

OSA Board Meeting  
February 4, 2025

**Attendees**

Davida Suiter  
Brandon Howe  
Sara Clausen  
Anne Hess  
Nila Norman  
Tom Paustenbach  
Matt Katerhagen  
Brette Esterbrooks  
Erik Lillejord  
Cale Johnston  
Jamie Bishop  
Cami Dahlstrom

**Not in Attendance**

Jason Pederson  
Matt Palm

**Anne- Fundraising Gala Update**

- We have purchased Paybee which will help with social media and help with fundraising. Tom has met with baseball fundraising, and Sarah is in charge.
- Mark your calendars for 5/3 at the Lafayette Club!

**Tom- Finances**

- 84K in both bank accounts and we are trying to separate out what we have in this joint savings account with OBA. Tom is working with the OBA treasurer to make sure we have a mutual understanding of how we separate the money which is about 102K, most of which is from the Twins.
- Donor letters have been mailed, which are tax deductible letters for OSA. We did get a nice donation from Microsoft, which is a reimbursement for volunteer hours. Tom will work with Eric to make sure that Microsoft gets recognized as a sponsor.

**Brandon- Player Development Update**

- Winter clinics are going well. TC fastpitch has done a great job. Ideally we would like the same volunteers week to week, but we aren't seeing that consistency. 8U has the most kiddos.

**Matt K.- Field Maintenance**

- Met with Kevin Larson from the city of MP and they want to make some updates to Veterans Field. They want to have more shade trees, bleachers, and enclosed dugouts. We are also looking to add storage boxes to Rainbow Fields. Brandon Oslund has a volunteer organization that wants to help with the improvement of Veterans Field.

## **Jamie- Uniforms**

- We want to run the uniform store from 2/17-3/3. We know we'll probably have to extend it for some stragglers, but hopefully not.
- We'd like to have the following items in the uniform store: Both mandated jerseys (tank and tee), navy pants, red belt, bed socks, OSA softball bag, OSA jacket
- We are going to run a swag store in early April, but would like to have the items shipped directly to families. We will share the link to the Game One store that is always open.
- 6U will need the same jerseys and socks from last year, and OSA will continue to cover the cost for those items. We are also going to cover the REC t-shirt jersey, so I will send you a list of jersey sizes and numbers when registration closes.
- We'd like to include this verbiage on the uniform website. "The mandatory jerseys are for 8U travel, 10U and 12U. OSA provides jerseys to 6U and 8U REC players."
- We will collect practice shirt sizes and coaches shirt sizes during registration. Let me know if you have any other ideas on performance tee material practice shirts.
- Picture Day May 3rd

## **Davida and Sarah- Travel Updates**

4 8U, 4 10U, and 2 12U, 1 14U teams anticipated for Spring

Registration closes 2/28

- We do want to negotiate with OPS to have our field cost reduced.
- Sarah motions to increase prices by \$10 for 8U REC-14U. Davida seconds. 6U stays the same.
- We have paid for the majority of tournaments so we'll have locked in schedules once the season starts.

## **Pre Tryouts 2/23**

- We need support running pitching machines etc. We need to have an 8U pre tryout and 10/12U pretryout clinic. Jamie is going to support the 8U tryouts.
- We need to have a more controlled way of distributing data after pre tryouts. We would also like to add a QR code to the data for ordering a uniform.

## **Tryouts 3/2**

- Davida has reached out to some old board members to come help with tryouts.
- We need to charge \$50/player for tryouts/player evaluations to pay for the dome and St. Kates.
- Every travel age group will have a line item for tryout fees during registration. We agreed to just eat the pre tryout fees and charge a tryout fee for 8-12U.
- Brette is going to make sure families have the split payment option.
- Families can opt out of tryouts, but there will be implications on team placement.

## **Cami- Coach Development**

- Cami went to the Meg Rem Clinic and felt it was very similar to what OSA is doing. Feedback was that the coaches clinic was successful and people wanted to do it again. Date is tentatively set for 4/6 from 4-6.

#### **Cale- Umpire and Fields**

- Fields are booked and indoor facilities are booked for April. We are still waiting in Veterans and Rainbow fields, which we share with baseball.
- Cale met with Lisa from HD and they are moving out in April, but don't have a new facility yet.
- Cale is still working on umpires and we agreed to use the same company as last year.
- Fields and facilities are under control, but umpires will be a concern again this year.

Opening Day is May 3rd in conjunction with OBA. Jamie and Nila are going to facilitate with baseball and we are going to have photos from 2-4 in the high school cafeteria.

#### **Nila- REC/6U**

- Try Softball Night 6-7pm
- Nila is going to reach out to Matt Palm for equipment. Davida is going to loan her a gymnastics mat. Soft toss, tee stations, games at the end.

Davida moves to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconds.