

Overview

The December MHAA Board Meeting covered various updates and financial approvals for the upcoming sports season. Tracy reported that 11 volleyball teams are actively practicing in preparation for their first tournament on December 21, while Bryce presented and received approval for the lacrosse budget, which includes player fees and essential expenses. The meeting also highlighted updates on softball, with Tom discussing off-season training and Justin Gutzman being introduced as the new softball commissioner for the 2026 season. Adam brought forth an increase in the baseball budget due to additional indoor practice time and outlined plans for joint registrations for baseball and softball in early January. Additionally, miscellaneous topics included equipment storage concerns and the absence of the football program representative, with action items assigned to various members for follow-up tasks, including registration preparations and budget approvals.

Notes

Sports Updates and Budget Approvals (01:43 - 07:16)

- Tracy reported 11 volleyball teams started practices last week
- First tournament coming up on the 21st
- Volleyball using Friendly Hills facilities and school nets
- Bryce presented lacrosse budget for approval
- Budget includes revenue from player fees and expenses for uniforms, equipment, and league fees

Lacrosse Budget and Registration (07:16 - 18:52)

- Bryce detailed lacrosse budget, including fees, expenses, and fundraising plans
- Lacrosse budget approved by motion
- Discussion on Sports Engine fees and how to handle them in registration
- Bryce to work with John to launch lacrosse registration as soon as possible

🚫 Softball and Baseball Updates (18:54 - 28:05)

- Tom reported on off-season hitting lessons and pitching lanes
- Softball tournament requests submitted to Mendokota
- Justin Gutzman introduced as new softball commissioner starting 2026 season
- Need for more volunteers at in-house level emphasized
- Cam mentioned ongoing discussions with Salvo for soccer

Baseball Budget and Registration Plans (28:05 - 37:27)

- Adam discussed baseball budget increase for travel ball due to additional indoor time
- Plan to open baseball and softball registrations together in early January
- Discussion on budget approval process via email before next meeting
- T-ball registration to be ready by first week of January
- Consideration of field usage for different programs

Miscellaneous Updates and Concerns (37:50 - 43:56)

- Discussion on equipment storage and access
- Concern raised about football program representative's absence from meetings
- Taxes completed and submitted for the year
- Plan to follow up on football program status and succession

Action items

John Masica

- Send check to Salvo for soccer fees (27:40)
- Prepare T-ball registration by first week of January (38:08)

- Call Tracy on cell phone after the meeting (42:52)

Tom Stevens

- Look into password reset issue for DRA Warriors accounts (28:45)
- Prepare softball budget for next meeting (36:31)

Bryce Anderson

- Work with John to launch lacrosse registration as soon as possible (33:49)

Adam

- Send copy of baseball budget for board approval via email (37:20)
- Follow up with Khan about football program status (43:09)

All Board Members

- Review and approve baseball and softball budgets via email before next meeting (37:20)
- Members present: Cam, Tom, Bryce, Adam, Tracy, Dan, John, Tim. Guest: Justin Gutzman
- Next Meeting 1/13/2025 @ 7:30pm