

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 10, 2015**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:32 PM on December 10, 2015 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Paul Twenge, Rob Hager, Deb Hanson.

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Dave motioned to approve the meeting agenda and the prior month's minutes and the motion was seconded by Kelli.

1. Treasurer's Report

One travel coach has not submitted 2015 expenses.

Instructions will want to be paid by the end of the year.

People are still signing up for clinics.

Jeff motioned to approve the financial report, and Kelli seconded the motion. The financial report was approved by all without further discussion.

- **League Fees**

- NL 11 & 12's will decrease to \$325 from \$350
- NL 10's will increase to \$275 from \$250.
- AL 11 & 12's will increase to \$375 from \$300
- AL 10's will increase to \$300 from \$250
- AL 11 & 12's will increase to \$375 from \$300

- **Registration Numbers**

- A conservative estimate of a 15% drop out rate.
- Kirsten and Avery will go over registration number predictions.

All budget requests are to go to Kirsten.

2. League Insurance

Is up for renewal. This year's rate is: \$11,630.

Tier I – Renegade teams are not covered by insurance.

3. League Updates

- **12 and Under** – Actively recruiting league directors.
- **13 and Up** – Scheduling games with other associations.
 - Uniforms are fitted.
 - Tournament is announced.

- **Play up** – When the two leagues merged, East had a play up process and South did not. So the MBA adopted the East’s process.
10’s – the board will allow the kids who played up last year to play up again in the future. However, they still have to try out and they will have to evaluate in the top 20%. If they don’t make the top 20% they will automatically play in the NL. Moving forward there will be no more play ups allowed.

Robbie motioned to approve no new play up requests and to grandfather current play up players and Jeff seconded the motion. The motioned was approved by all without further discussion.

- **Age Change Communication** – The grade criteria will be erased from the registration process and we will keep the birthday criteria only. A form has to be filled out for those trying to register for their new LL age. A letter will be sent out explaining the date changes.

4. MBA Academy

Currently there is \$20,000 of revenue in registrations and

5. Positive Coaching Alliance

The invoice has been paid and we will have dates soon. It will be mandatory for travel coaches to attend.

6. Communications

- Mailer – needed appropriate verbage.
- Season Calendar Update – Events are lacking.
 - Chad need to confirm team placement
 - Rob needs to confirm Tier I practices
 - Marty needs to confirm picture day
 - Clinic dates need to be confirmed
 - Registration: Will open on Monday January 11th. Feb 1st – late fee of \$50 added. Registration closes: February 10th, except for Senior Babes and Rookies.
 - March 10th and 20th – MBA/Dicks day.

7. Scheduling

No separate discussion

8. Field Improvements

Footings have been poured for Bennett 1 Batting Cage.

9. Other

Get background check completed and send Kirsten conflict of interest forms.

All post season players will receive hats.

Opening day – location is unknown.

Motion to adjourn by Robbie and seconded by Jeff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Tammy Sessa, Secretary