

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Apr 13th, 2025 7:02 pm Legion & Zoom

Meeting called by	Amanda McGibbon
Type of meeting	CAA Diamond Sports Apr25 Board Meeting
Note taker	Amanda McGibbon
Members present/online	Dwayne Archuleta, Matt Birkenholz, Brett Sweek, Alicia Kockler, Kelli Hallstrom, Kelli Strauss, Jeff Kraemer, Julie Vasatka, Nick Hansgen, Ryan Herdrich, Ryan Check
Members absent	Jerry Orcutt, Pat Kasid, Kim Flottmeier, Nate Hanson, Shane Wasserman, Tom O'Neill, Todd Johnson

AGENDA ITEMS

Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Presenter	Amanda McGibbon
Discussion	March Minutes Approved

President Report

Presenter	Brett Sween on behalf of Jerry Orcutt
	<p>D-bat opening in Chaska next month – on 4/28 – could be a good option for both softball and baseball</p> <p>SCSU hosting a baseball/softball camp at Lake Ann in June, flyer coming</p> <p>No update from big CAA meeting</p> <p>Diamond Sports not meeting in May, June, or July – please use email to stay in touch as we get the season going</p> <p>Annual October meeting – timing isn't idea as it's right after the teams get posted. Perhaps move to December and use it more as a "year in review / preview for next year" – no decision to make today, just soliciting opinions. Perhaps November so we don't have another December event.</p>

Treasurer Report

Presenter	Alicia Kockler
	<p>Sent out Excel financials prior to this meeting, please review and let Alicia know if anything needs to be coded differently.</p> <p>We are halfway through fiscal year. Shortfalls in income are community baseball, in-house baseball, and travel softball.</p> <p>Expense overages are baseball equipment, tournament entry fees, and travel uniforms. We should have a big uniform savings because of our issues with the button-up last year, Nick to follow up with EdgeTek as we haven't seen that savings come through yet.</p>

BOC Report

Presenter	Nick Hansgen
	<p>Community & 5-8 programs looking good, a bit down numbers-wise but not much.</p> <p>Conversations being had about raising umpire rate/hour for next year (not this year as budgets are already set.) We don't have a shortage of umpires so will keep that in mind.</p> <p>Next year, we will have a split between 9IH and 9 Travel. 9IH will be like the Southwest Community program where we play local teams, just don't have tournaments.</p> <p>Age/grade policy for 9's – had a few 8 year olds register this year but we said no, they needed to say in Majors.</p>

	<p>Working well with high school program, have dedicated dates for each age group to be recognized. Plus the CAA Youth Night.</p> <p>May 12th picture day for 5-8 and 9IH and Community programs.</p> <p>P2P is hosting a fall tournament at Lake Ann this year and asked if CAA kids could be paid field crew and have us host the concession stand as well. Would give more volunteer opportunities in the fall, which would be nice. Amanda thinks we can fill the volunteer slots as people like to get them in early before the season starts and this will be for 2026 season.</p> <p>BOC members that are coaches are going to pass their merchandise credits on to other coaches so we can get more merch out in the wild.</p> <p>Will be working on how to best partner with the Legion program.</p> <p>Starting to pre-plan for our travel registration fees & dates, hope to have it open by July 1.</p>
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SOC Report

Presenter	Brett Sween
	<p>Registrations closed, all teams rostered, coaches have equipment. First game is Monday, April 28th.</p> <p>We are one team short of last season.</p> <p>14U/16U program development is continuing to progress. Format is finalized with Chaska and they've finalized what costs will likely be, which indicates we will be trying to get paid coaches. Spread the word if you know of anybody that may be interested, college-age or up! \$5,500-\$6,000 for two coaches (head and assistant). Cost baked into registration. Fall, Summer, Off-season in one package, \$1,200-\$1,400 will be total cost. Considerably less than club ball.</p> <p>Biggest open questions are about tournaments, waiting on some responses from Tom. (Concessions, volunteer shifts, field prep crews.)</p> <p>Brett managed the field scheduling process and did it a bit different this year, had coaches submit input to him and he consolidated and assigned times/fields. It went really well. Perhaps need to think about dedicating fields specifically to softball and specifically to baseball.</p>

Volunteer Checks

Presenter	Amanda McGibbon
	<p>Not ready to present, will send out an email when finished compiling volunteer check info.</p> <p>May have a uniform day for 5-8 and Community if uniforms are in. Will keep Amanda in the loop to schedule volunteer shifts if there is time.</p>

Other Topics

	<p>Dwayne A – last part of Scheel's gift cards have been allocated out, he's picking up more this week.</p> <p>Matt B – doing Chan High School stadium series again, got permits.</p> <p>Jeff K – Nick and Jeff met with Luke at City, still waiting on some updates from Luke but overall it was a good meeting. Jeff will send out a general update once he gets info back from City.</p> <p>Awaiting final timeline from City on shed project.</p> <p>Jeff applied for a grant through the MN Twins Community Fund, he found out on Friday our grant was approved! We will have access to \$15,000 in grant money to use for field renovations. He had specified in application: infield renovations to Lake Ann Fields 2 & 3. Matching grant, Twins will match our contribution up to \$15,000. Jeff will keep us updated on plans and he hopes to get field renovations started in the fall after the season ends.</p> <p>Field Day is next Saturday, 4/19, from 10-12. Board members are encouraged to attend to help direct volunteers at the different sites if available.</p>
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	It'd be great if Board members help out at tournaments this summer if free, thank the volunteers at the tournaments you are at, etc.
Presenter	Amanda McGibbon
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