

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 8, 2019**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order on February 8, 2019 at 7:39PM by Kyle Heitkamp President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp, Kirstin Muller, Vijay Singh, Matt Walker, Rob Hager, Charlotte Wheeler, Heather Benson, Marty Kusar, Dave Maurer, Janet Loomis, Brian Schimke, Chad Johnson.

Absent: Jeff Elder, Tammy Sessa, Pat Becker.

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Jeff motioned to approve the agenda and the prior month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Dave and approved by all without further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – K. Muller

- Still waiting on some receivables, otherwise we are just beginning the season.
- The budget for the coming year is negative, however it is not showing the updated registration numbers. There were some additional costs for coach training, and increased umpire fees.
- Chad Johnson motioned to approve the budget and Rob second the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.

Capital Budget Update – K. Heitkamp

- GO Technical Services is the only capital so far for soil testing at Manitou. The testing showed that the water table in the area where the lights would need to go is too high. It would not be cost effective to go forward with getting lights. Kyle is going back to the City to let them know that financially we will not be putting in lights this winter. We are still open to talks, especially if there are price negotiations.

Registration Update - B. Schimke

- Registration Numbers are high in some of the lower community leagues, but down in travel 10 and 11. The registration for Rookies, Community 16/18, and Tier 1 is staying open.

Set Number of Teams:

- Rookies projected 11 teams
- Community 6- 14 teams
- Community 7- 15 teams
- Community 8- 16 teams
- Community 9- 14 teams
- Community 12/13- 9 teams
- Community 14/15- 3 teams
- Community 16/18- 3 or 4 teams (still open)
- Tier 1- still open
- Travel 10- 5 teams
- Travel 11- 5 teams

League Structure - C. Johnson/ M. Kusar

- Travel 10& 11 Coach approval process (Johnson): Only those new to head coach positions will be interviewed.
- The coaching forms are due on Feb 21, and the interviews will be conducted on Feb 25th and 27th.
- Rules Update/Scorebooks (Kusar): Minor changes being made in Rookies, see website for details.
- Draft/Team Placement Process: Continue as before.
- Tournament Update (Walker): Bigsy 14/15 is full, other age groups are filling.

MBA Academy - R. Hager

- Clinics/Evaluation Update (Hager): Going as planned.

Safety - C. Wheeler

- Background Checks/Concussion Update: Most of the travel coach paperwork is in. There are a handful of people who still need to send this in-reminders went out recently so progress is being made.
- New Safe Sport Law: Reviewed the Risk Management Policy that was sent out to the board in January. The policy will be added to the website. Charlotte motioned to add the policy and Maurer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.
- Trusted Coaches: Discussed using them to train our coaches so we are in compliance with the new Safe Sport Laws. Charlotte motioned to approve and Brian seconded. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.

- Safe Sport Official: As part of our duties to be in compliance with the Safe Sport law, we need to approve a Safe Sport Official. Laurie Huotari agreed to take on this role. Wheeler made a motion to approve, Loomis second and the motion was approved by all without further discussion.

Umpires - P. Becker

- To be discussed at upcoming meeting.

Coaches Meeting - K. Heitkamp

- Verify Dates:

March 14th travel team results posted

March 18th travel coaches meeting- room 1428

March 20th lecture hall (forum) Community Coaches meeting

April 2- Coaches Meeting umpires/child safety

**The March meeting has been moved up to Wednesday, March 6 to accommodate time needed to approve the coach slate before the tryouts.

Sponsorships - J. Loomis

- On Track

Communications - K. Heitkamp

- Spring Breakfast: April 6
- Field Clean Up/ Equipment Handout: April 6th weather permitting.

Motion to adjourn by Brian and seconded by Matt.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Tammy Sessa, Secretary

