
- 12 yr olds – 1 game for the first 2 weeks and will go to two on May 16.

Team Manager Update – D. Hanson/M. Kusar

- As soon as the games are posted – concessions sign ups will be posted.
- Concession shifts will be 2 – 2 1/2 hrs in duration.
- Concessions – initial orders coming in.
- Team Managers – Provide Deb with any information to go out to Team Managers by Sunday night.
- Janet is getting gift cards out for LL teams.

Opening Day – K. Heitkamp

- May 7th
- There will be a meeting tomorrow at 2.
- Ensure the Team Managers push opening day.
- Looking for hot dog estimate.
- Get RSVP's by April 29th.
- Volunteers are in place.

BFP Update – K. Heitkamp

- MBA is the recipient of the DBGE
- BFP will be involved.
- June 27th at Windsong Farms.

Criminal Offenses – K. Binder

- LL rules state a coach will be let go if they have committed a crime against a child.
- Offenses will be dealt with on a case by case bases.
- A disclaimer will be added to the website.

Tournaments – M. Walker

- All in season tournaments scheduled.
- AL – 10's have 1 tournament.
- AL Majors have 2 tournaments.
- There will be 2 District All Star Teams in 9's, 10's, and 11/12's.
- Teams will go to the Crystal tournament.

- In the past, we haven't found a good fit for a 2nd tournament.
- We are considering adding a 2nd tournament for 9's in Coon Rapids.
- Nominations are need for the Bigsby awards.
- The Bigsby award will be presented at the Bigsby Inventational.
- District All – Starts must commit to both tournaments, regardless of outcome.
- Consider having players sign a commitment form.
- Introduce these forms this year.

Motion to adjourn by Brian and seconded by Kirsten.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Tammy Sessa, Secretary