

Inver Grove Heights Baseball Association Meeting
Minutes

Date: Sunday, December 13th, 2020
5pm
At VMCC

Board: Jeremiah Ostebo-President, Ryan Callahan-Vice President, John Schmid-Treasurer, Sarah Gutzman-Secretary

Directors: Jessica Ostebo-Fields Director, Tabitha Alberghetti-Fundraising Director, Jon Bell-Away Tournament Director, Kari Miller-Volunteer Director, Sarah Callahan-Concessions/Events Director, Jake Devney-In-house Director, Laura Devney-Media Director, Nick Schiltz-Coaches Director

Absent: Josh Norgard-Tournament Director, Jake Lundell-Equipment Director

Members Present: None

- I. Call to order by Jeremiah at 5:042pm
- II. Approval of minutes from 11/8/2020 Motioned by Laura Devney and seconded by Jon Bell
- III. Open floor for member issues/topics-Jon Bell mentioned that tournaments are not yet listed on MBT site and usually by now the tournaments are filling up and have heard a lot of demand for tournaments this year. Jeremiah and Jon will work with Josh N. to get them posted on the site.
- IV. Director Reports
 - a. **Jeremiah Ostebo/President:** No additional report.
 - b. **Ryan Callahan/Vice President:** I've been in regular conversation with the cages about make up dates. Below are what they proposed, it does extend it into March vs wrapping up in February like originally but with tryouts being late March the only conflict is competing with the shed for off season opportunities. Once we have confirmed the shed and shed dates I will put together a shed practice plan and see what everyone thinks. Thinking in March at the shed we'll do more general instruction, similar to the cages vs all team organized like we have in the past. This will give players an opportunity to get prepared for tryouts. Ryan will meet with Jeremiah and Nick about USA baseball coaching certifications going into the season.
Cages make up dates:
[Jan. 12 6-8pm](#)
[Jan. 26 6-8pm](#)
[Jan. 28 6-8pm](#)
[Feb. 25 6-8pm](#)
[Mar. 2 6-8pm](#)
[Mar. 9 6-8pm](#)
[Mar. 11 6-8pm](#)
[Mar. 18 6-8pm](#)
 - c. **Sarah Gutzman/Secretary:** No additional report
 - d. **John Schmid – Treasurer:** Lightest month of the year. The checking account has been reconciled through 11/30. Big ticket items in November were the \$15k donation from Extra Innings and the \$1k donation as a 'thank you' from the MBL for hosting Fall Baseball. Since 11/30,

the 2 big items have been the \$5,100 check to The Cages which has been cashed and a \$1,000 check I created today to the IGH B.E.S.T Foundation for a scholarship in 2021.

- e. **Jon Bell – Travel Coordinator:** I am guessing they are starting to get updated. I was on there a couple days ago and not all were updated. I am worried we won't have enough kids to field 14/15's to field the three teams at that level.
- f. **Josh Norgard – Tournament Director:** Tournaments are now set as of today we are a MBT qualifier for all our age groups we applied for. Will be submitting to sports engine for design our tournament pages tonight and should be live on Monday. I'll be applying for the gopher state in the next week or so as well and tag Jeremiah and Ryan on that one as well.
- g. **Kari Miller – Volunteer Director:** No report.
- h. **Nick Schiltz – Coaches Director:** Nothing new to report.
- i. **Sarah Callahan – Concessions Director:** Nothing new to report.
- j. **Jessica Ostebo – Fields Director:** I have Rich Valley reserved July 16-18 for GSTC. I will reach out to The Shed and make sure he did not sign a long term lease and see when we can start.
- k. **Jake Lundell - Equipment Director:** Nothing new to report.
- l. **Laura Devney – Media and Communications Director:** I am working on getting the registration link up. I have made one registration for all levels: Squirts, Minors, 11 and younger and 12 and older. I'm hoping this alleviates any confusion and helps make the in-house program feel inclusive to the association this year. I just need to get the payment plans figured out with SportsEngine and it will be up in the website. Once we know the nominees for President and Secretary, I would suggest we have them write up a mini bio that we can email out to the association so they know who they are voting for. I will get in touch with SportsEngine to see how we can update our header in the website. Also take a look at how the pages are set up and do a website audit to see what pages we need/can be removed/moved for better viewing.
- m. **Jake Devney – In-House League Director:** Nothing new to report.
- n. **Tabitha Alberghetti – Fundraising Director:** As you all are aware MN Restaurants are shut down and there is no Charitable Gambling going on. The 4 week shut down is supposed to end December 18th. My prediction is that it will be extended and go into next year. There will most likely be no revenue for December, here are the expected expenses for December which is paying for business done in November 2020. I would like to move more money out of this account before month end so that we end the year with only approx 30k left in the bank. November net profit little over \$9000. \$12,500 paid for October expenses in November, \$17,000 expenses will be paid in December for November. Motion was made to make donations to other organizations that were motioned. IGH Tennis made request for donation and motion was made to donate \$1000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. Simley Baseball Booster motion was made to donate \$1000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. Hundreds for Heroes motion was made to donate \$3000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. JP4 Foundation motion was made to donate \$1000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. Center City Housing Corp motion was made to donate \$1000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1 –abstain. Neighbors, Inc motion was made to donate \$3000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. Sandwich Project motion was made to donate \$1000; vote was held 12-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain. A more detailed report of the charitable gambling activities is available upon request.

V. **Open Positions/Positions coming due at end of year end**

- a. President nominees: One candidate expressed interest: Jeremiah Ostebo (incumbent) finishing Jeff Baglio term. Term is January 2021-December 2022. Bio will be sent out with January meeting agenda.
- b. Secretary nominees: Sarah Gutzman (incumbent) finishing Jessica Ostebo term and Laura Devney. Term is January 2021-December 2022. Bios will be sent out with January meeting agenda.
- c. Volunteer Director-Kari Miller has agreed to stay on for now.

Voting will take place at January board meeting. Voting will be online and anonymous, link will be sent with January agenda. All families are allowed to vote as members.

VI. Continue to promote the cages off season training program.

- a. Zach has proposed new make-up dates, pending opening up date.

VII. Shed start up dates-Need to wait to hear from Governor re-opening and also how is set up with the cages.

VIII. Uniform update- Been a hectic month with not a ton of returned emails on the uniforms, so I called General sports this morning and sending them our design input and should have a rendering early next week for approval. Also meeting with them next Thursday or Friday to feel the jerseys and uniform materials we'll be getting. Once I get those renderings I'll send out to you all for final approval and set Laura up for an apparel order.

IX. Try-out date Set:
March 21st at The Cages in Burnsville

Next Meeting: January 10th at 5pm, location to be announced based on COVID restrictions.

Adjournment Motion at 6:10pm by Sarah Callahan and second by Tabitha Alberghetti