

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2014**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:04 PM on March 13, 2014 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp (5/5), Robbie Burkhart (4/5), Kurtt Richman (5/5) , Monica Kosvic (5/5) Kirsten Muller (5/54) , Rob Hager (5/5), Parker Gillespie (2/5), Matt Carter (5/5), Avery Scheib (5/5), Jeff Elder (2/3), Zarir Erani (4/5), Steve Countryman (5/5), Chad Johnson (4/5), Marty Kusar (5/5)

Absent:

Paul Twenge (1/5), Cam Johnson (3/5), Dave Mauer (4/5)

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting agenda, prior month's minutes by Parker Gillespie, second by Zarir Erani.

1. Treasurers Report – K. Muller

Reviewed balance sheet, P&L. Look to restructure tournament fee surcharge collection, to remain consistent throughout entire league. Suggestion to make MDC (Vet's) to be facilities arm of MBA. Invoice received from MDC for Vet's Field pledge, MBA committed - \$15k for 2014 (5K pledge from each: ETL, STLL & TBR). Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Matt Carter, second by Robbie Burkhart.

2. Registration Update– K. Heitkamp

Registration numbers good when compared to 2013 season. Rookie W numbers down, communication was sent to all incoming players. Many late registrations have come in since official registration ended on the 16th. 2015 registration will be closed once all teams have been formed.

MBA Board would like to thank Zarir Erani for all the work on registration; a big thank you to all those who helped with the process

3. Clinics/Evaluations – Rob Hager

Good feedback to date, all going smoothly. Committee to meet after MBA meeting, still in need of volunteers. All MHS players contacted to help. Great feedback from parents on clinics so far. Great feedback on father/son clinic. Catcher's gloves needed for evals, will use equipment from shed – ETL & STLL. 6 stations set up for evaluations. Parents not able to stay; enough volunteers scheduled for check-in.

4. League Structure – M. Carter / P. Gillespie

Team lists set for R-7's, will begin to be added to website. 9/10- tryouts and evals this weekend, coaches meeting set for next week. Coaches to communicate with players before teams posted to website. New system to be implemented for late registrations for 2015 season. AL / NL coaches meetings set, once teams formed, coaches will be selected.

6 classic teams / 4 prep teams for 2014. Tier 1 & Tier 11 registration still open. Will look at interleague structure with Hopkins/SLP/Wayzata. Waivers will need to be submitted if out of district.

Motion by Robbie Burkhart for MBA to provide logo scorebooks with rules for all leagues,

2nd by Avery Scheib.

5. Background / Safety – C. Johnson

Safety plan submitted. Facilities review completed and submitted. All registration data to be uploaded to LL by April 1. Rosters for TBR to be uploaded and submitted. Working to acquire all documentation/background checks for coaches. All forms to be completed and submitted by coaches meeting.

6. Scheduling – A. Scheib / J. Elder

All good to date. Manitou SW / Cathcart reasonably empty. Will not need to schedule weekend of 4/27. 12 teams in 9YO League. Committee to determine format for tournament; brackets or pool play.
Classic/Prep scheduling all good, almost complete. All field data to be posted on website.

7. Team Parent – M. Kusar

Team Parent meeting scheduled for 3/24. Picture Day scheduled for 4/26. MBA Board thanks Marty Kusar for all the work on coordinating pictures.
Sign-up genie to be used for concessions, both at BFP and Freeman. Coaches/2 Asst coaches exempt from concessions. Team Parents encouraged to purchase treat tickets. Tommy's Trolley will run concessions at Excelsior Commons if approved by Excelsior Parks & Rec. MDC bagging opportunities at Cub available following dates: 5/30, 5/31, 6/1. Suggestion to rebrand Millers Day as Coaches Day with coaches' game.

8. Sponsors – S. Countryman / K. Heitkamp

Only 1 team left for sponsorship. 15 new sponsors for 2014 season. Currently working on golf tournament sponsors. Golf tournament scheduled for 6/23.
Gift card program discussed; to follow STLL model.

9. Uniforms – R. Burkhart

All good to date. New coaches' shirts for 2014, 3 per team plus hats. Uniforms currently being printed. Uniform update to be announced at Team Parent meeting. 6-8 boxes of gray pants currently available in shed-STLL. Suggestion to sell pants & any extra older uniforms. Pants to be sold before season opener, all other uniforms to be sold at opening day.

10. Peck / Bigsy Award

Tabled until April meeting.

11. Field & Maintenance - K. Heitkamp

Field Clean Up Day scheduled for 4/ 12, following MDC Breakfast. Banners to be put up for 2014 sponsors. Nets to be put up. Wind screens to be put up along fences at Freeman. Batting cages on hold for now. Projects on field 1 delayed for now, grant application in process.

12. MDC - K. Heitkamp

Spring Breakfast and kickoff scheduled for April 12th @ 7:30 AM in MHS cafeteria. MHS players to be in attendance to help. All encouraged to attend. Communication to be sent out with information, list of speakers. Program to end at 9:00 AM, followed by field clean up.

New Business:

Discussion regarding weather delay alerts. BFP committed to phone calls, MBA to post on website.

K. Richman looking into Positive Coaching Alliance, will attend meeting and come back with suggestions.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Elder, second by Marty Kusar. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Monica Kosvic, Secretary