

OSA Board Meeting
July 8, 2025

Attendees

Davida Suiter
Brandon Howe
Sara Clausen
Anne Hess
Nila Norman
Tom Paustenbach
Matt Katterhagen
Cale Johnston
Jamie Bishop
Cami Dahlstrom
Matt Palm
Patrick Felten

Not in Attendance

Brette Esterbrooks

Tom motions to approve May minutes. Cami seconds.

Nila is going to put together a nationals pin spreadsheet and the team manager will collect the money and Venmo OSA.

The board reviews Pat Felton's application. Nila motions to have Pat join the board, and Matt approves.

Matt K. - Field Updates

The school didn't give us a lot of breaks on the field fees. The school thanked us for our feedback and they want a field assessment that includes benchmarking data. The school says that we get other free amenities including the classroom at the OAC and the library.

Brandon Howe- Player Development

Roving Instruction Update- We had some additional support for roving instruction this spring. There was a variety of feedback on the different instructors. The consensus is that the roving instruction is good for our program- coaches and players alike.

We don't have a summer camp lined up for this year because Becky from TC fastpitch is expecting. We discussed reaching out to Coach Craig to see if she would like to help host a camp or winter clinics.

Twins Game- Sunday August 17th- We aren't sure if they are going to be able to have a parade.

Cami- Coach Development

We are looking for two 14U coaches for the fall

Matt P.- Equipment Update

Should we buy and store Diamond Dry? There is space in the shed to store it, but there is a question of whether that is a field maintenance responsibility? The board is in agreement that the school should be buying that and storing it for us.

Gear return for summer- People can just put their things back in the shed and let Matt know.

Cami would like coaches to put their binder in the bag.

Jamie- Uniforms and Apparel

Fall uniforms will be the same as spring uniforms and she will place a bulk uniform order for new 8U REC players and other needs.

Pins are in and will be distributed when the spreadsheets are returned to Jamie.

The Swag Store will be open for the fall. Ideally items would be delivered the first week of September.

Cale- Umps and Fields

We used to use MN Elite to schedule umpires and they had a retainer, but didn't deliver umpires. We found a new assigner and were able to secure a refund from MN Elite.

This year was complicated because of so many rain delays, but every day it was a scramble to find an umpire. We need to find a new assigner that is more reliable, and that relieves the board member from spending a lot of their personal time finding umpires. The need is for 10/12U games, but there was a discussion about what age youth umpires can umpire for. Apparently Wayzata has enough umpires, so we need to reach out to them and see if they have an excess.

Cale speculates that it is more of an assigner issue than an umpire issue.

We need to talk about rescheduling games and how that affects getting an umpire. Cami is going to see if a community member might be interested, Sara is going to check in with Minnetonka, and Nila is going to reach out to Wayzata.

Fields needs to be a single position and umpires need to be a compensated position. Fields are booked for the fall.

Travel Directors

Sara- By August 1st, we need to have our entire calendar into the dome. We need to talk about when winter clinics are, do we want a fall clinic, Hit Dawg opportunities etc.

We also need to book pretryouts and tryouts.

Brandon is going to work with Sara to have the winter dates submitted by 8/1

14U Update- Joe and the entire team are going to stay on for a second year of 14U. However, the team is full. Do we have enough for a second team and if so, a 13 and a 14U team? We can also pull in a couple players from surrounding communities.

David-

Hosting a 10U qualifier was a success thanks to several board and community members and OBA. If we can get the field fees to a manageable level, we could host more tournaments. The HS team made money.

Agreement to have parent surveys go out.

Fall team formation- starting the week of 7/21

Monday 8U, Tuesday 10U, Wednesday 12U, Thursday 14U, and post teams Friday 7/25.
Jamie is going to follow up with Brette about sending a reminder email tomorrow with a registration reminder with the open board positions.

Safe Sport Investigation- Nila reviewed the OSA recommendations. We need to update our bylaws to include some of these recommendations.

Matt K motions to end the meeting