

August 9th, 2024
OSA Board Meeting Via Zoom

Attendees:

Brandon Oslund
Anne Hess
Erika Kastamo
Jamie Bishop
Cami Dahlstrom
Brette Esterbrooks
Ryan Hartneck

Not in attendance:

Amy Kubista
Brandon Schliinz
Lindsey Stevens

Approval of June Minutes- Davida motions to approve both sets of meeting minutes. Toby seconds. All in favor.

Toby- Finances

Toby shares detailed financial information and budget updates. We currently have around 30k in our savings account. Money is just compounding and while it feels like a surplus, we have all the year's revenue in, and we have a lot of expenses coming up.

Fields, uniforms, umpires, insurance, dome rental, etc will be about 37k

We are in good shape, from a budget standpoint. Toby is going to send out the spreadsheet on finances.

FYI, P3 is under new ownership and rentals are tbd for 2024. There is clarification from last year's spending and the winter team is responsible for the amount in question. We also have a credit from p3 for pre tryouts and a canceled winter clinic session.

Ryan has offered to reach out to the previous GM to see if we can get squared away on past credits.

Cami applied and was approved for a \$2,000 Twins grant for a youth coach. The requirements are the coach has to be in high school or college. We could hire somebody for fall or use it if we have a 14U team. The paperwork needs to be submitted by 9/15 so we will need to finalize our coaching staff. We can also split the grant between coaches. It is decided that we will use the grant money towards Cami's 16U coach from this past summer.

Anne- Uniforms

They are in! She still needs to organize sweatshirts and jerseys. New players can purchase Amazon or Dicks for pants. Send all new players Anne's way if they need assistance with uniforms.

Amy- Fields Update

Amy is absent from the meeting. We haven't paid any fees this year. There will be no soccer at DC this fall. Hackberry in LL is in the process of making their t ball fields into a soccer, park, and softball field. We are in the process of communicating with them.

David- REC

Coach pitch feedback was really positive.

REC survey responses were limited and two of the responses were negative. There are a lot of girls from the REC team that are playing fall ball. The REC team opted not to go to the state tournament and chose not to play double headers at the end of the season.

This is the second year we have created an 8U experienced team, the first year we have had tryouts. Rockford and Delano put their REC teams into MN softball because Wayzata didn't have a REC league.

8U competition has improved and there is a huge skill differential. It was the first year MN softball has done an A team. There is a discussion about the difference between registering a REC team vs. a travel team. Brandon is going to bring feedback to MN softball about developing a B, C, or REC league for the REC teams to play in.

Brandon O.- Travel Program Updates/Summer Recap

Competition committee updates- the goal was to play 500 softball for 10/12U. In league play most of our teams were right around 500. The teams that we put together did what they were supposed to do, from a competitiveness perspective. The team formation essentially did what the competition committee requested. The competition was more in line across the league. There were only two other associations whose 8,10, and 12U teams were in tier 1. Orono is turning out some good teams. The more competitive our program gets, the more players who are going to turn club.

Brandon agrees with the feedback that we need better coaches and more coach mentoring. Fall Ball meeting recap- we did not get to choose NW or SW. They are going to form the quadrants and hopefully get A teams playing A teams etc. 750 teams registered for fall, but more still need to do so. We have an A team at every level and we have everyone else registered as a B team. It's an open league so you can play all levels. Erika is going to push out summer survey results.

Ryan- Player Development

Hit Dawg's softball business is growing and baseball is struggling. Lisa is looking to expand and possibly offer more opportunities. Lisa has stated that she would stay true to what she has offered to us in the past.

We are able to offer roving instruction for 10/12U for a full practice. Most coaches asked her to run practice for us to learn from her. Others used her to evaluate hitters. Ryan is looking to push out a schedule to coaches and is waiting to hear on a proposed schedule.

Last year we paid her \$1500 for 11 practices/22 hours. Ryan proposed to keep the payment amount the same. Last year we did not include 8U, but there is talk of how we will divide her time this fall. This year we have more 12U teams, and we need to know if we are going to have a 14U team. At this point we do not have a 16U team. There is a deadline of 8/10 to decide.

This year we have a total of 10 teams and everyone could have her once. We discussed only having the 8U A team have her and Ryan is going to come up with some ideas on how to use her.

We voted on roving fall practice in a value of up to \$1500 distributed fairly among all teams. David approves, all in favor, approved.

Off Season Winter Clinics - Lisa agreed to run back what we had done in years prior. 8U did a half hour of pitching and defense. There is conversation about how much we can use Lisa, how much she can offer us, and what her coaching preferences and aspirations are.

Cami brings up the coaching staff differences between TC fastpitch and Hit Dawg. Anne suggests that we think about having both clubs support us this off season.

There are no updates on winter clinics as P3 is TBD.

New Business

108 girls registered for fall ball this season- the most ever! Kudos to all the coaches and board members.

Shed cleaning and equipment distribution update- bags look good. We will need to order balls for spring. All the 11" balls have been distributed and everyone has game balls, but there is nothing extra. 5 dozen extra 12" balls. From a finance standpoint, Toby approved an order for balls for the 2024 season. He budgeted equipment money for the fall. We need to get 18 dozen 11 inch balls for spring and fall 2024. We need to order 7 dozen 12 inch balls. The average cost is 65 or 75 dollars a dozen.

All of the fall equipment is labeled and the coaches just need to stop and pick them up. Anne will bring jerseys and sweatshirts to practice.

Practices start next week.

Sundays are reserved starting in January for winter clinics.

Sunday February 25th pre tryouts at P3

Sunday March 3rd tryouts at P3

We need to start conversations with P3 about what is happening, and we need to think about an alternate space like the Activities Center. Ryan suggested we think about a contingency dome location like Wayzata or Maple Grove.

Several board members- Brandon S., Brandon O., Amy, Erika, and Ryan are stepping down and will not be seeking reelection this fall. Their last board meetings will be in October.

Davida motions to adjourn the meeting. Ryan seconds. Meeting adjourned.