



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: December Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Pavilion

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, January 9, 2018 | 7:02pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

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

Guests: Jenny Kemp & Gary Matson (in attendance here the status of the Board decision on the Sr. Babe Ruth / Sr. League)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Meeting Minutes note taker – Winston Wood
- Allan Charney could not make it – work project
- Parent Meeting – January 10TH at Eisenhower, Room 233, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, make changes to any slides and send them directly to Chris
- Coaches clinic
 - Chris Olean (head coach St. Thomas) leading the clinic – Feb 11 or Feb 18
 - At Lindbergh
 - Dave Stuessi hasn't booked it yet
 - Chris will focus more on hitting philosophy rather than mechanics
 - Doesn't need to be paid himself but he'd like to have something for his instructors
 - Motion to pay \$150 per coach up to cap of \$600, seconded, approved.
- Bat Expo – Greg Geiser to look into dates in January for this. Consider Hit Dawg as a location too.
- Bat Expo on Jan 24 6:30-9pm at Lindbergh Center
 - Tees with sock nets to used by individuals
 - Must provide own thrower for front toss

Sr. Babe Ruth – Jenny Kemp & Gary Matson

- Sr. Babe Ruth doesn't exist in this area
- Eden Prairie has "community ball"
- Ideally two 16U teams and two 19U teams
 - Gary Matson is available to coach
 - Gary Kemp would like to coach
 - Jerry Kellman could potentially coach
- Season starts with practices in May and games in June
- MYAS has at least 2 levels within an age group and 4 geographical divisions

- There is also an end of year tournament
- Doesn't appear that there are any funds remaining
- Team selection
 - Registration would be under the existing HBA umbrella
- Jenny Kemp believes that the 16U and the 19U will need separate coordinators
 - Discussion regarding whether we need 2 coordinators
- Discussion regarding no
- Bylaws need to be amended in order to add them to HBA
 - States that you have live or go to school in Hopkins
 - States that age 15 is the maximum age
 - Addition of a board position
- Proposed \$350 registration fee, separate registration for 16s and 19s
 - Any tournaments need to be funded out of their own
 - Includes BP Top
 - If there is going to be a tier 1 team, there needs to be a tryout, with board representation
 - Motion to amend bylaws to allow 16+ - approved
 - Motion to have 1 coordinator role for 16U/19U approved
 - Motion to make registration fee \$350 approved
- Jenny will send slides to Chris for tomorrow's parent meeting

Field Updates – Chris Johnson (Letter from Dave Stuessi)

- Dave S. doesn't envision problems getting fields especially with the H.S. field
- St. Louis Park/Golden Valley – still hoping for some availability at these fields
- Chris hoping to get every age 14 team and above on the H.S. field at least once.
- No additional updates

Financial Update – Brenda Campbell

- Reviewed financials
- Jerry has about 28 clinic kids - ~\$3,500 in revenue
- Expenses ~\$12K in tournaments we have signed up for
- \$600 to be added to coach's clinic
- Will be adding Chris Johnson (President) and likely Greg Geiser (Vice President) to the bank accounts. This will be done to allow the accounts to remove Paul Hurth (former President) and Tim Sweeney (former Treasurer) from the accounts.

Player Development – Greg Geiser

- All set for tryouts.

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- Tournament team discussion
 - Potentially separate 14 and 15 tournament teams
 - On the registration – asks whether interested in tournament, travel, or house only
 - 3 travel teams per age level
 - Potentially

Travel Team Update – Tyler Brodersen

- All travel team tournaments are registered.
- Head coach interviewing:
 - Tyler said he has a couple of kids that he interviewed
 - Mark Sullivan – 15AA coach nominated and approved
 - John Anderson was also interviewed

Scheduling – Jayson Olson

- Email draft in February for Big Willow – will not know until then

Sponsorship/Fundraising – Deb Anderson

- Chipotle – Deb said they need a W9 form; new process
 - April 10TH 4-8pm
- Sunshine Car Wash
 - Buy 4 car washes up front, we get half
 - Jan-Feb more successful than Mar-Apr
- Should we consider Bag tags? Deb Anderson asked for suggestions from people for companies and other ideas for sponsorship opportunities
- Budget for sponsorship is \$5,500; raised to \$10K

Equipment & Uniforms – Brenda Campbell

- Equipment:
 - Chalker needed, should be making an order in Feb or Mar
 - Things we might want:
 - Trifold net
 - Sock net
- Backstop needed for First Base Bullpen
 - Talk to the City
 - Brian Zimmer will look into this
- Uniforms: no new jerseys this season.
 - BP jerseys to be ordered when we have registrations
 - Will not be ordering pants

Registration – Dana Johnson

- Clinic Registration is available
- Regular season registration ready to go based on the Sr. League decisions.
- Planning to open all registration by the middle of January

Website – Dana Johnson

- No update.

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- No update.

Board Positions – Board

- Motion to Add Jenny Kemp to the Board as the Secretary – Motion, second, motion approved; Jenny Kemp added to the Board as the Secretary.
- Either Gary Matson or Gary Kemp will be joining the Board as the Sr. League Coordinator – Motion, second, motion approved
- Fields Coordinator: OPEN

Other Activities – Board

- None.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 13, 2017; 7:00pm at the Hopkins Pavilion
- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM