

**Minnetonka Baseball Association Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 13, 2014**

Opening:

The meeting of the Minnetonka Baseball Association Board was called to order at 7:03 PM on February 13, 2014 by Kyle Heitkamp, President.

In Attendance:

Kyle Heitkamp (5/5) Robbie Burkhart (4/5), Monica Kosvic (5/5), Kirsten Muller (5/5) , Rob Hager (5/5), Matt Carter (5/5), Avery Scheib (5/5), Jeff Elder (2/3), Dave Maurer (5/5), Zarir Erani (4/5), Chad Johnson (4/5), Marty Kusar (5/5), Parker Gillespie (2/5)

Absent:

Steve Countryman (4/5), Paul Twenge (2/5), Kurtt Richman (4/5), Cam Johnson (3/5)

Guest: Dave Kloster

Approve Meeting Agenda/ Prior Month Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting agenda, prior month's minutes by Parker Gillespie, second by Zarir Erani.

1. Treasurers Report – K. Muller

Receivables coming in posted to P&L. Registrations still coming in, numbers looking good to date. 53 buyouts for concessions, 5300.00 to fund scholarships. ETL/STLL taxes due. All invoices to be sent to MBA P.O. Box. All checks to be made out to Minnetonka Baseball Association, not MBA. Tier 1 will be collecting surcharges by checks for this season. Will look to set up as online pay option for 2015. Motion to approve by Jeff Elder, second by Parker Gillespie.

2. Registration Update – K. Heitkamp / Z Erani

Registration spreadsheet passed out for review. All registrations added to date. Once registration closes, files will be sent to coaches to determine number of teams/players. Sponsorship working to cover all teams. Committee set to meet 2/17 at Maynard's to determine team numbers. Weakest registration counts for 9/10/11/12's. Z. Erani will pull list of registered player from 2013 not yet registered for 2014. All unregistered players will be contacted by League Directors. League Descriptions for Rookie – 9's need content on website. League Directors to send all relevant content to Zarir Erani to be posted.

3. Scholarships – K. Heitkamp

37 scholarship requests to date, total \$8213.00 requested. Reminder to be sent to all scholarship families; any registration added to system, but not paid in full will be deleted from system.

4. Clinics/Evaluations – D.Maurer / R. Hager

All clinics/evaluations ready to begin once registration ends on 2/16. Evaluations will need volunteers to help with check-in on 2/22 & 2/23. Check in will be directly inside entrance, numbers will be pre-assigned, no equipment needed for evaluations. Total number registered to date – 342, including 10's. Several requests have come in for reschedule of evals. No alternate dates set. Request for alternate date will be viewed on case by case basis this year. Communication will go out at end of season regarding evaluations/clinics for 2015 Season. No exceptions for rescheduling unless injury/illness. Coaches' clinic scheduled for Saturday 2/15. Parent/son clinic to be added to schedule,

parent will go through drills with player, date TBD. Coaches meeting to be added to website calendar.

5. League Structure – M. Carter / P. Gillespie

Little League subcommittee formed, met with League Coordinators.

Key points addressed: t-ball for Rookie League / 8's to use slings, will need to align correct tension / 8's must have reciprocal friend requests to be placed on same team; focus to be more on talent than friend requests.

Coach process for AL / NL – committee met, put formal process in place. All applications reviewed, references checked. Out of 35 applicants; 3 not approved. Applicants ranked in order of past experience, evaluations, feedback. Applicants ranked on 1/2/3 level. List of committee approved applications presented to Board for approval. Motion to approve list of coaches by Parker Gillespie, second by Jeff Elder.

10AAA coaches presented to Board for approval. Motion to approve 10AAA coaches as presented by Jeff Elder, second by Rob Hager.

Tier 1 coach applicants presented Board, motion to approve Tier 1 coaches by Rob Hager, second by Avery Scheib.

14AA Travel coach expressed interest to be removed from coach position, leaving team with no coach. Will look into the possibility of hiring an intern to coach team, former MHS player.

Background checks, coach documentation and forms slowly coming in. Firm date for all documentation to be in will be communicated. If all coach documents not in, will not be eligible to coach.

Veronica Gillespie handling Opening Day, has requested volunteers to help out. Requested adding hours to sign up genius for Opening Day. Will need volunteers for the Pitch/Hit/Run competition.

A used equipment donation drop to be held at Opening Day

6. Safety – C. Johnson

[MBA Safety Plan](#) presented to Board for review. Motion to pass Safety Plan by Zarir Erani, second by Parker Gillespie. Safety Plan to be posted to website.

7. Scheduling – A. Scheib / J. Elder

All good to date. All available fields will be maximized for use. Schedules to be staggered with ½ hour in between each game.

8. Sponsorships – K. Heitkamp

Maynard's paid outstanding receivable. Next several MBA Board meetings to be held at Maynard's. Outstanding sponsors from 2013 – Youngstedts / Cambria / Adele's all contacted. Looking to incorporate a gift card sponsorship model. All interested sponsors indicated on registration to be contacted first.

9. Team Parent – M. Kusar

2 different companies to provide pictures; Kemmetmuller and Lifetouch. Kemmetmuller will provide team pictures for Rookie – 8's West Leagues / East-West 9-12 year olds. Kemmetmuller will be giving back 15% to MBA. Lifetouch will handle team pictures for Rookie – 8's East Leagues/ Prep 13's. Both will be evaluated for next year; will choose only 1 provider for 2015 season.

Treat tickets will be available for concessions; teams will be highly encouraged to purchase.

10. Field & Facilities - K. Heitkamp

A wish list of field improvements passed around for review. BFP agreed to pay ½ of infield repair on Field #1. MBA requested second bid.

All equipment to be rebranded with new MBA logo, date of rebranding to be determined. All communication of weather delays will be done through website. Communication will go out to entire league to check website for weather related delays for 2014 season.

11. MBA By-Laws Amendment – M. Kosvic

Motion to make add amendment to MBA by-Laws addressing reinstatement of membership, second by Matt Carter. Updated by-laws to be posted to website.

12. BFP - K. Heitkamp

MBA to handle coach awards at Opening Day. Dave Maurer will handle nomination process and awards.

13. MDC – K. Heitkamp

Maynard's night was a huge success, over 12K raised. A big thank you to all in attendance.

New Business:

Coach Twenge Baseball camps scheduled and will be posted to website.

Lakeside Promotions requested to attend Clinics, players will be able to order MBA team wear.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Elder, second by Kirsten Muller. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Monica Kosvic, Secretary