



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: September Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Fire Station

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, September 11, 2018 | 7:06 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, Gregg Schaefer, Jerry Kellman, Jayson Olson, Gary Matson, Brian Zimmer, Jenny Kemp, Gary Kemp, and Brad Kaplan

Guests: Mike Frodermann, Sam Black

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Fall baseball organization is a hot topic
- Introduction of any guests
 - Sam Black maybe interested in joining the board, coming from HALL
 - 7th grade at North
 - 4 kids at Big Willow (4th, 2nd grades)
 - Big Willow board
 1. Started with recruiting families
 2. 9/10 year olds pitching
 3. On board 5 years
 4. Web site transition with Sports Engine and Twitter
 5. Recruiting/communication
 - Mike Frodermann
 - Bennett 7th grade at West and 4th grade Colin
 - Part of travel program at Glen Lake
 1. Has a few years remaining with Glen Lake
 - Travel team coordination, tournaments, try outs
 - Played baseball through college
 - Plays man fast pitch soft ball
- Dave Stuessi left the board
- Brenda Campbell leaving as of this month
- Starting application process online for 2019 coaching positions
 - Applications are collected October
 - Names are submitted in December to prepare for January parent meeting
- Winter clinics
 - Looking at clinics open

Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- Competitive season
 - Need to determine in the spring to add a 14 team in House which struggled in 13.
 - Most 13 players to come back to next season
- No response from Big Willow or Glen Lake on pipeline for incoming players
 - Have received players from HALL

Financial Reporting – Brenda Campbell

- Monthly financials
- Added vending income at Guillian
 - \$250
- Fall ball registration
 - \$4k, with a budget of \$3500
 - No costs for fall ball yet
 - \$770 for senior fall ball
 - Umpires and field fees coming in
- YTD
 - Closing in on that
 - Up \$1500 right now
 - Last year at this time we were up \$3,300
 - Saved \$6k in uniforms not purchased
 - Facility rental went up
 - Insurance rate increased

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- General update
- Looking for mask pricing
 - Winston is working with Force3 Pro Gear to get pricing on 10-12 catcher's masks and is waiting to hear back.
 - Force3 is a company whose president Winston knows from his umpiring connections. They make umpire and catcher's masks that absorb shock and help prevent concussions.

Registration – Dana Johnson

- Fall Ball Registration updates
- Confirm Refund to Pete Lochner, for Grant Lochner
- Confirm Refund to Eric Peterson, for Zach Peterson
- Confirm Refund to Charles Roberts, for Chris Roberts
 - Fall ball and Tournament fee
- Confirm Refund to Jason Mihalakis for Insurance and Tournaments
 - Discussion on umbrella insurance and team level insurance from USAAA.
- Pricing
 - We are more expensive than competitors
 - December board meeting look at local registration rates.
 - Evaluate fee structure
 - Consider flat fee vs. adding tournament fees

Website – Dana Johnson

- Looking for someone to help
 - Sam Black is a potential assistant for web site and registration

Player Development Updates – Greg Geiser

- General update
- Clinic Planning for 2019; need to secure sites and outside organizations running the clinics
 - Met with Dan with Legion and Shaefer. Has not met with Players Only yet.
 - Last year Legion wanted both clinics.
- Space is tough for indoor domes
 - Try to host both clinics together on a week night
 - Nevers Larkin doesn't charge for the field
 - We can consider Lindbergh
 - No Sunday due to basketball
 - **Action Item** Greg Look into using Lindbergh on Saturdays
 - Edina Champions Hall
 - Busy with Lacrosse and soccer
- Legion vs. Nevers Larkin
 - Legion is more expensive by \$xx however they provided great development skills
 - Nevers Larkin doesn't charge for the facility
- Fields are reserved this time of year
- Hopkins dome
 - They would consider it
 - West is closed next year
 - Requesting community rate
- Discussed other league options
 - Braemar Dome
 - Pre-season
 - Starters in Shakopee
 - Converted Kmart with batting tunnels, catching stations, ground balls
- Reach out to Nevers Larkin who gets a few days at the dome through the Edina baseball association.

Scheduling Jayson Olson and Dave Stuessi

- General update

Fields Update – Brad Kaplan and Dave Stuessi

- General update
- City Field updates:
 - Field clean up weekend after 10/6 when MYAS is complete
 - We need to talk to city about weed killer
 - Building a BP ramp so we don't tear up the grass

Sr. League Update – Jenny Kemp and Gary Kemp

- General update
- Discussed issues with fall ball season and communications
- Jim Branch
 - Requested practice at Guillian due to game in Andover

- Jeremy indicated that Saturday afternoons are available

Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

- General update

Equipment & Uniforms – Allan Charney

- General update
- Uniforms
 - Not go with uniforms and make them nicer vs. buying \$12k worth of uniforms. We don't inventory.
 - We can buy the jerseys early without numbers and add the numbers later in the season. This can save the league money.
 - Tony Fisher with K1 Sports Gear does mostly hockey and trying to get into baseball gear.
- Equipment & Uniform returns

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- Organizational challenges & discussion
- Registration cut off August 30th with late registrants which makes it tough to organize
- We are competing with club teams
- Registration counts
 - August 20th 41 registered
- Areas of opportunity
 - Incoming 13 year olds
 - Cut off registration 2nd week of August
- Big Willow fall ball
 - Last year extended season registered in July
 - This year no fall ball season
- Glen Lake fall ball
 - Field constraints
 - Played through 11 year old Gopher state fall ball
 - Missing 12 year old field dimensions
 - Sent out email for sand lot games and skills growth
- If low numbers, send options to players to play on other teams
 - Work through players/parents to recruit more players to create a team
- Pitching net re-screens
 - Need to tighten the cords
 - 9th pocket screen is down

Round Table – Board

- Gary – Pitch count for MYAS tournaments needs further discussion
- Mike - Parent volunteers as kids age up
- Sam - Pipeline
 - HALL has a large 10 year old group which will cycle up in a few years for our league
 - Good 12 year old travel team count
 - 11 year old team has a low count
 - Glen Lake and Big Willow had to team up to create teams

- Hopkins system needs to have a good feeder system starting at the ground up
 - There have been efforts in the past with Neil Lerner with coaching clinics open to all feeder organizations. Not a good turn-out.
 - Prior Lake and Shakopee have leagues 4 years through high school

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 9, 2018; 7:00pm at the Hopkins Fire House
- Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM