

OBX Baseball Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024
Ash Jones Press Box

1. Call to Order – Pat called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were: Jon Britt, Fran Dunn, Zane Gillespie, Bill Gorham, Pat Hudspeth, Chip Perrot, Katie Stockslager, and Chelsea Tillett.

2. Selection of 2024 Officers – After discussion among those present and input/interest from those unable to attend, Zane made the following nominations for 2024 officer positions: Jon Britt, President; Robby Hoopes, Vice-President; Fran Dunn, Treasurer; and Chelsea Tillett, Secretary. No other nominations were offered. Katie seconded Zane’s motion for nominations. By unanimous vote, those named were elected to the mentioned positions for 2024. Danny Sawyer will hold the position of Past-President.

Having been named President of the Board, Jon led the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2023 Meeting – Upon Zane’s motion, seconded by Bill, the proposed minutes prepared by Fran from the December 13, 2023 board meeting were approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Attached is a copy of the OBX Baseball profit and loss statement for 2023. OBX Baseball has \$29,101.39 in the bank. 2023 revenue exceeded that of 2022 by \$7,600. 2023 expenses were lower than 2022 expenses. In 2024, OBX Baseball will need to pay sales tax for concessions. Fran will put together a proposed budget for 2024 to present to the Board at the next meeting.

5. Old Business

a. Front Field Shed – OBX Baseball would like a shed for the front field to store equipment, screens, maintenance needs, etc. Pat shared the estimate Danny received for a shed (approximately \$10,000) with Bobby Outten. The county is not willing to purchase a shed at this time.

b. Off-Season Projects – Off-season projects for both fields include bullpen improvements (supplies have been purchased to for these); 2 additional 50’ batting cages behind the front field (approximate cost \$7,000 - \$8,000); replacing turf along foul lines on both fields; and fixing speakers on the front field. Bill will coordinate these projects with the county. Bill, Zane, and others will work to ensure these things are completed. Zane contacted Bay Disposal who will deliver 6 new trashcans for the concession areas (3 per field).

c. Umpire Clinic – Danny has arranged and is coordinating an umpire clinic at Parks and Rec on February 4 at 9:00 a.m.

d. Field Lighting – The access panel for the switches for the lights on the front field have been locked by Parks and Rec. Jon will discuss this with Charlotte Midgett and determine how best to proceed.

6. New Business

a. Skills Day – 3 separate skills days for each age group are tentatively planned for February 26, 27, and 28.

b. Opening Day – Opening day is tentatively set for March 23. The Publicity, Communication, and Scheduling Committee will meet to discuss this and other scheduling issues for games/fields/practices. The Board will further consider and confirm opening day at the next meeting (if not sooner). OBX Baseball will go ahead and advertise for coaches for the spring season.

c. Tournament Before Allstars – The Board liked the idea of hosting a “Pre-Allstar” tournament, possibly June 14 – 16, that would include teams from Manteo and the surrounding area. This would occur before the regional Allstar tournament. Jon will look into this so the Board may consider the idea further.

d. By-Laws Amendment – In order to meet the IRS requirements of a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, OBX Baseball will need to include in our by-laws a statement that directs the distribution of assets upon dissolution of the corporation. Pat and Fran will work with attorney David Powers on a dissolution clause to ensure this requirement is met. Upon Fran’s motion, seconded by Chelsea, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of David Powers for such by-law amendment and to pay any attorney fees and other costs associated with this amendment (i.e. David’s fees and the fee to the IRS for the 501(c)(3) election).

7. Committee Assignments – Jon made the following committee assignments:

Publicity, Communication, and Scheduling – Jon (Chair), Katie, Robby, and Chelsea
Equipment and Uniforms – Danny (Chair), Robby (Vice-Chair)
Rules – John Morris (Chair), Jon, and Pat
Fundraising – Fran (Chair), Zane, and Tom Hoggard
Field and Facilities – Bill (Chair), Jake Overton, and Chip
Coaches – Jon (Chair), John Morris, Zane, Bill, and Chelsea
Concessions – Katie (Chair), Chelsea, and Fran

8. Scheduling of Next Meeting and Adjournment – The next OBX Baseball Board meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on February 7. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Pat Hudspeth