

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday July 12, 2018**

**Opening:**

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 8:11 PM on July 12, 2018 by Kyle Heitkamp President.

**In Attendance:**

Kyle Heitkamp, Brian Schimke, Tammy Sessa, Heather Benson, Pat Becker, Jeff Elder, Marty Kusar, Dave Maurer, Charlotte Wheeler, Kirsten Muller, Janet Loomis, Vijai Singh.

**Absent:**

Matt Walker, Chad Johnson, Rob Hager.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report – K. Muller**

- Jeff motioned to approve the financials and Janet seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.

**Capital Improvements – K. Heitkamp**

- Continuing to maintain fields at Bennett as trying to resolve water issues.
- No new updates on spendings.
- \$39,000 on docket to be split between the following items:
- Manitou - getting a bid for netting for foul balls however cost is prohibitive.
- Looking at sheds for Freeman 1 and Bennett.
- Looking to eliminate the warning tracks at Bennett 1, 2 and 4.
- Field Rehab for all the fields.
- Cover for Cathcart.
- Batting Cage netting.
- Filling in a low spot at Manitou

**Refund Request - K. Heitkamp**

- Working with a family regarding a refund request. We are holding to the MBA policy.

### **League Update - C. Johnson/M. Kusar**

- Gathering player evaluations from all the teams.
- Both 11 A teams received sportsmanship awards at a past tournament.
- Updating the website to acknowledge the award.
- Community leagues is complete
- Tier II still going on now.
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### **Bigsy Tournament - M. Walker**

- Overall the tournament went well and was well liked by all that attended.

### **Waiver/Renegade Team Language - K. Heitkamp**

- MOTION: See Attached
- Dave motioned to approved the Waiver/Renegade Team language motion and Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.

### **Commitment Form - D. Maurer/V. Singh**

- Fine tuning the language for Travel Commitment form.

### **Equipment Return - D. Maurer**

- Waiting for everyone to be finished for the year to return equipment at the same time.

### **Umpire Issues - Pat Becker**

- For next year, have to make some changes to ensure we don't have as many no shows.
- Expand the Jr. umpire program to the 9's.
- Will need more volunteers to manage the program.

### **Golf Event Update - J. Loomis**

- Golf was good and a profit was made.

### **Fall Ball - M. Walker**

- Registration has opened.

### **Travel Tryouts - M. Kusar/R. Hager**

- Sept 23rd and Sept 30th.
- Fees will increase to cover tryout overhead.

### **Nominating Committee - T. Sessa**

- Solidifying all board member positions.

### **David Bigham Field Update - K. Heitkamp**

- Everything is done except the monument wall.

### **Survey - B. Schimke**

- Will be coming out at the end of the month.

### **Other**

- Going with the same coaches hats as last year.

Motion to adjourn by Dave and seconded by Marty.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by Tammy Sessa, Secretary*



## **MBA Motion**

### **Waivers and Renegade Teams**

**Motion:** I, Kyle Heitkamp, move to implement the Waiver and Renegade Team Policy (see attached) starting in the 2019 MBA season and add the verbiage to the MBA Website.

**Background:**

MBA continues to receive requests for waivers which will allow players to play on either other surrounding communities or tournament teams. MBA provides ample opportunities for players to play with our current structure.

Due to MBA's partnership with Metro Baseball League/Metro Baseball Tournaments (MBL/MBT) and Gopher State (MYAS) we need to continue to abide by their policy of not allowing renegade teams from players who reside with MBA boundaries.

## Waivers

MBA will not provide waivers to players who reside within the Minnetonka School District to play on teams from other communities. Minnetonka Baseball Association provides opportunities to play both on our Community or Travel teams.

## Renegade Teams

Due to Minnetonka Baseball Association's partnership with Metro Baseball League/Metro Baseball Tournaments (MBL/MBT) and Gopher State (MYAS) we will abide by their policy of not allowing renegade teams from players who reside within the Minnetonka Baseball Association's boundaries.

MBL/MBT Definition: A renegade team is defined as any team that is comprised of players who all reside in the same community or attend the same school, but who have chosen to bypass the local traveling association to form a team. It is also defined as any team that is comprised of players from multiple communities where recognized youth associations exist.

MYAS Definition: A renegade/independent team is defined as any team that is comprised of player who all reside in the same community or attend the same school, but who have chosen to bypass the local traveling association.

If any player or coach violates this policy by forming or playing on a renegade team, they will be brought before the Grievance Committee. Penalties could include immediate removal from the league and will forfeit their registration fee. Their eligibility to participate in the league in future years could also be in jeopardy.

Exceptions:

- MHS and Private School high school teams
- Private lessons, but not academy teams
- Teams outside MBA season schedule
  - Before/After MBA season
  - Memorial Day weekend/July 4<sup>th</sup> break

If players/coaches decide to form a renegade team, they are not allowed to use MBA equipment, uniforms and are not covered by MBA insurance policies.

If you have questions regarding whether a team is sponsored by MBA, please contact the MBA President.