



**January 2020 MINUTES
Andover Baseball Association Board of Directors Meeting
Super Bowl, Ramsey, MN
January 6, 2020 at 6:30PM**

Amy Novak president called the regular meeting to order at 6:36pm at Super Bowl in Ramsey, MN. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Amy Novak, Jason Anderson, Sara Orhn, Gina Calistro, Adam Johnson, Chris Hagestuen, Stephanie Wallin, Katie Seidenkranz, Shandel Krook, Ryan Pieri, Steve Eckes Joe Peloquin

Absent:

Minutes – Amy Novak

Motion by Katie Seidenkranz:

Second Adam Johnson to approve December minutes, passed without dissent.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Wallin:

Proposing a banking change from US Bank to Premier bank.

Fees are less – FDIC approved

Motion by Stephanie Wallin:

Second by Steve Eckes to move our banking relationship from USBank to Premier bank, passed without dissent.

Motion By Amy Novak:

Second by Adam Johnson to accept the December treasures report, – passed without dissent

Vice President: Katie Seidenkranz

Pictures – need to get dates to Sunshine Photography

Any propose Beginning of May for Travel – End of May in-house baseball.

- Try to get on a Sunday night. Once season has started? Maybe wait until 2 weeks into the season. Travel starts last week in April and in-house starts end of May.

Same location? – Community Center, Oak View? Or an elementary – will pursue options

Marv Johnson – contact to schedule for school locations.

Communications: Chris Hagestuen

Registration for in-house is open

30 players have not paid for the second half of registration- sending out e-mail that registration must be completed by Sunday to practice with your team.

ABA In-house registration signs were put out in various locations around Andover.

Got approval for a table at basketball pictures – send out sign up to stand at table. Sara Orhn volunteered, Gina Callistro and Chris Hagastuen 8:30am – 2pm – use give aways at the basketball picture table.

Amy is still waiting for approval from Marv to hand out flyers in the schools.

Flyers were approved at Legacy

Uniform Director – Shandel Krook:

Motion By Shandel Krook:

Second by Steve Eckes for \$3040 for 400 hats for Sandlot and in-house, passed without dissent.

Inventory is complete for hats and uniforms. Will place orders according to need.

Any excess uniforms and hats that will not be part of a complete set will be given away at Celebration.

Travel uniforms:

Steve – parents and people in the community like the button down better because the 2 button look like “beer league”

Showed 7 different images made by Jodi – board to vote on the designs – wants both full button down.

We are not changing pants this year – discussion for next year.

Voted on jerseys – keep gold full button down from last year – same everything

Second jersey will be full button down as well and the white version #4

Travel jersey fitting and equipment hand out – January 21st and 23rd at ASN – times to be announced

Equipment Director: Joe Peloquin

Coaches requesting roller bags – do not think that is necessary

Ordered baseballs to replenish for the season.

We have enough catchers gear for all teams.

Catchers mits are getting worn out. Joe will go through and determine how many need to be replaced. 4-8 gloves might need to be replaced

Discussion about equipment turn in: 3 dates were given last year and some equipment was still not turned in.

Propose assessing an inconvenience fee for late turn if in there is no prior approval to keep the equipment longer.

Propose adding to survey or asking at the parents meeting for suggestion on additional equipment team would like to see.

Policy and procedure – 2 different versions are written and will sent out to the committee for review.

Need to make sure all new motions are in both versions.

Travel Director: Steve Eckes

Discussion:

Mound covers – find cheaper pricing? Contact the company that the original covers were purchased from.

We cannot lock the fields so anyone can get on the fields and will ruin them.

Higher gauge chain – easier to tear – because people do not remove them appropriately.

Discussion: In-house 9-12 tournament teams

Met with Jamie Barthel from the city to discuss make in-house baseball more competitive.

- Add an in-house tournament team to 9-12 in-house teams. Wayzata and Champlin do this.

- Create a tournament team. Details to be discussed by sub-committee.

- Each team can play in 2 tournaments; ABA will pay for 1 and the team will pay for the other if they choose to do more.

- these teams cannot go to any tournaments that our travel teams are in.

Motion By Steve Eckes:

Second by Katie Seidenkranz to initiate tournaments teams for the in-house ages, 9, 10, 11, 12 where ABA will fund the inaugural jersey and 1 tournament. ABA board members will run the tryouts. 11 and 12 U based on numbers with either be 11 and 12 or we may need to consolidate to 11/12. These tournament teams can only go to A level tournaments MYAS and MBL where ABA travel teams are NOT already registered. They can attend non MYAS and non-MBL tournaments at their won discretion. The maximum number of tournaments is 2. Approved without dissent.

Scheduling Director: Jason Anderson

Meet Feb 4th with softball associations to discuss field allocation.
We will only have 1 field at North Woods East for 2020

Age 9-12 In-house Director: Ryan Pieri

Meeting dates with Anoka and Soderville – Feb 3,4,or 5 – Amy would like to attend
A-town Classic June 4-7.

T-ball to 8 In-house Director: Adam Johnson - nothing

13-18 In-house Director: Sara Orhn - nothing

Volunteer Director – Gina Calistro:

Still have 7 families have not paid their volunteer fee and did not fulfill their time – they have not tried to register.

Trusted Coaches update – working with teams to ensure everything is up to date – must be completed by January 15th

No coaches are allowed to be at a practice if TC is expired.

Traveling checks – 3 checks missing

Apparel – announce at the parent meeting

President's Report – Amy Novak:

Tournaments we want to have for 2020. Everything is approved by the city. Amy submitted for 14AA Tournament of Champions. July 17, 18, 19. We need to make sure we have enough fields.

Motion By Steve Eckes

Second by Amy Novak that ABA host the 14AA Tournament of Champions in 2020, passed without dissent.

A former player is putting together a volunteer project and is looking to collect old baseball equipment to donate to kids in need of equipment. He would like ABA to partner with him. He is looking to give to kids in Andover.

- Request a letter from this student

Clinics – need incentive for people to come to these clinics

Matt Falcon and Dave Heib

Winter clinics are hard to get in-house coaches to because coaches are not picked

Matt – clinic early March and Dave late March

Parent meeting is March 24th – In-house – each position will speak in the meeting about areas that are their responsibility.

Amy will be at the drafts for the teams this year.

Requesting spots at the school – make sure the board knows.

If a player has not turned in a volunteer check they will not get their uniform – Volunteer Director must approve.

Motion by Amy Novak:

Second by Sara Orhn and the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm. Minutes submitted by Vice President, Katie Seidenkranz.

Next meeting is Monday February 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm at DSTI in Andover, MN.