

Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 8, 2018

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:40 PM on February 8, 2018 by Dave Maurer Vice President. Kyle Heitkamp, President, took over proceedings when he arrived at 7:45.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp, Dave Maurer, Marty Kusar, Kirsten Muller, Heather Benson, Charlotte Wheeler, Brian Schimke, Matt Walker, Pat Becker, Chad Johnson, Janet Loomis.

Absent:

Tammy Sessa, Paul Twenge, Jeff Elder.

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes- K Heitkamp

Change to minutes from January: Kyle said that under League Structure it should read that we need three directors, not four.

Chad Johnson motioned to approve the agenda and the prior month's minutes, with the discussed changes and the motion was seconded by Pat. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – K. Muller

- Three people contributed donations through their payroll deduction after last month's meeting so we sent around thank you's again.
- Donor letters went out in January
- 1099's went out in January
- We were exempt from sales taxes
- Accounts receivable are taken care of from last year
- Academy Winter Clinics have not been charged yet, Dave is talking to Rob about when this happens
- Plan on putting the 15AAA coach payment on a line item in registration for next year because the second half payment did not charge families automatically. Kirsten has been in touch with these families.
- Payment penalties for those whose credit cards fail for their second round of payments. Discussion about penalties included no winter training, withholding uniforms, etc. Marty and Dave will take the lead on these
- Late fees- Next year we need to charge late fees for those who are not paying by a certain date. This needs to be added to the website for registration.
- The board has previously decided that there would be a \$75 late fee for missing the registration deadline. Because people still seemed confused about the deadline, we made an exception for those registering through Jan 2. Some of the board members got complaints after this, and Kyle said we are

sticking with the late fees. The only exception is if they are new to the league, we are waiving the fees, but everyone else will be charged.

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Matt moved to approve the treasurer's report, Janet second with no discussion

Capital Budget Update- K. Heitkamp

- Will be ordering Bennett 5 batting cage net,
- L screens (getting rid of all the 2 inch, and replacing with the 4 inch L screens)
- Wants to get a sign order (home and away and rules in all dugouts), Let Kyle know if you have ideas for more signs because we are working with Tom to do them.
- Jenzer and Troy are submitting some needs for field maintenance. Look for details in the future.

By-Law Change Approval- K. Heitkamp

- Some minor changes are being made to update the language in the current bylaws.
 - Kyle made a move to approve the changes to the Bylaws, Janet second, no discussion

** The bylaw changes will be sent to the IRS by our Treasurer

Registration Update – B. Schimke

- Discussion on the 10/11 balance of community verses travel teams.
 - We plan to have 6 teams for travel 10's and 5 teams for travel 11's as discussed last month.
 - Being that 10's are new to travel, player evaluations will play a role in determining how many of each team (AAA/AA/A) there will be. The hope is to have two of each.
- Out of district players: We have several families playing in MBA who do not live in our boundaries, but have played with MBA in the past.
 - Brian made a motion that allows out of district players to play in MBA community leagues, but not on the community tournament teams, and they will not be eligible for MBA scholarships. Marty second. All in favor with no more discussion.

**website needs to be changed to reflect this

• Number of Teams:

- Rookie- 12 teams (no more than 8 kids per team)
- Community 6- 15 teams (no more than 9 kids per team)
- Community 7- 16 teams (no more than 10 kids per team)
- Community 8- 15 teams (no more than 10/11 kids per team)
- Community 9- 12 teams (no more than 12 kids per team)

Community 10/11- 10 teams (no more than 12 kids per team)
Community 12/13- 7 teams (no more than 12 kids per team)
Community 14/15- 6 teams (no more than 12 kids per team)
Community 16/18- 2 teams for now: still open registration

League Structure – C. Johnson/M. Kusar

• League Directors Recruitment.-

Chad found coordinators for all the teams except Rookie. He will take on that role himself if he doesn't find anyone else.

Chad moved to approve the coordinators as follows:

Rookie	TBD (C. Johnson temp)
C6	Adam Goethke
C7	Matt Breen
C8	Chris Vitale
C9	Tim Koyonen
C10-11	Scott Hemink (TBD)

Dave Second. All in favor, no discussion

• Travel 10 and 11's coach approval process

Chad talked us through coach selection process for community and travel leagues. Kyle would like to make this information public on our website.

Travel Commitment- K Heitkamp

Reminder to make sure we have forms filled out for all players trying out

• Scorebook- after discussion about printing the rules in the scorebook; taking into account the changes visiting and tournament teams might make, as well as the bulkiness of the scorebook, we decided to take them out of the scorebook. It was offered that having a paper copy in coaching bags might be more useful. Consulting the website is the best option.

• Draft/Team Placement Discussion- same as in the past

Tournament update – M Walker

All is on track

Clinics/Evaluation Update- R. Hager via Kyle

Kyle relayed that Rob feels they are ready for the clinics and evaluations.

- If people need to switch their tryout date due to a conflict, they can still make changes online. They can also contact Rob .

- Kids who want to play travel must attend one of the scheduled evaluations in order to be considered.

Safety Update- C. Wheeler

- Everything on track heading into the season.

Scheduling- Becker

Working on getting practice fields back because we are losing Clear Springs and Scenic Heights due to construction.

Grievance Committee Update- K Heitkamp

There has been progress working through positive solutions to remedy the issue. MBA will continue to monitor.

Team Parent Update- H Benson

Moving team parent meetings after spring break (April 10th potentially)
Coaches still need to get teams managers right away (before spring break)
and Heather will email uniform information to them

Opening Day- H Benson

Heather is learning the role, getting advice from previous coordinators.
Going well.

Sponsorships – J. Loomis

Planning to ask the same monetary number from all the team sponsors.
Discussion regarding Bennett and MBA collaboration of sponsorship and grounds crew.

Communications- H Benson

Spring Breakfast/Field Clean Up/Equipment Handout- 4/7/18

Masui Scholarship- K Muller

Kirsten moves to name the scholarship program the Masui Family
Scholarship, Brian second. All in favor

Motion to adjourn by Dave, Marty Second
Meeting adjourned at 10:03