

OSA Meeting Minutes 9/12/23

The meeting begins with introductions of new board member applicants.

Attendees:

Brandon Oslund
Anne Hess
Erika Kastamo
Jamie Bishop
Cami Dahlstrom
Brette Esterbrooks
Ryan Hartneck
Lindsey Stevens
Brandon Schliinz
Toby Tyler
Brandon Howe
Matt Palm
Cael Johnston
Erik Lillejord
Sara Clausen

Not in attendance:

Amy Kubista

Davida approves August meeting minutes. Cami seconds. All in favor.

Anne- Uniforms

Fall sweatshirts and uniforms have been delivered and sold out. There is conversation about a winter apparel store. We don't make any money on it, and we could potentially increase prices to do so. The consensus is people like it for holiday shopping.

Toby- Finance

Prior to the meeting, Toby sent out an excel file of bank accounts. Just under 60k in checking. 30k in savings account. The surplus we have to date is 38K. We haven't paid any field usage bills or tournament fees. Estimated 16 or 17K for summer and the rest for fall. Half of our surplus will be gone after we pay for spring and summer. The remaining expenses are insurance, coaching fees (3K), fall tournaments (2k), and 3K of equipment. Erika just purchased balls and we should be expecting a bill from MN softball.

Cami is going to apply for the Twins equipment grant in October this year. We also received a 2K coaching grant and are waiting to receive the check. Toby just recently transferred the Venmo account to our checking account. Last year we spent 5K on winter clinics and dome fees. That would leave us with 5 or 6K of surplus for this year.

Cami- Equipment

We need to come up with a list of things we want for the Spring. We need to do inventory on a fall equipment turn in date. We decided on an equipment separating party on 10/1. We also need rubbermaid bins and a ladder for the shed. We need new batters box tracers. Cami requests all coaches to have their lists of next year wants at the next meeting. We could divide the sheds between 8u/coach pitch and other ages.

Ryan- Player Development

Roving Instruction Update- Lisa and Cassidy came to our practices this fall. We approved up to \$1500 for their time. We had a long discussion about how to improve coaches' development. It is agreed upon we will add a coach development role director to the slate. Brandon proposed, Anne seconds.

Hit Dawg- Starts first week in November. Lisa is working on finalizing the schedule and Ryan is working on getting a marketing piece put together and pushed out to OSA membership by the end of the month. We are also looking to add some catcher sessions.

Erika- New Business

Erika walks through the open slate positions.

Anne has moved into the president role. There is an option for an interim position, and we can reevaluate board positions within the year.

Toby motions to approve the new board members, Brette seconds.

Davida motioned to approve the executive board, Brette seconds. All in favor.

The current board went through the open board position roles and the descriptions.

There is talk about splitting the travel director role between 8/10u and 12/14u.

Brandon suggests creating a two year sponsorship program for fundraising.

Erika points out that our REC team under MN softball is insured properly.

President- Anne

VP- Cami

Secretary/Communications- Jamie

Treasurer- Toby

Travel Directors- Sara/Davida

Equipment- Matt P.

Tech- Brette E.

Player Development- Brandon H.

Uniforms- Jamie

Coach Development- Cami

Fundraising- Erik L.

Rec- Cale

Fields/Umpires- Cale

Brandon makes a motion to approve the current slate, Jamie seconds. All in favor.

Brandon O.- Travel Updates

Fall updates.

MN softball season starts 9/1. For our league play we play MN softball and our tournaments our USA, USSSA, NAFA

We need to sort out the winter teams. Brandon sent out surveys to see who is interested. We are still waiting to hear back about dome ball space. We are not hearing back from p3. It is an action item for board members to find a solution to host winter clinics and dome ball.

Additional Agenda Items

Hackberry

Erika has been emailing with the park director. The plan is to have one softball field that we can share with baseball. They were waiting to redevelop that area and now have a plan to move forward. The residents of the city are not happy with the plan, but we are in communication with them and on their radar. More info TBD.

Independence Fields

Baseball wants to work together to fundraise for the new fields. The big picture is we are going to collaborate with baseball to fundraise and work together. We will have full access to two fields and they will have the same. Independence is giving us the land for free, we just need to fundraise to build the fields and come up with two million dollars collectively. Erik has requested some additional support to fundraise for these fields. It is going to be a collective donation amount. In comparison, the new Maple Grove fields cost 15 million dollars.

Anne proposes a motion for OSA and OBA to work together. The motion is to have OBA and OSA work together in an equal and joint capacity to fundraise for the independence fields at pioneer park. Anne makes the motion, Cami seconds.

Brandon O. makes a motion to end the meeting, Cami seconds.