



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: February Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Pavilion

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, February 13, 2018 | 6:46 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, Deb Anderson, Tyler Brodersen, Winston Wood, Gregg Schaefer, Jerry Kellman, Jayson Olson, Mark Sullivan, Jenny Kemp, Gary Kemp

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Coaches Clinic Update
 - Pushing to 2/17 or 2/24
 - Jerry can reach out to find an open weekend
- Bat Expo Recap
 - Busy session
 - Ordered 25 bats to arrive in the next few weeks to be distributed at next clinic
- Insurance required
 - \$600 last year
 - To register one team
 - Discussed with Paul Hurth to get ID cards

Travel Team Items - T. Brodersen

- Open Travel head coach positions
 - Have one applicant for 13 who may get the A team by default, need to look at 14/15.
 - All single A teams are open
 - Once tryouts occur we can finalize.
- Travel/Tournament updates
 - Set in all but one 14/15 tournament for five for two teams
 - Not to participate in Owatonna tournament but Apple Valley instead.

Financial Reporting - B. Campbell

- Monthly financials
- Budget check
 - Budget to actuals comparison to last year
 - Fundraising \$6k is bat expo money where we owe money with net \$500 with facility cost as well.

- House registration came in at so far \$6k with \$35k budgeted but are ahead compared to last year
- Close to \$8k raised winter clinics from Sunday with \$6k in Costs

Registration – C. Johnson for D. Johnson

- 35 players registered
- 17 Thirteen-year old
 - With a few possibly moving from 13 to 14 based on correct player age level updates needed
- 10 Fourteen-year old
- 8 Fifteen-year old

Player Development Updates - G. Geiser

- In season clinics update
 - Going well with 90 players which is light due to conflicts
 - Contacted 13s for feedback
 - Contacted Glen Lake which is bringing 50% of kids to determine play level of new players
 - HALL listed as potentially coming out
 - Big Willow kids chosen not to play
 - Elizabeth L was going to play for Blake but is reconsidering Hopkins
- Tryout update
 - Need to ensure we have the layout in place in terms of equipment we need including fly balls.

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- Registration
 - Inquiries from coaches?
 - **Action Item** Chris to let Winston know about volunteers
 - Jim Martin has indicated willingness to coach
- Tournament Team Discussion

Scheduling J. Olson and D. Stuessi

- General update

Fields Update - D. Stuessi and C. Johnson

- General update
- WJH update
 - West development postponed one year
 - Phase One is to re-do baseball field, add right field track, add softball fields, add lights to field at West
 - Financial support request will come from West
 - Batting cages will be updated
 - Light restrictions by 9 or 9:30 will be a factor going forward
 - Phased approach will lead to closed baseball for one year vs. two years
 - Three spots per week to reserve for practice/games
- High school
 - 16 spots for High school with 4 additional spots to open up

- Blake construction this year
 - Might be able to get on them next year
- ACYBA & SLP field request updates
- 16 dates for Senior Babe Ruth players
- Field prep
 - Utilize kids 16 – 18
 - Scholarship opportunity to make money to play
 - Senior Living
 - **Action Item** Jerry to bring sheet in March
 - Next step is to determine how much we will pay such as \$30

Sr. League Update – G. Kemp

- Games to start in June
- Re-chartering information incoming costs for tournament

Web site– C. Johnson for D. Johnson

- Need to add access for new coaches

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
- To go through equipment from Sr. Babe Ruth
 - **Action Item** Jerry to look for lower prices for items at Universal such as pitching net
 - Field traders is another good option to look at
- Bleacher canopy is not on list
- Add a tee for each batting cage
- Little medical kits
 - Should we supply better kits?
 - Look at funding options

Sponsorships/Fundraising - D. Anderson

- Secured pine tar car wash for gold sponsorship
- Nevers Larkin silver level
- Scoreboard is thinking about
- Historical info gathers
- Viking and Shady Oak to arrive in the mail
 - Need to get keys from Paul Hurth for mail post office

- Reached out to Bill Winter to get help on fund raising
- Chipotle set for April 10th
- Sunshine car wash gold sponsorship and potential car wash day with pre-paid cards or day with 50% proceeds coming back to Hopkins baseball for Saturday and week night for those who show flyers
 - Cards will limit proceeds
 - Using a flyer makes more sense
 - Feb/March suggested months
- Mainstreet Bar and Grill
 - Dinner 25% of proceeds to baseball
 - Provides hockey fundraising
 - Sunday or Monday night
- To start prior to season start so games are not a conflict after April
- Can send out flyers via email blast and through coaches
- Supporting Hopkins local businesses
- Hit Dawg bronze sponsorship
- Lake Minnetonka sponsored for a few years but not a sponsor now

Equipment & Uniform Update - A. Charney and C. Johnson

- Baseball Expo
 - Brenda and Chris attended for older players
 - Reviewed equipment potentially for a set of catcher's gear. Ok for younger ages
 - Need a set for most teams
 - To order these items once income is known in March
 - Soft net
 - 7 x 7
 - 10 x 10
 - Tri fold net
 - Chalker
 - Epic sports might have better pricing and need to ensure it is good quality
 - Apparel
 - General Sports quote received
 - Comparing to 2017 invoice
 - Will be at try outs for fittings
 - Registration has jersey and hat sizing
 - To be ordered after try outs
 - Hats to be purchased in bulk quantities
 - Hats running large last year
 - Ru through a hat maker to choose the best option
 - Spirit wear
 - Pant sizes removed from registration due to the fact that we don't supply pants as a part of registration.
 - Have some in storage we can use as examples of what parents should get.
 - Fittings during try out is a good time to provide examples
 - Early practices in doors can also be used as a time to show pants
- Practice baseballs
 - Storage are plastic
 - Need to supply one bucket per team for practice
 - Four dozen balls
 - Rawlings \$37.95/dozen compared \$64.95 on the website; 42% discount No buckets
 - R0LB1X baseball official league practice baseballs

- Package with same ball 30 balls in a bucket, need to look at pricing
- Uniforms
 - Web page to direct parents to baseball pants to directly buy pants on site and get a discount.

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- Jerry to start sending information in June after travel ball due to the fact that not all players make all star program to reach out to local suburbs. To start organizing now with players signing up interest level.
- Include Senior in fall ball

Other Activities – Board

- Brian Zimmer talked to city about replacing back stop for bull pen
 - Needs to be funded with discounted rate
 - We pay for it and get reimbursed
 - Should contact again in the spring
 - Received list of responsible items for Guillian and Big Willow

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 13, 2018; 7:00pm at the Hopkins Fire House
- Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM