



## Hopkins Baseball Association

**Meeting:** October Board Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Hopkins Pavilion

# HBA Board Meeting Minutes

*Date | time* Tuesday, October 17, 2017 | 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

## In Attendance

Chris Johnson, Dana Johnson, Jerry Kellman, Greg Geiser, Dave Stuessi, Brenda Campbell, Jayson Olson, Deb Anderson, Brian Zimmer, Tyler Brodersen, Winston Wood, Gregg Schaefer

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were not available for approval.

## General Update – Chris Johnson

- All Board Members and guests introduced themselves.
- The Board was reminded that in the absence of a Secretary we rotate who takes meeting minutes.
- Chris Johnson and Brenda Campbell both took meeting minute notes for this meeting.
- Chris Johnson announced the resignations of Paul Hurth, Ryan Perry, Tom Kanitz, Mike Vargas and Paul Fabian and it was noted that Mark Campbell has also resigned.
- We reviewed the desire to move the 13U pitching rubber forward in order to eliminate the uphill motion for taller players at the 14U & 15U levels. Chris Johnson will speak to the City of Minnetonka about having this done.
- Brian Zimmer brought up the idea of moving the 13U base pegs closer to 75'. This would require edging the infield grass accordingly. No action item was assigned.

## Financial Update – Brenda Campbell

- Brenda Campbell provided the balance sheet, income statement and budget reports through 10/16/2017. We had a net profit for fiscal year 2017, which ended in September.
- Brenda will start sending budget information to the Board so we start planning for FY2018. A budget will be approved at the November meeting.

## Travel Team Update – Chris Johnson

- Chris Johnson attended the Travel and Tournament Directors on 3-Oct-2017 where there was discussion to get feedback, answer questions & address concerns in order to make the best decision regarding the bat rule for 2018 & other issues.
- The outcome of the meeting was to move forward with ONLY allowing USA Baseball regulated bats during the upcoming 2018 MBL/MBT seasons.
- For the -3 bats, you will be able to use both the BBCOR and USA stamped bats.
- At the meeting there was also discussion regarding using continuous batting and unlimited substitution at all levels as well as implement a pitch count rule for all games. A subcommittee that Chris Johnson will be a part of was formed by the MBL. No date for their meeting(s) has been established.
- We have received approximately 6 coach applications so far for 2018 season. Interviews will begin soon.

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## Player Development – Greg Geiser

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- Working on getting the clinic locations and instructors reserved
- Legion doing Sunday clinics
- Getting quotes from other organizations for Saturday clinics.
- Start first weekend of February end first week of March
- Saturday, March 10 for evaluations; Callbacks Sunday
- Pricing will include discount for all clinics and walk-ups

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## House Program – General Discussion

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- No update, Paul Fabian will help transition.
- Sr. Babe Ruth reached out to Stuessi about merging; discussion at a later date.
- Will consider an “A” team playing in MBL/MBT if numbers indicate this is a better option. More discussion to follow on this topic; not every player/family wants to participate in tournaments.

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## Scheduling – Jayson Olson

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- Meeting with the school district on 13-Nov for District Fields
- Hopkins West might be under construction for the summer
- Will try reaching out to Blake for game play at the 14U and 15U levels
- Survey on practice fields, do we need more?

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## Registration – Dana Johnson

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- Clinic Registration Open – target January 1<sup>ST</sup>.
- General Registration Open – target January 1<sup>ST</sup>.

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## Field Updates – Chris Johnson / via Paul Hurth

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- Fall field cleanup was done 10/14/17. Turnout was small but all tasks were completed except moving the pitching rubber.
- City will winterize the shed and the tractor.
- The new high school field is expected to be done late October or early November. Unsure at this time if we will still have access and/or if the cost will change.
- Jerry informed us we need a new Chalker. He will look into purchasing a new one and disposing of the old non-working Chalker.
- We need to move the mound rubber and we should look at the timber around home plate.
- Ideas for maintaining the field next spring; pay kids to do it? Retirement community?

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## Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

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- Jerry Kellman stated that fall ball went great, no complaints from anyone.
- One rainout which required the players/parents to fix the field themselves on Saturday to play on Sunday. The outfield was extremely wet.
- Tyler Brodersen mentioned that St. Louis Park had Dakota Park’s outfield fixed with grant by the Twins/Toro Company. We will explore grants for Guillian.

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## Sponsorship/Fundraising – Deb Anderson

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- Mark Campbell is transitioning over to the Diamond Club; leaving the HBA Board
- No updates or fundraising taking place.

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## Website – Chris Johnson / via Paul Hurth

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- Paul is working with SportsNgin to update the website.

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## Other Activities - Board

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- We received free turf to install in the warm up areas. (Thanks Deb Anderson!)
- Move meetings from Tuesdays during the summer.

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## New Board Positions Approved – Board

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- President: Chris Johnson
- Vice President: Greg Geiser
- Travel/Tournament Coordinator: Tyler Brodersen
- Player Development Coordinator: Gregg Schaefer
- Majors/Prep Coordinator: Winston Wood
- Player Development Committee Members: Brian Zimmer, Jerry Kellman
- Fields Coordinator: OPEN
- Secretary: OPEN
- All positions approved by unanimous vote

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## Next Meeting

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- November 14, 2017 at 7:00pm, Hopkins Fire Station
- Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM