



Meeting called by	Jerry Orcutt
Type of meeting	CAA Diamond Sports Annual Board Meeting
Note taker	Kelli Hallstrom
Members present	,Nate Hanson, Nick Hansgen, Todd Johnson, Jeff Kraemer, Dwayne Archuleta, Matt Birkenholtz, Amanda McGibbon, Julie Vastka, Kelli Hallstrom, Alicia Kockler, Brett Sween, Kelli Strauss, Megan Dunham, Shane Wasserman, Ryan Check,
Members absent	Tom O'Neill, Pat Kasid, Kim Flottmier, Ryan Herdrich
Presenter	Kelli Hallstrom
Discussion	December Minutes Approved
Presenter	Jerry Orcutt
	Reminder from the Board that facility requests need to go through the proper channels as long as check requests. Make sure to go through Alicia. Big board is going to have a meeting. February meeting is Superbowl Sunday, so moving to 2/1.
Presenter	Alicia Kockler
	All financials from 2024 and budgets for 2025 are set. Email Alicia with any changes or updates. Planning to be profitable for 2025 as of current budget. May need an update with the total number of tournaments in 2025. Three baseball tournaments and unsure how many softball. Should there be any additional costs in there for other costs? Adding to the budget to get a better idea of where we will be at. More 14/15 teams and possibility of 16-18 teams. There are six and up to seven teams this year which may create an issue to get the teams playing on fields. Might need to look at paying for fields. Carver may be available, but we may need to look at other cities or think creatively. Nick will get the ball rolling with that. Budget a field fee for the older groups going forward.
Presenter	Nick Hansgen

	<p>Approved the purchases of \$25k for purchases. Some shared items with softball. Baseball teams have time scheduled.</p> <p>Piloting a new process for head coaches to schedule fields/cages/dome time for their teams. Each team's coach will be invoiced.</p> <p>Majority of the teams are registered for tournaments. Thanks to TJ and Kim for the hard work! Piloting partnership with the 9's teams. This will be the last year using 9's and in-house blend. We have been about three in-house teams only. This year we will look at mixing with some additional teams in the area. Eden Prairie is in for sure. Will be a good test run for the future as we move to MBL tournament teams for 9U. Field scheduling – reach out to schedulers.</p> <p>Working on a more dedicated committee to work with the HS program. Looking for support on both sides.</p>
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Presenter	Brett Sween
	<p>.Final registration is up for the travel teams as of 1/11. 8U and K-1-2 registrations up this week. Asking for feedback as part of the registration process.</p> <p>Starting pre-season practices in the 1st week of February at Chaska HS. Tried an al-a-carte program for some cage time with the HS teams. Our 8U/10U has been great showing up. Working on engaging with the HS team.</p>

	14 U collaboration with Chaska potential. Restarting those conversations. Working on a more formal and long-standing program. Feeling optimistic about the possibility. Also looking at exploring rec options for the older girls. Website needs an overhaul and will be tackling this over the Spring.
	<p>The softball tournaments are in question. The MN softball group has moved everything up creating an issue for us timing wise. We should know additional information this week after the director's meeting. All softball reps are coaching teams, so it's creating a logistical issue, but we value the revenue. The goal is to be able to host a 12U qualifier.</p> <p>Checking on 8U games for chalking or not.</p> <p>Working on a better scheduling process.</p>

Presenter	Megan Dunham
	<p>.Approach for leveraging SE. The edit capabilities have been difficult. CCHA uses another scheduling process. Thinking we may need to pursue another option.</p> <p>Need dates defined from each grouping. When are we going to get everything to create dates/get practices/etc? When are we doing team events for the younger kids? When does softball start? When are we scheduling league games? We need a good cadence.</p> <p>Chalking and Umping. Are we scheduling another training?</p> <p>Need a better handle on equipment needs. Tournament volunteer?</p> <p>2025 Budgeted Payroll questions and clarification.</p> <p>We need to explore options to help make this work better for scheduling..</p>

Presenter	Dwayne Archuleta
	<p>Signed a new deal, and we are both thrilled!!</p> <p>Signage is part of the deal.</p> <p>Wealth Guidance is also on board.</p>

Presenter	Brett Sween
	<p>.Looking at the rec/in-house/K-1-2 programs and how we market them. Have used the Peach-Jar advertising, signs around the city, and general communication through our communications people. No newspaper. Community Ed isn't great for registration. Possibility of local churches. Add basketball groups too for registrations? Other Chan</p>

	events with people.
Presenter	Shane Wasserman
	.MLB changed their guidance a year ago. USA Baseball has a different take on the requirement, but we are not under their governing body. We don't need updated yearly background checks according to MBL/MYAS. Anybody like our association must offer training for safe sport. There were no renewals dictated. In-house softball is not under MN Softball rules. All items will be on the same cadence with a common baseline of three years for coaches/managers/other helpers in close contact with the kids.
	Amanda is still working on finding a person to help and is hoping to have her shadow. Luke at the city is working on putting documents in front of the city for approval so we can order and schedule the sheds.
Presenter	Jerry Orcutt
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