



Officers

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Ryan Kapsner
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Kelly Biedscheid
Treasurer:
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Tournament Director:
Phil Tostenson
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Equipment Manager:
Marty Ray
Finance Manager:
Katie Faugstad
Umpire Coordinator:
Rose Veldhuisen
Concessions Coordinator:

Rose Veldhuisen

Steph Davis

Ryan Kapsner	X
JJ Helget	X
Kelly Terrell	X
Dan Grack	X
Warren Peterson	X
Mike Kirchoff	X
Jamie Aanenson	
Kelly Biedscheid	X
Brenda Stevermer	X
Ryan Altmann	X
Grant Poehler	X
Eric Davis	X
Marty Ray	X
Katie Faugstad	
Ashley Staunton	X
Phil Tostenson	X

Agenda

Mankato Peppers Softball Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 7:00PM @ 130 W Ruth St

- Welcome and introduction – call to order: 7:04 p.m. Ryan Kapsner
- Adoption and/or correction of the minutes of the last meeting –Voting Item – September Minutes have been posted, no changes needed. **Brenda motioned to approve, Dan 2nd, all in favor. Motion passed**
- Financial Report – Players fees are up, no outstanding items at the moment. **Kelly B motioned to approve, Kelly T 2nd, all in favor, Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

- **Tournaments:** Recruiting as many regional teams as possible. A college recruit from Northern Oklahoma will be attending the classic. We have the opportunity to host the 8u state tournament again, all agreed that we do want to. Monsta Nationals is the first week in August, do we want to host this tournament at Thomas also? Phil will be ordering port potties for Thomas and North Mankato fields at

the same time. He will work with the city to see if they will pay for them. Phil is asking that all travel teams are created so he can get the registered for the tournaments.

- **Umpires:** Nothing new to report
- **Concessions:** Nothing new to report
- **Equipment:** No maintenance needed on the gator, Ryan K received the inventory list from Marty, at this time we are going to see if the city will pay for the pitching mat for Thomas. There are still 4 bags that haven't been returned, Marty will send Kelly B the list to reach out to those coaches.
- **Travel:** 10u tryouts – 3 teams were formed this year. The new tryout process for forming teams went smooth, was able to have multiple pitchers on each team. Feedback was that the night got too long, suggestion is to maybe split it into 2 nights. 14A team has 2 pitchers for summer. 8U tryout date is tentatively March 8th, 2026 at Bethany if they it available.
- **SSL:** Will be working on getting the website language updated by the next meeting. Pitcher/Catcher tryouts are tentatively scheduled for March 8th, 2026 at Bethany if dome is available.
- **Lil Peppers:** Discussed keeping 6u and 7u together still next year. We thought it was a good idea just need to keep teams small. Will be working on the Lil Peppers website language and getting that updated by next meeting also.
- **Marketing:** Hired someone for the marketing position. They will start working more once we get the building information set.
- **Peppers Wear:** Met with Good Times, going to do a Thanksgiving online store and than an ongoing store from there. Will have flash stores with just a few items at a time. For tournaments shirts can be pre-ordered and then we will have extras to sell. Good Times is working on creating a new logo. Will start working on jerseys in January. They can create uniform packages.
- **Sponsorships:** A new form was created and passed out to help get more sponsors. Asking everyone to look for grants or different funding sources and have every board member bring 2-3 sponsorship ideas.

Old Business:

- Budget is almost complete.

New Business:

- Travel Budget: Changed to have only 2 college coach get per diem, and only the parent head coach will get paid. Budgeted for 1 8u team. With these changes we went from a \$20k loss down to \$680.
JJ motioned to approve the travel budge, Mike K 2nd, all in favor. Motion Passed.
- Entire Budget: Now with travel budget set, the entire budget is positive \$15k.
Dan motioned to approve the final budget, Ryan A 2nd, all in favor. Motion Passed.
- Dome ball: We are going to ask West and East to run a clinic to raise money for their dome ball fees.
- Bylaw changes: 4 officers will sign at the beginnig of the year when all positions are elected.
- New Committees: The new committees will be Social Media, Uniforms and Building.
- Meeting with Claudia: Parking at the Classic was discussed, the city will provide cones and ropes will need to contact them prior to the tournament to have them put up. Port Potties will be at Thomas and Jaycee going forward. Claudia would like practices times filled in on the live spreadsheet with team information. There are 4 fobs for Thomas, Ryan K, Stephanie, Phil and Ashley have them.
- Bethany/MSU: MSU is available 8-11am on Saturdays, \$100 per field, Bethany is \$150 per hour.
- Uniform Design: Good Times is going to create mockup in January, we will be getting players feedback.

- Background Checks – Must do background checks on head coaches and assistants, they will all need to do safesport and concussion also.
- Clinic Ideas – Bella really wants to help, will be working with Jamie’s team this summer. Habanero’s players will host a couple clinics. If you have any ideas send them to Ryan K to compile.
- Building Update: Meeting was held at the location of the possible lease. The board toured the facility discussed plans on how things were going to be laid out with removing the offices, installing tuff, 2 batting cages and 2 pitching lanes.

Dan motioned to approve signing the rental agreement for 130 W Ruth St, Mankato, MN 56001 for a 5 year lease, Grant 2nd, all in favor. Motion Passed.

JJ motioned to approve to utilize the \$40,000 CD for construction costs in 30 days if needed, Brenda 2nd, all in favor. Motion passed.

- Additional discussion:

Ryan K motioned to refund Landkamer’s player fees, Dan 2nd, all in favor. Motion passed.

- **Adjournment: Brenda motioned to adjourn at 9:28pm, Ryan A 2nd. Next meeting November 19th, at Wow Zone, 7pm.**