

October 10, 2023
OSA Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brandon Howe
Jamie Bishop
Matt Palm
Cael Johnston
Erik Lillejord
Sara Clausen
Davida Suiter
Anne Hess

Not in attendance:

Toby Tyler
Erik Lillejord

Approval of September meeting minutes: Jamie motions, Brette seconds. All in favor.

Cami/Matt: Equipment

Board members got together and cleaned out the shed and there was some mouse damage and we had to throw some things away. Matt is going to look into a mouse deterrent. The shed also needs to be repaired and anchored into the concrete. The garage door will not keep mice out and we need to explore whether we need to get a new door or just live with it. Matt is going to reach out to buildings and grounds and see if we can come up with a new solution. Anne is going to look into whether we can store at the Discovery Center shed.

Two questions for ground crew: how can we repair the JV shed and how can we update the DC shed?

We need to purchase a three step ladder, and we also need to think about how many teams we are going to have. We just need to put together a wishlist and Matt and Cami will work together to think about what we need.

There is discussion about having a beginning of season coaches clinic on how to run the pitching machines.

We are going to apply for the 5k Twins grant again this season.

Brandon: Player Development

Near term priorities are off season development. Brandon is confirming the information from Lisa who also added some catching instructional sessions. We will be offering sessions 1 and 2, similar to last year.

Brandon shared the Hit Dawg session 1 winter development opportunities. He is waiting for the link from Lisa and then Brette will send it out.

Winter Clinics Update- Brandon reached out to P3 and the only day they have available is Saturday starting in January from 8am-2pm. We are thinking about locking in to Saturday AMs from 9-11am from January to mid-February.

Brandon proposed creating a subcommittee to help organize and run the winter clinics. There is conversation about whether the new head coach would be interested in running the clinics with her players. This would also be a good opportunity for coach development. We need to think about whether we want to outsource the instruction through Hit Dawg, TC fastpitch or in-house staffing. We all agree that we should have one age coach at her age level and the OSA coaches can support them. Brandon also needs to check and see if we can still store the equipment at the facility.

We also did a shirt as part of the registration fee.

Ann, Brette, Cami, and Brandon are part of the subcommittee.

4 coaches for 2 hours/6 sessions = Roughly 3K, We don't have a projected rental estimate, but P3 also owes us for the canceled winter clinic session and pre tryouts.

Cami will try to get some additional players and high school helpers to staff the clinics.

REC/In house: Cael/Davida

Try Softball Night

Action steps to make Try Softball Night happen

- Advertising with a postcard.
- Need to purchase a one page AD in PeachJar and in the Winter Community Ed brochure.
- Davida is going to take on creating the post card.
- We need to buy the directory from Community Education.
- We need to find out the K 24-25 schedule before we schedule Try Softball Night.
- We are going to tentatively schedule it for 2/8/2024. 6:00-7:30 pm
- Donate outgrown equipment

Uniforms: Jamie

Anne and Jamie have been working with Jay on a holiday apparel store. Jay put together a site for us that has a 10/22 close date. Jamie will email Jay to push back the close date and push out the link to Brette for the site to go live in the next few days.

Other Business

A fundraising committee has been created. Anne and Cami met with OBA and we are full steam ahead to fundraise for the Pioneer Creek Fields. Anne is working on the Twins Grant, and we are optimistic about receiving a good portion of the grant. We're making progress on the partnership with OBA and fundraising.

Travel Directors: David and Sarah

Brandon needs to reach out to P3 and see if we can book for tryouts and pre tryouts. We need to see if we've paid anything in advance to reserve those dates. We are looking into a contingency plan- Providence dome, TC fastpitch facility, P3, Activities Center
Preferably we want to do tryouts and pre tryouts on a Sunday night 5-8pm. We will also need to have St. Kate's staff booked.

Pre tryouts- 2/25/2024

Tryouts- 3/3/2024

Sarah is working on a 12/14U dome ball league.

Davida is doing the coordination and logistics of tryouts.

MN Softball- Davida and Sarah are going to collaborate, but Sarah is the point of contact for OSA.

Davida is the single point of contact for communication, web material, and tryouts. All questions related to tryouts Sarah is the point of contact for 10U and Davida is for 12U.

Sarah and Davida will work together for team formation and interpretation of data.

Once the season starts, Davida will manage all 8/10u and Sarah will manage all 12/14u.

The parent meeting will share responsibilities between Anne, Davida, and Sarah.

Post season, communication will come from both travel directors.

We are looking to register right away for summer 24 tournaments.

We had a short discussion about an 8U experienced team. We will have a question on registration for players who are eligible to move up to 10U if they would like to try out for an experienced team.

12u/14u winter development team through Hit Dawg- Fridays 6-8pm Start date TBD.

Tournament fees or Minnetonka dome ball double headers fees. We are looking for a paid coach for both options.

We need to get communication and registration out for Fridays. There will be a question if families are interested in doing the dome ball league. We can open a second registration for the families interested in dome ball.

We did not do a fall survey.

Brette:

Delete slack channel. Update OSA website.

Davida motions to end the meeting, Cami seconds. Meeting adjourned.