



ANOKA RAMSEY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

TIME: 6PM

LOCATION: MCDUFFS

MINUTES

- ✓ **ZACH HUNTER** | COMMISSIONER
- ✓ **MATT MILTON** | TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
- ✓ **DIANE FOWLER** | UNIFORM AND REGISTRATION DIRECTOR
- ✓ **GENA HATTON** | SECRETARY
- ✓ **HANNAH OLMON** | TREASURER
- ✓ **KRISTIN MOAN** | PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT DIRECTOR
- ✓ **MANDEE GILBERTO** | SOFTBALL OPERATIONS
- ✓ **COURTNEY PANTLIN** | FIELD, UMPIRE AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR
- ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: ODESSA FOGLESON**

CALL TO ORDER 6:03PM

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MATT 1ST/HANNAH 2ND

BACKGROUND CHECKS - ANY PERSON THAT WILL BE HELPING WITH TEAMS AND BE IN THE DUGOUT MUST COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK. KRISTIN HAS A LIST OF ALL FALL BALL COACHES AND THEIR ASSISTANTS NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE COMPLETED FOR MN SOFTBALL.

2024 FALL ASSESSMENTS OVERVIEW (# OF PLAYERS ASSESSED, ETC, WHAT WORKED WELL, CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR?) 48 TOTAL PLAYERS ASSESSED. WILL NEED TO RENT A DOME/FACILITY AND HOST A WINTER SESSION FOR ANOTHER ASSESSMENT. KRISTIN HAS FEEDBACK FROM ASSESSORS ON CHANGES TO MAKE TO FORM FOR NEXT YEAR. WILL DISCUSS

FIELD CONDITIONS - FIELDS ARE IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION. ZACH HAS BEEN TAKING PHOTOS AND SENDING FEEDBACK. CITY HAD STATED THAT BY THE END OF FALL BALL THE FIELDS WILL BE REDONE, IF IT CANNOT BE DONE THEY WILL BE DONE FIRST THING IN THE SPRING. ZACH WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ARAA BOARD TO GET FIELD MAINTENANCE PRIORITIZED. NEED TO OBTAIN 4 NEW FENCES FOR FIELDS 1-4 AND MOVE THE GOOD FENCES DOWN TO 5&6. THIS IS NEEDED ESPECIALLY IF ASSOCIATION WANTS TO HOST ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

2024-2025 WINTER CLINICS - ZACH TO REACH OUT TO ANOKA HS TO INQUIRE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP AGAIN, REQUEST THAT USE HS GYM ON A SATURDAY MORNING. IF WE HAVE TO USE LOL

RESIGNATION OF SOFTBALL OPERATIONS - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY MANDEE WILL BE STEPPING DOWN FROM HER ROLE. KRISTIN AND GENA TO TAKE ON BACKGROUND CHECK RESPONSIBILITIES. WILL POST OPENING FOR BOARD POSITION.

FALL CLEANUP - GENA TO CREATE DIBS, TENTATIVELY 10/12 10AM, EQUIPMENT TURN IN. BOARD TO CONFIRM BEFORE END OF FALL SEASON.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM - ZACH AND MATT ARE CONTINUING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CREATING TEAM.

FASTPITCH FRENZY - POSSIBLY HOST ON WED 10/2, DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED BY BOARD.

HOSTING ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENTS - ZACH WILL OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FOR HOSTING FALL TOURNAMENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH ELK RIVER. ASSOCIATION HAS POTENTIAL TO EARN A LARGE SUM FROM CONCESSIONS. AR WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HOST 14U STATE QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH AT 6PM AT MCDUFF'S

ADJOURN 7:57PM GENA 1ST/HANNAH 2ND