

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 13, 2014**

**Opening:**

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:32 PM on August 13, 2014 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

**In Attendance:**

Kyle Heitkamp (10/10), Kirsten Muller (9/10), Rob Hager (10/10), Avery Scheib (10/10), Jeff Elder (7/8), Zarir Erani (10/10), Parker Gillespie (6/10), Chad Johnson (9/10), Marty Kusar (10/10), Steve Countryman (8/10), Dave Mauer (8/10), Matt Carter (9/10), Cam Johnson (7/10)

**Absent:**

Kurt Richman (8/10), Paul Twenge (1/10) Robbie Burkhart (9/10), Monica Kosvic (9/10)

**Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:**

Motion to approve meeting agenda, prior month's minutes by Jeff Elder, second by Matt Carter.

**1. Treasurers Report – K. Muller**

ETLL checking account to be closed. Still have sponsors due to pay from 2013: DS Driving and Tino's. Budget looking good. Might be short one Tonka Dome invoice---waiting for revised invoice. Kirsten to follow up with Dave Nelson. Discussed need to analyze fees per league next year based on what is spent to run the age group. Filed Tax final returns. Almost done TBR tax filing. Motion to approve TR by Chad Johnson, second by Matt Carter.

**2. League Updates – League Directors**

District teams did well, More than 50% made it out of pool play. Issue with development focus at 8's. Parking lot item to Dave's committee to discuss continuation of 7/8 year old play into July next year. Travel: success with 14 year old State Championships. Discussed whether or not to have two travel 14AAA teams next year---keep two teams at top level exposure until 15. Travel tryouts—currently 43(13's) 52(14's) 41(15's). Fields for tryouts are confirmed.

Grievance Committee will conduct investigation into complaints regarding MBA players. Players to be put on notice of investigation. Board recommendation to notify family that an investigation is being conducted by the Grievance Committee around survey complaints on breach of code of conduct. Approach will be reviewed by legal counsel. This will be addressed before team formation.

**3. Fall Ball -**

Fall Ball update-squeezed on larger size fields due to loss of Bennett 1 and Excelsior Commons.

**4. Travel Tryouts –**

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## **5. Nominating Committee –**

Nomination slate will be presented for vote at September meeting for vote.

## **6. Survey –**

Thanks to Zarir for all the work to collect and report the data. Avery will summarize comments and provide summary bullet points as a first draft for Board review. Kyle will work with Zarir to decide on titles on ppt graphs.

## **7. Field Improvements – K. Heitkamp**

Approved Bennett's choice of vendor for field improvements. MBA will pay for re-do of infield for Manitou. Asking Board for approval to put money into Thorpe to build mounds—Kyle and Jenzer will do what needs to be done. \$5000 approved for discretionary spending. Moved by Avery second by Kirsten. Jenzer and Troy are putting together a wish list for future projects. Parker to call Gabler to discuss making Bennett 1 a dual use, modified, field.

## **8. Miscellaneous –**

Pitch2Pitch has brought proposal for MBA to buy a block of cage time. We are going to decline but we support our players looking for training to use Pitch 2 Pitch programs. MBA will use Tonka dome time for travel---we will not give travel teams extra money to go outside for practice.

All winter dome clinic, evaluation and coach training is booked.

Concession Checks----agreed to add \$150 as receivable for both missing concession shift people and coaches who did not return equipment. Kirsten will figure it out with Zarir.

Agreed to standardize on the home base plate size---better quality.

Discussion of post season for running our own tournaments. Extreme dissatisfaction with Glen Lake. Playing select level with District level teams from other programs. Will consider adding a Board Member as Tournament Director.

## **9. 2015 Changes –**

Dave M will be running the committee to evaluate possible changes and improvements for Little League ages next year.

## **10. Recognition / Thank You –**

Handed out thank you \$50 gift cards to board members and \$25 for coordinators.

Planning recognition event for all leadership at Maynard's after Fall Ball finishes.

Steve C. presented two different sponsor plaques---one from Lifetouch and one from Kemmetmueller.

## **11. BFP –**

Bennett board meeting. MBA wants to be a tenant-new model.

Matt motion to adjourn. Steve C to second. 9:45pm

Motion to adjourn by Matt Carter, second by Steve Countryman. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

*Meeting Minutes taken by Avery Scheib*