

Chaska Baseball Association – November Board Meeting

November 9, 2020

Agenda Items:

Review of Nov. Extra Innings (Thanks Jeremy)

2021 Open Board Roles

Covid / Corona Impacts

Meeting Location, Day, Time

CHS Baseball Partnership (Head Coach Craig Baumann to join)

2021 CBA to coordinate Fall Ball? (Ryan Rector introduction to us to join)

Carver Baseball Conversation

Quick touch base from each Board Member

Roll Call: Tate Brandt, David Verduzco, Jeremy Laughlin, Dan Jochum, Ericka Waterman, Angela Brau, Sam Winzenberg, Craig Baumann

1) Chaska High School Baseball Partnership

Tate introduced Craig Baumann, Chaska High School Baseball Coach and noted that we would like strengthen the relation between CHS and CBA. The goal is for CBA to turn athletes into future CHS baseball players. David asked what type of partnership Craig would like to see? Craig noted having HS players being involved in youth program would be good to help youth players envision themselves as HS players. We also need to focus on the baseball development side of things. This will help 13/14 year old's transition into HS baseball. David noted he would like to see a scenario where the HS kids are working with our youth players in the Dome over the winter. Dan asked about how we want to ensure that things keep moving forward with regards to this partnership. David suggested that if possible it would be good to have Craig on the calls/meetings moving forward every month.

2) Tate brought up possibly moving the meetings to Sunday night in order to have less conflicts with other kids activities going on. Tate looked into having the meetings and the VFW and is going to send out more info in the future. The meetings might be at 6:00 PM vs 7:00 PM.

3) Tate introduced Ryan Rector to the Board. Ryan is interested in possibly putting something together regarding fall ball. It seems like many communities keep playing baseball into fall, at least for the kids that want to keep playing into the fall. It was noted that there are several options for fall leagues with MBL/Gopher State and other tournaments. This option can be explored more as time goes on into next fall. Tate would like to have Ryan put together a list of key items to think about moving forward in regards to fall baseball.

4) Review of November Extra Innings Newsletter

Tate thanked Jeremy for putting the newsletter together and we received a lot of positive feedback. There seems to be enough content that we can put in the newsletter so we can be

sure to getting communication out 4 to 6 weeks in advance. There could also be some player development info in the newsletter for kids to get some off-season work in. We could do a senior varsity player spotlight and ask kids 5 questions and highlight this information in the newsletter.

5) COVID Update

Tate urged everyone to be diligent about COVID and make sure you go get tested if you aren't feeling well.

6) Carver Baseball Conversation

Tate had a conversation with representatives from Carver Baseball on working together on baseball. Carver approached CBA regarding this conversation. There is an opportunity to possibly have some of the younger Carver kids join the Chaska Youth League. There is an opportunity to work together for the betterment of both programs.

7) Board Member Roundtable

- a. David noted that we had to get a new internet domain name for the time being, which is playballhawks.com. David noted it is all squared away. David has sent some information out for possible donors for the State Baseball Tournament. Pretty quiet on the MBL side of things. There should be some information forthcoming. It has been slow for tournament registration coming out. There is an opportunity to have a youth baseball hitting/throwing competition through Major League Baseball that could be held in Chaska.
- b. Tate noted that Bri is working on some online apparel packages and she is working with a new vendor. We are looking for the artwork from our apparel packages for last season. Craig noted that BIG is interested in being our apparel vendor and can send the contact info to Tate.
- c. Fundraising – Dan, Tate, David and Ericka are going to discuss field sponsorships after the call tonight. Dan mentioned having a more streamlined approach to fundraising. Tate noted that the State Amateur Tournament will be a big fundraiser for us next year. Tate will be working to get the Cooperstown and Omaha Bank Accounts transitioned to next years teams. Tate recommended we get a fundraising committee together that Ericka would lead that would include Cooperstown, Omaha, field improvements, etc.
- d. Crystal – Concession update. We will have to renew our Sam's Club account. We should think about if we switch to Costco since it is being built in Chaska.
- e. Tate – Financial Report – we have gotten our 2019 taxes filed. Lots of paperwork is involved in with this.
- f. Angela – Youth League Update – nothing new to report.
- g. Sam – Grounds – nothing new on grounds. Equipment – Brad and Sam are working on an inventory of what we have. We need to start a conversation with the City and School District on field maintenance. Our fields need serious maintenance.

- h. Jeremy – Communication – There is going to be information in the next newsletter about apparel and also about advertising for open boards roles. Do we need to find a co-director for Metro Traveling and the Youth Programs?
 - i. Meeting Minutes from the October meeting – Angela made a motion for approval and Jeremy seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Tate will post minutes to the website.
- 8) Account authorization of 12AAA Cooperstown and 12AA Omaha.

Motion was made by David and seconded by Angela to form a 12AAA Cooperstown Sub-Committee be formed headed up by Brannon Weigel Head Coach. Craig Baumann & Megan Herzog will be added to the Cooperstown Bank Account. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by David and seconded by Angela to form a 12AA Omaha Sub-Committee be formed headed up by Ron Buckentine Co-Head Coach of the team. Ron will also be added to the Omaha Bank account. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.