

Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 10, 2015

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 8:09 PM on September 10, 2015 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp (11/11), Robbie Burkhart (10/11), Kirsten Muller (9/11), Jeff Elder (8/11), Zarir Erani (11/11), Brian Schimke (10/11), Chad Johnson (9/11), Rob Hager (9/11), Parker Gillespie (8/11), Marty Kusar (10/11), Kelli Binder (10/11), Janet Loomis (Guest)

Absent:

Monica Kosvic (9/11), Avery Scheib (9/11), Paul Twenge (1/11), Dave Maurer (9/11), Steve Countryman (7/11)

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting agenda and prior month's minutes by Elder, second by Binder.

1. Treasurer's Report

Financials / P&L reviewed.

Fall Ball – 5K over on registration compared to 2014.

Discussed outstanding sponsor invoices.

Motion to approve MN Annual Report Form by Elder, second by Kusar.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Binder, second by Gillespie.

2. Board Elections.

Ballet was passed out to all board members present and members voted on the slate. Full board passed unanimously.

3. Fall Ball

Numbers up from 2014 Season. Normal glitches – always difficult to get coaches for fall ball and that makes it tough to balance teams.

Prep level (ages 13 and older) has been hard to schedule. Need to look at revising it for next year. Discussed possibility of entering Gopher State League instead of trying to schedule all the games and travel ourselves. New board member Matt Walker will address next year.

Brian Schimke to send a note to coaches reminding them that we don't have grounds crew during the week (no games) and it is their responsibility to prep fields after practices.

4. Travel Update

Travel/Legion/Tier 1 took place and the draft occurred September 9th.

Travel 13-15 start this weekend. MBA is deciding the number of teams and levels based on evaluations and tryouts. MBA may have missed groups when sending out travel notice so we are sending one more blast out to the entire database and keeping registration open through Sunday night. Travel 13-15 coaches will be approved at either at the October board meeting or through an email vote prior to that meeting.

5. MBA Academy

Coaches are shining. Players are happy. Successful in tournaments. Flexibility for players is nice. Uniforms are all the same so players can move around.

6. 2016 Changes

Exploring moving down to two charters with Little League.

Looking at revising ages 10-12 to combining ages and then having three levels. Top teams would be mostly 12s with some 11s. Middle tiers would be mostly 11s, remaining 12s and some 10s. Lower tier would be mostly 10s and remaining 11s.

Goal is to do group practices with high school volunteers.

More to come in October.

Little League age rule changed to 8/31 which affects this year's 10s. 11s and 12s are grandfathered.

7. Code of Conduct update

MBA Code of Conduct needs to be updated to correlate with the Minnesota High school Rules.

It will be updated and also looking into updating the Bylaws to state that all players are subject to our Code of Conduct.

8. Field Improvements

Bennett1 Batting Cage issues – looking at doing 90 foot cage and doing two 45-foot cages front to back

Bennett 2 Cage – going to try to cut pipes out and make it work.

Cage behind Filed 2 – Troy Mason and the Bennett Board wants to build up a deck to put a cage on.

Field cleanup – email to go out.

9. Survey

Volunteers have been forwarded to Kyle. He will send out the list to the board.

10. Board / Leadership Event

Maynard's, October 12th. More to come.

11. MDC

Bingofest scheduled for 11/7/15. All encouraged to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Zarir Eranir, second by Parker Gillespie. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Kirsten Muller, Treasurer