

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2014**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:04 PM on January 9, 2014 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp (4/4), Robbie Burkhart (3/4), Kurtt Richman (4/4) , Monica Kosvic (4/4), Kirsten Muller (4/4) , Cam Johnson (3/4), Rob Hager (4/4), Matt Carter (4/4), Avery Scheib (4/4), Jeff Elder (1/2), Dave Maurer (4/4), Zarir Erani (3/4), Steve Countryman (4/4), Chad Johnson (3/4), Marty Kusar (4/4)

Absent:

Parker Gillespie (1/4), Paul Twenge (2/4), Greg Sanderson (1/4)

Guest:

Mike Mahatty

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting agenda, prior month's minutes by Avery Scheib, second by Kurtt Richman.

1. Treasurers Report – K. Muller

New bank account opened for MBA. Receivables still outstanding from 2013 sponsors, may need to be written off. Outstanding sponsors will be looked at, process set up to implement strategies for collection, future. Scholarship form available on website, requiring basic information from applicant. Scholarship requests to be reviewed by Cam Johnson, Player Agent. Will ask families applying for scholarships to contribute what they can, volunteer opportunities will be offered as contribution.

Motion to approve by Jeff Elder, second by Robbie Burkhart.

2. Board Structure – K. Heitkamp

Update on MBA Board Leadership: Greg Sanderson has stepped down from board as Communications Director. Role will be filled temporarily by Kyle Heitkamp until nominee found. Structure for 2014 MBA Board – Members will form committees, bring suggestions and motions to Board for review and approval. All major decisions regarding MBA League will be Board decisions. All decisions, once approved by MBA Board to be fully supported.

3. Communications – K. Heitkamp

Key Dates to be added to Season Calendar on website, will also be condensed to a one page document for quick viewing. Key date calendar passed out to be reviewed by League Directors for input on relevant dates to be added. All dates to be posted on website by 1/12/14. MBA Mission statement to be added to website. MBA Opening Day will be held at BFP, to include competitions for attendees. Registration to go live on 1/12/14; late fee in effect 2/3/14; registration closed 2/16/14. Birthday cards for players presented to board for review. Suggestion to send out to all registered MBA players, can be used as admission ticket to MHS baseball games.

4. Registration – Z. Erani

Registration overview presented by Zarir Erani. All league Directors requested to submit relevant fields as needed to be added to online registration form, to review and update/remove content from League pages as needed. Link to be added to website with field listings and maps. Travel Coaches will add relevant fields and links as necessary. Each league to supply rules to be posted. Previous STLL sponsors are currently listed on sponsor page, will be updated once new sponsorships confirmed. Open enrollment form to be added to registration process. Coach Twenge will work with School district; send out MBA information to all incoming Pre-K/K students.

Senior Babe Tier 1 registration fee to be \$325.00/ \$100.00 surcharge for tournaments if selected.

The MBA Board extended great thanks to Zarir Erani for all the hard work and dedication on the registration site.

5. Clinic/Evaluation Update – D. Maurer/R. Hager

Dates for evaluations have been set. Coaches meeting scheduled for 2/15/14, 1:00PM - 6:00PM at the Tonka Dome.

6. Uniforms - R. Burkhart

Players age PreK -8 uniforms - sponsor jersey, black hat/ 8 and above blue hat. Players up to age 10 will receive pants as part of uniform; players 10 and above will receive hat and jersey. Senior Babe Ruth, Tier 1 will receive pants with uniform (upcharge to pay for pants).

7. Coaching Status - R. Burkhart

Coach from ETLL, suspended indefinitely at the end of 2013 season requested Board approval to return as coach for 2014 season. The MBA Board approved suspension for 1 year, the 2014 season, giving the individual opportunity to speak before the Board and revisit if requested before the 2015 season.

8. League Updates - League Directors

League rules to be updated on website; coach recruitment under way. Prep/Classic League (ages 13-15) approached by Hopkins to combine leagues. Hopkins and MBA will have their own teams, will play together to create larger league, enabling MBA to schedule Hopkins fields.

Motion by Robbie Burkhart to adopt proposal ([attached](#)) outlining team tryout and placement process. Second by Chad Johnson, motion approved by majority vote.

9. Sponsorships - S. Countyrman

Tabled until February meeting.

10. Field & Maintenance - K. Heitkamp

MBA 2014 field maintenance wish list handed out and reviewed. All projects presented with estimate of what MBA and BFP will handle. Kyle Heitkamp will be attending BFP board meeting Sunday night to discuss projects and estimates. All projects to receive 2nd estimate to compare.

11. Tournament Update - C. Johnson

Prep and Classic tournaments scheduled. Metro tournaments to be scheduled ASAP.

12. MDC - K. Heitkamp

Maynard's Night scheduled for February 3rd. All encouraged to attend. 100% of all proceeds donated to Minnetonka Diamond Club.

New Business:

Dreamakers Dinner requested donation; MBA to donate 3 registrations for 2014 season. Old baseballs to be donated for centerpieces.

Pictures - Marty Kusar met with Kemmetmuller Photography regarding team pictures. BFP uses Lifetouch, receives revenue kickback from pictures. Proposal and bids to be presented at February meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Cam Johnson, second by Zarir Erani. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Monica Kosvic, Secretary