



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: October Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 09, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Fire Station

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, October 9, 2018 | 7:05 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, Allan Charney and Brad Kaplan

Guests: Mike Frodermann, Sam Black

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- We have received two coaching applications so far. Interviews will take place in time to present the selection committees choice for the December Board Meeting.
- Reaching out to feeder programs to get a list of potential players and contact information.
- Parenting Meeting needs to be planned and a date determined.
- We need fill open Board Positions, especially that of the Treasurer.

Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- MBL Travel Directors Meeting
- Rule Changes (Rules Committee) Proposed
 - 14s: continuous batting, etc. regular season; 9-man during tournaments
 - Pitch count regulations are thought to be too lenient by some too restrictive by others; find a way to tighten them, all levels
 - Rules Committee meeting TBD
 - Number of games will stay the same
- Umpire shortage – economic are part of the thought why
- Changing the ball, safer ball a little bit “more-dead” (proposal)
- Scheduling meeting getting moved to Rosemount
- MYAS expected to continue with USSSA Bat, no change to MBL

Financial Reporting – Brenda Campbell

- Monthly financials
- October 31ST is Year End
- Will start putting together for Budget for next year
- Insurance is \$2000 higher than last
 - Chris to investigate why

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- No updates

Registration – Chris Johnson

- Plan to discuss cost and payment options at November Board Meeting

Website – Sam Black

- Motioned, approved and confirmed Sam Black as the Website Coordinator.

Player Development Updates – Greg Geiser

- Met with the Legion/Dan McGie regarding clinics for this year. The Legion would like the opportunity to do both our Winter Clinic and Player Clinics. I communicated that their price last year for both was way too high; especially when we need to pay the facility fees on top. He agreed and is working on a new proposal including facilities, which they will book and schedule. Won't be broken up into player and winter clinics and will utilize the Lindbergh and Braemar Dome as facilities; likely 6 dates at Lindbergh and 2 at Dome. Provided our clinic expense of \$8,500 as the budget we would likely be able to pay.
- Legion would also like to continue to be involved with our evaluations as that is also an additional fund raiser for them.
- The SLP Town Team will do the 15U tryouts
- Began discussion with NLB on a concurrent path as they did clinic last year.
- Will meet with Player Development committee when I receive the proposals.
- Need to determine tryout date/times and look for space to conduct the tryouts. Last year utilized 10 Dome, but would like to use a space with a cage; possibly Lindbergh center?
 - Conflicting Basketball dates are unknown currently.

Scheduling Jayson Olson

- Need to confirm Greg Geiser has access to the Hopkins facilities for tryouts and clinic availability

Fields Update – Brad Kaplan

- Saturday 10am field fall cleanup
- City will handle backstop netting
- Water shutdown in two weeks
- Parking lots being redone on the east side, tar on west side
- Dugout helmet cubbies should be explored

Sr. League Update – Jenny Kemp and Gary Kemp

- Jenny will do registration set up with the following suggestions:
 - Cut off the registration earlier than we did this past year so we're not scrambling to create teams. It doesn't mean we can't add some late signups, but we need to use a cut-off date two weeks before registration is due to MYAS and base our team selections on what we have for registration up to that point.

- Include one tournament per team as part of the registration. If we need to increase the registration fee per player to do so, parents/kids would see value in that and it would be one less thing for the coach/assistant to deal with mid-season when it gets extra busy.
- Coaches for the Sr. League will be required to interview via same process as the 13-15U HBA teams
- Motioned, approved and confirmed the Sr. League to become a permanent part of the league

Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

- No update

Equipment & Uniforms – Allan Charney

- Allan working through sorting jerseys
 - Missing some jerseys
 - Propose providing jerseys for all players next season
- Nets for L-Screen need to be purchased
- “No soft toss” into the fence need to be added for next season
- Portable pitching mound for on field batting practice should be made
- Tri-fold net to be considered for next season
- Investigate new batting cage turf for sure power wash the current turf

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- Finished Sunday. Short players on one team too many on the 13yo team.
- No complaints except poor organization to start the team.
- Considered adding Mike Frodermann as the Fall Ball Coordinator

Round Table – Board

- Motioned, approved and confirmed Mike Frodermann to the Board, role undecided.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 13, 2018; 7:00pm at the Hopkins Fire House
- Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM