

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 10 12, 2014**

**Opening:**

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 8:11 PM on July 10, 2014 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

**In Attendance:**

Kyle Heitkamp (9/9), Robbie Burkhart (9/9), , Monica Kosvic (9/9), Kirsten Muller (8/9), Rob Hager (9/9), Avery Scheib (9/9), Jeff Elder (6/7), Zarir Erani (9/9), Parker Gillespie (5/9), Chad Johnson (8/9), Marty Kusar (9/9)

**Absent:**

Cam Johnson (6/9), Kurtt Richman (8/9) Matt Carter (8/9), Dave Mauer (7/9), Steve Countryman (7/9), Paul Twenge (1/9)

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

Motion to approve meeting agenda, prior month's minutes by Chad Johnson, second by Jeff Elder.

**1. Treasurers Report – K. Muller**

Reviewed P& L. K. Muller working to reorganize tax structure for concessions at Freeman. MBA as new organization will implement new tax structure. 30 people did not show up for concession shifts; they will be contacted. Any deposit checks received from those not working shift will be cashed. Motion to approve TR by Chad Johnson, second by Zarir Erani.

**2. League Updates – League Directors**

Issue of LL players throwing curve balls discussed. Suggestions made to not allow MBA players to throw, but prepare players to hit. LL rules allow curve balls to be thrown. Will look into pitching machine throwing curve balls, machine would be set at 1 field. Post season evaluations for ages 7-12 to go out, will need to be completed by end of July for Fall Ball formation. Evaluations to be comprehensive and the same across all leagues. Coach feedback/evaluations to come from League Directors.

**3. Tournaments – Cam Johnson**

Prep & Classic tournaments all very good. MBA to host upcoming Senior Babe Ruth state tournament and may need volunteers to help out. Request from Senior Babe to use another entity for umpires next season. Refunds to be coming in from tournaments cancelled due to rain outs.

**4. Golf Event**

The golf event was a huge success and a lot of fun for all who participated. Fundraising goals reached; hope to continue with event next year.

**5. Nominating Committee – M. Kosvic**

Discussion of nominees for open Board positions for the 2015 Season. Nomination slate will be presented for vote at September meeting.

**6. Survey – Z. Erani**

Survey will be sent out to Board for suggestions on content. \$50.00 gift cards will be offered as incentive to complete survey. Those trying for gift cards will need to submit contact information, otherwise survey to be confidential.

**7. Field Improvements – K. Heitkamp**

Thorpe Park field in Deephaven has no mound, will need to be built. Excelsior Commons may be out of commission for Fall Ball as Excelsior City Council approved field improvements, will begin work.

**8. Fall Ball**

Schimke, Olson & Walker will share responsibilities as Fall Ball League Directors. Registration to be \$150.00 across Leagues. Schedule to include 5 weekends beginning in September; 2 games per week, 1 practice per week for all teams. All registration information data to be provided to Z. Erani for upload to website. P. Gillespie will work with new Fall Ball Directors.

**9. Travel Tryouts – P. Gillespie**

All players trying out for Travel teams will need to register online. Fee for Travel tryouts to be collected from all players trying out. Email communications out with Travel information.

**10. MBA Training Academy – R. Hager**

K. Heitkamp & R. Hager met with Dave Nelson regarding dome time. Dome time/cages committed, will be actual real cage set up.

**11. MDC - K. Heitkamp**

MDC will be hosting tournament this weekend at Vets.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Elder, second by Robbie Burkhart. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

*Meeting Minutes submitted by Monica Kosvic, Secretary*