



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: November Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Pavilion

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, November 21, 2017 | 6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Jerry Kellman, Greg Geiser, Dave Stuessi, Brenda Campbell, Jayson Olson, Deb Anderson, Brian Zimmer, Tyler Brodersen, Winston Wood

Guests: Brad Kaplan, Gary Kemp, Jenny Kemp, Gary Matson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 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.
- MYAS is no longer under the USSSA Baseball umbrella
- MBL/MBT will now have all ages, except 15U, continuous batting and unlimited substitution.
- MBL/MBT voted to adapt the Pitch Smart recommendations for maximum allowed pitches for pitcher per day. Then agreed on the following for maximum pitches allowed per tournaments:

MBT Qualifiers

| Age Levels | Maximum Pitches per day | Max. Pitches MBT Qualifier Tournament |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9-10 | 75 | 115 |
| 11-12 | 85 | 125 |
| 13-15 | 95 | 135 |

MBT State Tournaments

| Age Levels | Maximum Pitches per day | Max. Pitches MBT State Tournament |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9-10 | 75 | 140 |
| 11-12 | 85 | 150 |
| 13-15 | 95 | 160 |

- No changes to MBL pitching restrictions in 2018 for the MBL League and Playoff Games.
- It was stated during the most recent MBL subcommittee meeting that for coach, player, and spectator ejections MBL Associations to have ejection policies in their by-laws or local rules and to have follow-up procedures/penalties for ejections within their programs.

Financial Update – Brenda Campbell

- Brenda provided the balance sheet, income statement and budget reports through 9/12/17. We currently have a net profit for FY17 but we are expecting some additional expenses such as the fall ball league fees. We estimate we will break even or have a small loss for the year.

Travel Team Update – Tyler Brodersen

- Started interviewing candidates Wednesday, November 15TH and will do so each of the next two Wednesdays
- All AA coaches have stepped away
- MBT Qualifier list went up this today and we will move quickly to fill our teams in tournaments
- Brian Zimmer is the only incumbent coach returning, all other positions need to be filled at the Travel level.

Player Development – Greg Geiser

- Clinics are all tentatively scheduled and updated on the website. They will be at NJH this year.
 - Clinics are split between Players Only and Hopkins Legion
 - The Legion was \$3600 more than Players Only for the Advanced Clinics
 - Sunday Clinics = Legion; hope to use Lindbergh too
 - Saturday Advanced Clinics = Two dates at Batting Cages of Edina; 3 dates at the Edina Dome
- Tryouts on Saturday, March 10TH are expecting to be at The 10 Dome; no full length batting cage are available
 - Lindbergh Center will be available for the callback date on Sunday, March 11TH
 - Hopkins Legion will evaluate for the 13U and 14U tryouts
 - SLP Town Team will do 15U tryouts

House Program – Winston Wood

- Need to identify number of teams and levels and play
- Will actively start trying to find coaches after the January Parent Meeting
- MYAS has reached out to see if HBA will be with them at 13U; Winston will meet with them to discuss

Scheduling – Jayson Olson

- No updates until the February meeting.
- Field scheduling meeting in March is the schedule meeting

Registration – Chris Johnson

- Clinic Registration Open – target January 1ST.
- General Registration Open – target January 1ST.
- Decide on league fees at December meeting

Field Updates – Dave Stuessi

- Hopkins West Jr High fields will be closed completely for 2018 and 2019 for renovation.
- The Varsity turf field will be open in the spring and lighted. We won't know until the March meeting the availability, but because of the lights, when the school doesn't have a game or practice, it will be available to us at any time. Previously we didn't get the field until June. The cost is \$65/HR, pre-game is billed at the same rate, and the lights turn off automatically at 9:45pm per the contract with the city. This means a game starting at 7:15pm, with pregame starting at 6:15pm will cost \$227.50. Big Willow is \$55 per game for the late time slot. We may need to pre-game on the North field or something else creative.
- Blake is doing updates to their JV Field so it is unlikely we can find an additional field there
- St. Louis Park might be an option; Wednesday in June. June is the big issue.
- HBA will reach out to Golden Valley about Sandburg and Breck, BSM

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- Need to start in June for organization of it.
- There were no fall ball complaints

Sponsorship/Fundraising – Deb Anderson

- No updates

Website – Chris Johnson

- The new website is fully operation, please update your respective areas.

Equipment & Uniforms – Brenda Campbell

- Inventoried uniforms in the shed. Over 300 different jerseys.
- Ordered 70 dozen baseballs.
- Need to start looking at what we'll do for next season for hats, batting practice/alternate jersey tops, etc.
- Chalker needed, at least one.
- Backstop along Minnetonka Blvd. bullpen – check with the city
- Practice baseballs needed; Epic Sports per Jerry Kellman are an option

Sr. Babe Ruth – Gary Kemp, Jenny Kemp, Gary Matson

- Looking for greater exposure and want to leverage HBA
- Would consider playing MYAS only and not being a part of Sr. Babe Ruth
- Play at Big Willow only and practice at NJH
- Is primarily a 16U and 19U league but could play at 15U.
- What's gained and benefitted for the older kids?
 - Structure
 - Keeping kids playing baseball
 - Cost impact
- Vote during the December Meeting

Other Activities - Board

- January & February meetings can take place at Jerry's place
- A flyer was made up for field prep, will share in December/January.

Open Board Positions – Board

- Fields Coordinator: OPEN
- Secretary: OPEN

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00pm, Hopkins Fire Station
- Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM