



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: August Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Pavilion

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, August 13, 2019 | 6:58 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, Deb Anderson, Tyler Brodersen, Winston Wood, Jayson Olson, Brian Zimmer, Gary Matson, Dan McGie, Allan Charney, Matt Lynch, Brad Kaplan, Mike Frodermann, and Kathy Provenzano

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes

No previous meeting minutes were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Introduction of any guests
 - No guests tonight
- Incoming Player Notification/Registration
 - Have several players from GVLL and HALL that have completed the notification/registrations process. None from Big Willow or Glen Lake at last review.
- Overall League Discussion/Complaints/Compliments
 - 15AA was at a disadvantage from the early stages and that got worse with injuries and a player moving.
 - Sr. League should drop Whiz Bang Days and replace with a MYAS Tournament. Attendance was a challenge and without consistent alternates would have been difficult to play at times.
- HBA Tax Filing Status
 - No update will be more active in the following months before the end of the calendar year.

Financial Reporting – Brenda Campbell

- Monthly financials
 - Financials were reported
 - 2018 vending profits giving.
- General update
 - Brenda will fully resign after the October Board Meeting after essentially two years without a player in the league.
 - A replacement is needed.

Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- General update
 - Try to get on issues earlier to help resolve matters.
 - MBL is stating the 2020 season will begin in April to block Spring Club Events

- Need to address the mass exit of players to Clubs at 15U.

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- General update
 - 13A team did very well during the regular season but struggled a bit in tournaments.
 - They finished 4TH in the State Tournament.

Website and Registration – Sam Black

- Family Discount
 - A 10% per player discount was agreed upon after the first full price player.
- Registration Fee for 2020
 - It was agreed that there will be a \$100 service fee for registration cancellations next season.

Communication – Sam Black

- General update
 - See Fall Ball Update

Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

- Main Streets Bar & Grill in September is an option.
- This will be Deb Anderson's final year. Looking to add another helper.

Player Development Updates – Greg Geiser

- General Update
 - Offseason opportunities are needed along with youth development ideas.
 - Greg Geiser will be leaving the Board after October's Meeting

Scheduling Jayson Olson and Kathy Provenzano

- General update
 - Kathy has started to reserve for the Winter Clinics
 - Jayson is in his last term he has announced.

Fields Update – Brad Kaplan

- Field Clean-up Date
 - Tentatively scheduled for October 12TH or 13TH
- Construction Update
 - All activities are expected to be completed by September 1ST.
- Shed Maintenance
 - Clean-up and organization have been done.
 - Do not allow kids to drive the tractor. They were seen during practice "hot dogging" on the field. This is completely unacceptable
 - The shed must be closed during games. Multiple times young children were seen going in and out of the shed during games.

- Lock Combination Changes
 - All lock combinations were changed because too many non-coaches and players knew the codes. Kids have been seen playing on the field during the daytime and cages and gates have been left open multiple times. A chain was added to the batting cages because they were forced open.
 - Locks will be changed again at the end of the fall baseball season and the codes will not be distributed until next season.
- Brad is planning to resign his position after the October Board Meeting. A replacement has been identified.

Lock Combination Changes Sr. League Update – Jenny Kemp and Gary Matson

- General update
 - Still looking for Michael Goldfarb's feedback, hoping he will join the Board
 - The Kemps are leaving the Board after October's Board Meeting

Fall Ball Update – Sam Black

- General update
 - We have 4 teams, 2 at 13U and 2 at 14U
 - There is one other player who still wants to join one of the 13U teams, to make it have 14 players. If I get the coaches approval from that team, I'll add the player.
 - I'll be registering all four teams tonight with Gopher State. A few kids haven't paid yet (because they were late sign ups. I still need to figure out and send them a link. I approved one scholarship upon request.
 - As you know we refunded about 5 players at 15U and 16U who had paid because we didn't have enough boys at that age. Maybe next year.
 - One last item. I paid \$30 to boost the Facebook post. (The same as in the spring). I will track down those receipts and hope to get reimbursed for the full \$60 if that's OK. The Fall Ball ads ran from July 21 to July 31 and had 2,528 impressions and generated 60 clicks.

Equipment & Uniforms – Allan Charney & Chris Johnson

- Uniform Change for 2020 proposed
 - White Pants
 - A newly designed hat
 - Modified jersey that is blue/white
 - Further discussion needed
- Portable Pitching Mound
 - We have paid for this, it still needs to be picked up.
- Jr. Hack Attack
 - The wheel guard needs to be replaced. It is still under warranty.
- Medical kits
 - Discussed ensuring each coach has kits or refill items used last year. They were hard to find.

Round Table – Board

- Grant Update
 - Dan McGie to reach out to the City about how to conduct this.
 - Will need a capital list
- Post Season Survey discussed

- Kathy Provenzano to create one.
- Age Gap Year for Little League Players
 - They will be allowed to play as 13U players even if in 6TH grade but only if not eligible for HALL or GVLL

Future Meeting Topics – Board

- Moving to MYAS
- How to Better Market to Incoming Players
- Uniforms
- Grant Discussion

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 10, 2019; 7:00pm at Hopkins Ice Pavilion room 202
- Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM