

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2014**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 8:02 PM on May 8, 2014 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp (7/7), Robbie Burkhart (7/7), Kurtt Richman (7/7) , Monica Kosvic (7/7) Kirsten Muller (7/7) , Cam Johnson (5/7), Rob Hager (7/7), Parker Gillespie (4/7), Matt Carter (7/7), Avery Scheib (7/7), Jeff Elder (4/5), Zarir Erani (7/7), , Chad Johnson (6/7), Marty Kusar (7/7), Dave Mauer (6/7)

Absent:

Paul Twenge (1/7), Steve Countryman (6/7)

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

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

1. Treasurers Report – K. Muller

K. Muller working with the Department of Revenue re: sales tax. Senior Babe fees still coming in. Total 54 players requested scholarships to date. Some registered players still have outstanding balances; will connect with those players to collect registration fees. All sponsors for 2014 have been invoiced, 50k outstanding from sponsors. MBA tax return will be presented to board for review. Motion to approve TR by Jeff Elder, second by Zarir Erani.

2. League Updates – League Directors

Jr/Sr Babe:

Senior Babe Tier 1 held tryouts and teams have been formed. 6 teams on Tier II. 1 team still needs to pick up equipment. Prep / Classic teams all formed and going well. Little League eligibility forms signed off by League. All teams formed, all going well. R. Burkhart working with players out of district regarding waivers.

3. Safety Update – Chad Johnson

Committee formed to put process in place regarding post-season tournament teams. Presented to Board for review. Motion to approve tournament team process by Chad Johnson, second by Jeff Elder. Motion passed.

Committee will need help with team selections, all encouraged to volunteer. Motion by Jeff Elder to collect \$75.00 surcharge for all star/tournament teams; \$50.00 surcharge for Distric 9's, select 9/10's. Second by Parker Gillespie.

MBA asked to host all star tournament. Not enough time to put into place this year. Reminder that all safety issues seen on fields to be sent to Chad Johnson.

4. Scheduling – A. Scheib, J. Elder

No problems to date, all going well. Increase in traffic at Freeman 2 & 3. Email communication to be sent out regarding motor vehicles on path. No motor vehicles allowed on path between Freeman 1 & Freeman 3.

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

Not much change from March, all in place. Most feedback has been from 9's, players requesting to play with friends, having to go to farther fields for practice. League Directors notified that once teams formed no changes to be made.

All in place for Prep/Classic. SLP, Wayzata, Hopkins games to be played. Tier 1 teams formed end of month, Tier II teams formed after Tier 1.

Commitment forms sent to Prep/Classic players for tournament play. Players will not be placed on tournament team until commitment forms completed. Some players to be rostered as alternates. If not playing, surcharge will be refunded.

5. Scheduling – A. Scheib / J. Elder

7 practice fields to be used by 110 teams. Looking at consistency on practice fields. System to be put into place for 2015 regarding practice field usage. "Batting Cage" signs have been added so there should be no confusion regarding practice fields. Games are being scheduled, all to be in place by the 15th.

6. Certifications/Background Checks – Chad Johnson

Charter approved by Little League; 1 charter for all 3 Leagues. All required data has been uploaded. Background checks still coming in. Minimum number required will be in on time, 25% of applicants still outstanding, applicants will be notified to have completed.

7. Team Parent Meeting – M. Kusar

Team Parent meeting went well. Picture Day scheduled. Lifetouch & Kemetmuller will be at 2 different locations for pictures.

All medical data collected. For 2015, suggestion made to condense and create a single file containing medical data, rather than 1 sheet per child.

All gift cards have been collected. Will be distributed to teams 12 and under as follows: \$50.00 for Head Coach, \$25.00 for each assistant.

8. Equipment / Uniforms – R. Burkhart

All equipment ready to go. Some uniforms are in; all uniforms will be in before pictures.

9. Field Operations – K. Heitkamp

BFP will be adding notifications of field closure due to weather on website; will also be on MBA site. All other MBA fields will send email with notice of closing and opening due to weather conditions.

No current improvements in place. K. Heitkamp working on rebranding.

Batting cages going up on Saturday, rain or shine. City of Shorewood will be coming out with bobcat to level fields.

10. Opening Day – K. Heitkamp

Valerie Gillespie (guest) is in charge of Opening Day and presented schedule of Events. Looking for volunteers, needing someone to take charge of Pitch/Hit/Run event. Please contact Valerie Gillespie if able to help out. R. Burkhart will lead Home Run Derby (11/12 year olds); will provide official rules to Majors coaches. K. Heitkamp & P. Gillespie will be official judges for Home Run Derby. All League photo taken on field #4 at 9:00AM
All old uniforms not sold at the garage sale will be donated.

Dave Mauer heading up Peck/Bigsy award nomination, selection. Please provide

nominations and feedback to Dave Mauer for both awards. Awards to be presented at Opening Day.

11. Senior Babe Evaluations – P. Gillespie

Evaluations scheduled, Tier 1 teams formed first after evaluations, followed by Tier II team formation.

12. MDC - K. Heitkamp

Spring Breakfast and kickoff scheduled for April 12th @ 7:30 AM in MHS cafeteria. All encouraged to attend. Program to end at 9:00 AM, followed by field clean up.

13. BFP – K. Heitkamp

K. Heitkamp working with BFP regarding field openings. Teams strongly encouraged to purchase treat tickets, will not be mandatory at BFP.

New Business:

- City of Excelsior approved concessions at Excelsior Commons field, to be handled by Tommy's Trolley. Parking meters will be enforced at EC field, will need to communicate as reminder to membership. MBA games to be played Friday / Tuesday at EC. City of Excelsior handled all improvements to EC field.
- Cam Johnson proposed creation of committee to determine process for All Star teams. If interested, please join meeting Sunday night. Will present proposal to Board for approval at May meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Zarir Erani, second by Robbie Burkhart. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Monica Kosvic, Secretary