

# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



<b>Aug 10th, 2025</b>		<b>7:03pm</b>	<b>Legion &amp; Zoom</b>
<b>Meeting called by</b>	Jerry Orcutt		
<b>Type of meeting</b>	CAA Diamond Sports Annual Board Meeting		
<b>Note taker</b>	Kelli Hallstrom		
<b>Members present/online</b>	Kim Flottmier, Kelli Hallstrom, Ryan Herdrich, Nick Hansgen, Jeff Kraemer, Kelli Strauss, Todd Johnson, Nate Hanson Alicia Kockler, Tom O'Neill, Julie Vastka, Shane Wasserman, Amanda McGibbon, Pat Kasid, Matt Birkenholtz, Brett Sween, Ryan Check, Dwayne Archuleta		
<b>Members absent</b>			
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>			
<b>Previous Month Meeting Minutes</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Kelli Hallstrom</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	April Minutes Approved		
<b>President Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Jerry Orcutt</b>		
	Terms end in October. Looking to expand the scholarship funds to other high schools. Also looking to increase amounts. Need additional vendor information across Diamond Sports. Hoping to coordinate better with basketball as we move forward.		
<b>Treasurer Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Alicia Kockler</b>		
	No report.		
<b>BOC Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>		
	<p>Just had tryouts for the 2026 for the travel teams. Had 290+ registered which is the most ever. Weather was decent. 15's registration will open in a few weeks. One change to travel team registration. No additional cost, but pants will no longer be part of the uniform kit. Will give instruction for pants. Scheels pant night possibility.</p> <p>Parker Hageman has volunteered to fill the player development role. BOC will formalize it in September.</p> <p>Coach interviews are complete. Hoping to have teams formed in the next couple of weeks.</p>		
<b>SOC Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Brett Sween</b>		
	<p>All in, no major incidents for the year. The stadium series was very successful this year for our teams and the ones who came in to play. All in, a successful season.</p> <p>Near record number of girls playing in our association. Tryouts will be the weekend of September 20-22 in Victoria.</p> <p>Revised 14U program. West Metro Thunder tryouts are complete. 37 girls registered from the surrounding areas. One 1<sup>st</sup> year team, and one 2<sup>nd</sup> year team. Have parent coaches for the fall and hired coaches for the summer. Not enough girls for the 16U team.</p>		
<b>Softball K/1/2 &amp; 8U Director</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Brett Sween</b>		
	Mike Miller joining the board. Approved unanimously		
<b>Uniform Coordinators</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>		

	Liza Hanson, Katie VanHauen, and Kara Zenk will be stepping up to fill the vacancy. They will focus on travel baseball, in-house baseball and apparel.
<b>Volunteer Policy - Cancellations</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>
	Other associations penalize/charge for no-shows in addition to cashing the volunteer check. Create a cancellation window. Potential to change the amount of the volunteer check. Possibly pilot a new program starting with in-house. Will revisit in September.
<b>Annual Meeting - Timing</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>
	Typically do our annual meeting in October. Timing could be better, so the recommendation is to move later in the year or beginning of the following calendar year. Possibly focus on what it means to be part of the board. Could push board position elections back a couple of months. Move to January.
<b>Parks &amp; Rec Donation - Chan &amp; Victoria</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>
	Make a small donation on behalf of Diamond Sports to each city. Also, looking at updating fields at Lake Ann with the grant money and some additional funding.
<b>Other Topics</b>	
	<p>Tournament wrap up. Profitability was good overall, and the events were a success. The Chan Challenge was the largest ever. Worked through controlled parking. Going forward, monitoring parking control will be in place. Lots of positive feedback. MBT had some improvements. Volunteers were fairly consistent with a few issues. City will no longer allow us to use their equipment. Board approved for us to purchase two golf carts. Still working through the set of rules for driving them. Softball tournament switched from Lake Ann to the City Center. The city was great in getting the switch done. Unfortunately, the rain made it so we could not finish the tournament.</p> <p>Need to plan the field day for October in September.</p> <p>Working with ETS on additional sponsorship opportunities.</p> <p>Shed update. Foundations are going in soon. Hoping to have all the sheds in place prior to the field day.</p> <p>Several families that have done a ton for the organization. Look into potential lifetime volunteer.</p> <p>All 7/8 year olds played a game at the stadium. Shifted the season back several weeks and unfortunately had more rain.</p>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Jerry Orcutt</b>
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