



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: November Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Fire Department

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date / time Tuesday, November 12, 2019 | 7:25 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, Diane Relan, Mike Frodermann, Gregg Schaefer, Janal Petersen, Stephanie Shatirishvili, Chad Shaw, Tony Tomanek, Gary Matson, Kathy Provenzano, and Sam Black

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes

The October Meeting Minutes were presented and approved without corrections.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Introduction of any guests
 - There were no guests at this meeting.
- The following new board members were approved.
 - Stephanie Shatirishvili – voted and approved as the Secretary
 - Chad Shaw – voted and approved as the Co-Equipment Manager
 - Tony Tomanek – voted and approved as the Co-Equipment Manager
 - Tim Wilcox – voted and approved as the Field Coordinator position
- Meetings will continue at the Fire Station next month, Chris will speak to coordinator regarding this week's room reservation issue

Financial Reporting – Diane Relan

- Monthly financials
 - October 31ST was year end
 - Net loss of about \$11k
 - Revenue was down \$15k from 2018.
 - Currently there are two bank accounts for HBA, Americana in Chanhassen and First Community. Discussion regarding accounts. Motion to close the Americana account and transfer all funds and banking to First Community; 2nd and carries.
 - Discussion regarding second signer held, Brenda to be removed from as the second signer and Sam to be added. Motion, 2nd and carries.
 - General discussion regarding financials. There are fewer players coming into the program, expectation of 35-40 new players. 12-year old is larger, 13 is smaller. Equipment purchases and uniforms were discussed. Uniforms were included in the registration fees, no new uniforms were/needed.
 - Grant: Grant for tractor, turf and nets, \$2000 HBA obligation, grant approval for \$9,866.

Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- Tournaments are posting. There will be 4 tournaments for each team.
- Discussion regarding number of players (9), batting status quo, 9 batter lines-ups.
- Coaches will have input on tournament selection.
- Travel Coaches needed: 1 13's coach; 3, 14's coaches; 1 15's coach.
- Coach selection process managed by the Player Development Coordinator, Travel Coordinator, VP and President. Presentation of the coaches selected will be made to the board.
- Discussion regarding Dome and gym opportunities. \$20/session or \$150 for all.
- \$590 was the fee for the season, all levels. Regular season installments offered resulting in more fees being collected. Net Loss of \$11,000. Discussion regarding fundraising, increasing fees, reducing the number of tournaments. Suggestion made for a reduction to 1 State tournament and families of that team could fund a 2nd tournament. The Coach would need to agree.
- Plans to pay for 3 tournaments discussion, Gopher State opening Jan 10th.
- No Cut Policy

Majors/Prep Program – OPEN POSITION

- No update
- Majors Prep Coordinator needed.

Website and Registration – Sam Black

- Registration conversation: Registration to be available on the website on or around the same time as the parent meeting in January. 2-weeks' notice to SportsEngine.
- Need to determine the 2020 registration fee in coming months.

Communication – Sam Black

- Email blasts have gone out to incoming players and current players asking for Board Member volunteers. The response has been very good.
- The incoming player email blast have been received and feedback has been good on keeping incoming informed of league activities.

Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

- Fundraising ideas such as the Big Willow Fall Community Days.

Player Development Updates – Mike Frodermann

- Winter Clinics:
 - See schedule. Domes to be used when possible for better instruction with fly balls, ground balls. 11 clinics to be offered, over the 8 offered last year. Legion and HHS to be providing a proposal for clinics. Clinics are a very important part of the team selection process. Discussion regarding the dates. Motion to reserve domes for the February 29th and March 7th, 2nd/carries. Budgeting to be updated to reflect additional clinics. Communication blast to HBA community for involvement.
- Tryouts:
 - Discussion, Motion to move tryouts to March 14th, 2nd/carries.
- Batting Practice opportunities to begin Dec. 1st 7-8:30

- High School preseason workouts start Monday, March 9th. Tryouts starting March 16th.

Scheduling Jayson Olson and Kathy Provenzano

- Coordinate for clinic reservations, gym reservations.

Fields Update – Tim Wilcox

- Field Clean-up completed.
- West Junior High full-size field not likely to be completed for use this year.

Sr. League Update – Gary Matson

- Suggestion made to email 15's players not playing on the Legion team and 16's players to make sure they are aware of the Senior League.
- Consider a single Tournament Team or a Legion 1A program.

Fall Ball Update – Sam Black

- Successful Fall Ball season. Enrollment was up.
- Discussion to increase fees for Fall ball from \$95 to \$100 to help cover scholarship requests.

Equipment & Uniforms – Chris Johnson

- Uniforms, white pants to be purchased by players. Jersey and hats are included in registration fees. Suggestion to players to have blue helmets. Possibly to get HBA stickers to place on helmets.
- No bat demo this year
- Inventory of equipment; Tees, weights, bags, catcher's bags and Logo baseballs.

Important Topics – Board

- Grant Update: \$2000 HBA obligation, City of Minnetonka approved \$9866 for tractor, nets
- Field use: Club versus Association use of fields. Priority to Association, consideration to Clubs needing to use fields.

Round Table – Board

- Thank you Brenda for all of your years of service!
- Marketing-Eagle Ridge Academy looking to partner with Community Association. Discussion to add Eagle Ridge to mailing list. Contact Blake students as part of our community.
- Building Community, more inter-organization fellowship.
- MBL- 16 League Games, some league travel, added time limit of 2.25 hours-no hard stops/playoffs unlimited. Pitch Count instead of innings. Certified Chest protectors highly recommended for catchers, not required. Umpires, some paid.
- MYAS-meeting information discussion. Additional information to be presented.
- Chris announced his son will be playing elsewhere. Offered to continue as a board member/organization help but will be stepping down as President.

Future Meeting Topics – Board

- Marketing to incoming players
- Fee discussion
- MYAS Club meeting from Sunday-Club and League

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 10, 2019; 7:00pm at Hopkins Fire Station
- Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm