

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 13, 2016**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:33 PM on October 13, 2016 by Kyle Heitkamp President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp, Dave Maurer, Tammy Sessa, Kelli Binder, Chad Johnson, Heather Benson, Brian Schimke, Matt Walker, Robbie Burkhart.

Absent:

Paul Twenge, Jeff Elder, Rob Hager, Marty Kusar Janet Loomis, Avery Scheib, Kirsten Muller.

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Brian motioned to approve the prior month's agenda and the prior month's minutes and the motion was seconded by Kelli. The motion was approved by all without further discussion or questions.

Treasurer's Report – Kyle Heitkamp

- Starting to have 2017 sponsorships come in.
- Closing out fall ball.
- Brian motioned to approve the financials and Chad seconded the motion. The motion to approve the financials was approved by all without further discussion or questions.
- Brian motioned to approve Form 990 and MN Charitable Organizations Annual Report and Kelli seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further discussion or questions.

Grievance Committee Issue – Kyle Heitkamp

- During tryouts an incident occurred leading to a violation of the code of conduct. This is a zero tolerance issue. The player was sent a written warning, via US Mail and email.

Leadership Roster – Kyle Heitkamp

- Welcome to Heather Benson.
- Recruitment – working on recruiting
- 2017 Grievance Committee – will remain the same as last year.

2017 Structure – Dave Maurer

- **14/15 yr. olds** – After being done with AAA and AA's there are 6 kids left not placed on a travel team.
- There is no coach in place for 14/15A.
- There are not enough players to field a 2nd A team to withstand the vigorous travel schedule.
- However, given the desire to add an additional A team, this team will be added.
- Robbie motioned to reinstate a 2nd A team and Brian seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all without further questions.
- **10/11 yr. olds** – add a travel experience for this age group and remove ourselves from

Little League.

- Metro feels that an organization of our size should have AAA, AA and A levels.
- Proposal to make 50% travel.
- 10's and 11's who do not want to do travel will be grouped together and play in house league.
- 12's grouped with Prep 13's.
- A clear outline of the new structure will be written and emailed to members and outlined on the MBA website.
- Additionally, a Q&A meeting will take place to handle any questions parents have about the new structure.
- **Feedback:**
- 12's – LL rules have this age group on a small field, which parents feels could lead to more injuries.
- This helps with development of players – bubble AL/NL players will have an opportunity to play travel.
- The middle segment of kids will be able to play with kids that are at the same skill level.
- Robbie motioned to leave Little League and adopt the committee's recommendations to play in the metro league. Brian seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all without further discussion or questions.

Communication – Brian Schimke

- Provide Brian with dates that need to be added to website.
- The survey feedback has been sent out to all necessary members.
- Board contact – 20-25 people requested to be contacted, which has been completed.
- Switching to League Athletics – volunteering set up is more streamlined. They also have “My Gear” so that people can go to the online store and have our logo added to items.

PCA – R. Burkhart

- Tabled due to time restraints.

Other

- Chuck, guest from Metro Umpires
- Discussed 2016 season and made suggestions for 2017 season.

Motion to adjourn by Kyle and seconded by Chad.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Tammy Sessa, Secretary