

OSA Board Meeting  
February 14, 2023

**Attendees:**

Ryan Hartneck  
Erika Kastamo  
Brandon Oslund  
Anne Hess  
Davida Suiter  
Jamie Bishop  
Brandon Schliinz  
Lindsey Stevens  
Cami Dahlstrom  
Brette Esterbrooks

**Not in attendance:**

Amy Kubista  
Toby Tyler

David moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Ryan seconds.

**Toby- Finances**

Toby was not in attendance, but joined by phone. He shared detailed income statements and information related to the funds in OSA accounts.

**Brandon O - Travel Updates**

Team formation conversation about integrity and continuity within and across the board.

Brandon presents OSA team formation board member expectations. There is conversation about how the board feels about the expectations, and there is a general consensus and agreement that it is a good start. Brandon shares a document with considerations for 2023 at all age levels.

8U- Erika shares current enrollment numbers for 8U and the anticipation for three travel teams and a REC team. There is talk of what would happen if there was a need for a 5th team, and we determined there would be scheduling and field issues, but we would cross that bridge when we get to it.

There is a discussion about how and whether to hold 8U tryouts. We decided to hold off on 8U tryouts until after registration has closed and see if we need to hold the tryouts based on the number of 2014 registrations.

10U- So far there are three anticipated teams- A, B, C. We will consider the league recommendations when it comes to forming teams. Top 5 players are locked into the A team.

12U- 3 teams anticipated- A, B, C. There is discussion about the need to update language to about *how many* players are locked into the A team including or not including the pitchers and catchers. Brandon is going to work on the verbiage and send something out.

Other- Age change to 9/1- It is a recommendation for the 23/24 season that players who would've moved up to the next level in the fall have the choice to do so. Cami makes a motion to communicate in June that we will have a "one year only special circumstantial policy" that allows families to make the choice. Ann seconds.

Fall season- TBD on 12U competitive teams and fall team formation. There is a conversation about how to make competition more equally balanced.

### **Ann- Uniforms**

Uniform site is ready. Uniforms and swag will be available at pre tryouts. Numbers will be assigned as pre tryouts and tryouts. 8U will have numbers assigned at the same time. Practice shirt contest communication is ready to be pushed out. Ann is going to draft communication for the shirt designing contest.

### **Brandon S- Sponsorship updates**

There is conversation about how to offer our sponsors a chance to set up a table at picture night. Erika is going to secure the cafeteria for a back up meeting space for parents and Brandon is going to email our sponsors with the opportunity to have a table.

Picture Night - April 28th

### **David- Try Softball Night**

Lindsay is going to market Try Softball Night on social media, but we need additional ways to reach new followers. Lindsay is going to create a flier, and David is going to push it out to "Parents of Orono Spartans" facebook pages.

Meet and Greet at the beginning of the event. Sign in sheet, swag, registration flier, snack and water.

### **Amy- Fields Update**

Gym is reserved for all of April. M/W- OAC, T/TH- MS

Fields are set for summer.

Ann and Cami attended a meeting in Independence about the proposed field development. Start date Fall 2024. We need a subcommittee to start raising money. They are interested in exchanging maintenance services for money.

Subcommittee- Ann, Cami, Brandon O., Brandon S., Erika

### **Brette- Website/Registration Updates**

Registration went smoothly. 8U did not have the option to say you wanted to be with a friend and there was some confusion with the new verbiage.

### **Ryan- Player Development**

60 participants per week during winter clinics. High school players have been compensated in gift cards. We need to think about how to utilize them better in the future. We have some credit for the canceled week.

Coaches training/meeting- Twins clinic- Common/recurring theme is how to teach kids how to throw and play catch properly. Common theme- creating a culture within your program.

Coaches Clinic- Ryan proposed an idea of running a coaches clinic at Hit Dawg once teams are set. The options include running a clinic with a schedule or without.

TC Fastpitch clinic to run again this summer- July 10th and 11th. There is conversation about tiering the programming based on skill and age level and utilizing the coaches in a different way.

### **Erika- New Business**

We have over 100 registrants for the spring season.

OSA youth date at a varsity game- We requested the last weekly home game in April.

Parent Meeting- Sunday the 19th 5:00-6:00 - no players. Erika will add the information to the website and we will invite all age levels 8U and up.

Coaches meeting- April 10th

Leadership training- 12U/14U- TBD

We need to start thinking about what we want to request the school to do to maintain all the fields. Fee list available online for all community programs to use the fields. We want a signed list or agreement for a field contract. Toby agrees to draft a service level agreement. He will include some ideas on how it will be resolved. We agree to use the fields, but we want a contract. If they are not willing to negotiate the price it gives us leverage or options for the agreement.

Scholarship information criteria is available. There are proposed changes to the criteria including the addition of the board taking an active role in choosing a recipient.

Cami is looking into her players attending an umpire clinic and get them involved and giving back to the community.

Cami's team is M/W and she is offering her players to help with T/TH practices.

Brandon O makes a motion to adjourn, Davida seconded the meeting.