

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 12, 2016**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 8:08 PM on May 12, 2016 by Kyle Heitkamp.

In Attendance: Kyle Heitkamp, Dave Maurer, Kelli Binder, Rob Hager, Chad Johnson, Marty Kusar, Janet Loomis, Avery Scheib, Brian Schimke, Tammy Sessa, Kirsten Muller, Matt Walker.

Absent: Paul Twenge, Robbie Burkhart, Jeff Elder, Deb Hanson.

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes: Janet motioned to approve the prior month's agenda. The motion was seconded by Kelli and the prior month's agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report – K. Muller

- Goal is to have all of the sponsor fees collected by July 1st.
- Tax return will be extended until 8/15.
- Capital Improvement Budget
 - Scoreboard for Excelsior Commons is approved.
 - Excelsior Commons field is in great shape and won't have to dolphin the outfield.
 - Batting cage, L screen and tractor all came in under budget.
 - City of Shorewood has approved the bleachers at Cathcart however, we are awaiting approval from the City of Chanhassen because they mow the lawn there.
 - If any funds remain, a trailer will be purchased for the grader.
 - Bleacher costs will be capped at \$3000.
 - Dave motioned to approve the financials and Avery seconded the motion. The financials were approved by all without further discussion.

League Updates – C. Johnson/M. Kusar

- Leagues are off to a smooth start. The feedback is positive and there have been some questions regarding rules.
- Rookies – will have 10 players per team. The coaches feel it is ok to have more players.
- Coaching – All is going well.
- Umpiring – Jr. ump's are doing great.
- **Rule Questions**
 - Pitch count questions
 - Aggressiveness rounding 1st.
 - Infield hits – not taking too many bases
 - Time limits – games getting called early with daylight left.
 - Consider to agree in advance to time limit of game.
- **Replacement Players**
 - Allow replacement players to play 2 innings in the infield

- Allow replacement players to play twice in the season but not in consecutive games.
- Chad motioned to make the above changes regarding replacement players and Avery seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion.
- There is a 3 ½ year old who would like to play however, Little League states that the player must be 4 years old by Aug. 31st, given the liability issue.
- There is a non-registered player who has been practicing with a team. For this to be allowed to continue the following must take place:
 - The player may not do any batting, may not run any bases, may not sit in the dugout, may not take any position, may not hit fungals, and may not pitch.
 - The non-registered player may shag balls in the outfield and he may keep the book.
 - All parents have to be 100% on board with this. If there is one complaint, then this will end.
 - The family of the non-registered player must sign a waiver.
 - Any violations of the above stated items will result in the coach being relieved of his duties.

All Star Process – K. Heitkamp

- Matt will run and Robbie and Brian will help.
- Coaches vote and kids vote.
- Improvement in process – Dave will discuss proposed changes with Robbie.
- Add All-Star commitment time frames to website.
- Add more information about All-Stars to website.

Safety – K. Binder

- Tabled

Tournament Teams – M. Walker

- First tournament is this weekend in Lakeville.

Sponsorship – J. Loomis

- Working on Silent Auction.
- Goal is July 1st to have all the fees collected.

Fall Ball – M. Walker

- Discussion about Prep and Up.
- Options with Edina to build a team and practice with kids from other leagues and play weekend games.
- Recommendation – to put together a committee for fall ball.
- Continue to do it in house for 12 and under.
- Older ages 12 and up – Gopher State has a program – Matt will reach out to them.
- Academy Team – 15-18 yr olds. – Field needed for this team.

BFP – K. Heitkamp

- Meeting taking place Monday.
- Build out and drawings will be done for free.
- Improvement will be posted.

Motion to adjourn by Dave and seconded by Janet.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Tammy Sessa, Secretary