

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Dec 14th, 2025 7:04pm Legion & Zoom

Meeting called by	Ryan Check
Type of meeting	CAA Diamond Sports Annual Board Meeting
Note taker	Kelli Hallstrom
Members present/online	Kelli Hallstrom, Nick Hansgen, Jeff Kraemer, Todd Johnson, Matt Birkenholtz, Dwayne Archuleta, Chelsea Folta, Clint Bitting, Amanda McGibbon, Bob Brophy, Tracy Rothstein, Julie Vastka, Nate Hanson, Brett Sween, Bob Brophy, Michael Stafford, Liza Hanson
Members absent	Ben Hendrickson, Parker, Alicia Kockler, Ryan Check, Mike Miller,

AGENDA ITEMS

Previous Month Meeting Minutes

Presenter	Kelli Hallstrom
Discussion	November Minutes Approved

President Report

Presenter	Ryan Check – Via Email
	<p>INTRO & GOODBYE TO JERRY > Jerry introduced me and handed me off the Big Board--thanks, Jerry!</p> <p>LAKE ANN > Jeff's Lake Ann capital project update was very well received by the Board--they're interested to hear the next update about what the City is willing to contribute to the effort.</p> <p>CAPITAL PROJECTS > Going forward, the strong advice was to include any capital project in the budget, when possible. In those cases, the project can proceed under the approved amounts without further input, giving the Diamond Sports team maximum flexibility. > If we come up with a project mid-year, we should bring it to the Big Board for sign-off if it's over \$10K. > I will be following up with John to better understand Diamond-dedicated funds that we could consider for larger projects--needs a side-by-side deep-dive, I think.</p> <p>PAID TOURNEY DIRECTOR ROLE > John was very supportive of the paid tourney director role for Chan Challenge and approved it to proceed before the Big Board meeting. > Big Board agreed that a modest spend on a director is a no-brainer, given the ROI we generate. > CAA Hoops moved to a paid tourney director role last year, and said they'd be happy to share anything from their experience that would be helpful. They've gotten creative with spreading a total budget around to a few key helpers, rather than just the whole fee to one person. Seems worth connecting our team with theirs to download anything that might be helpful.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING > Monday, Feb. 9</p>

Treasurer Report

Presenter	Alicia Kockler – Via Email
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal year 24-25 closed September 30th Total CAA Diamond Sports Income was \$388k

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included \$60k earned from hosted tournaments • Total CAA Diamond Sports Expenses were \$381k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes over \$61k spent to update equipment for the teams. • Total profit was \$7k • We are utilizing profits from prior year funds to place equipment sheds at Lake Ann and Bandimere to continue to invest back into the program. • All stipends for last fiscal year were completed after our November meeting via a refund for registrations for 25-26 for those who elected it. • I'm still waiting on a few 25-26 forms to be completed and will reach out to those board members separately. I need them even if people are not electing the stipend.
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BOC Report	
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Presenter	Nick Hansgen
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	<p>Chan Challenge. Well over ¾ of the teams. Received both Gopher State and MBT bids.</p> <p>Updating fundraising policy. Looking to make it more flexible so all teams can participate more fairly. Goal is to give more proactive advice to 12U teams going forward.</p> <p>Finalized tryout dates August 29 and 30. Moved to a 2-day tryout. No makeup date.</p> <p>Working through the coach's evaluation process. Streamlining process so that it's consistent across the board.</p> <p>Making plans for Lake Ann.</p>
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SOC Report	
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Presenter	Brett Sween
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	<p>Planning to put K-1-2 and 8U registrations open before the end of the month. Working to get it out with baseball.</p> <p>Hosted tournaments - still trying to find someone to help run it. Would like to still host a tournament. Looking at alternative options if a tournament is not possible. Focused more on a hosted tournament for the CAA teams and others.</p> <p>Working through payment for a 2024 hosted tournament.</p> <p>Using Chaska HS gym for preseason. Starting Feb 15th.</p>
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Registration Fees	
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Presenter	Nick Hansgen
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	<p>Great momentum with capital projects. Looking at incorporating an increase going forward dedicated to capital projects. What is a reasonable amount? Need to have a specific capital plan to talk to families about. Really important to get on the same page as what we are going to accomplish from capital. BOC and SOC are going to take the list back to teams to ensure we are comfortable for January's meeting. Need clarity on costs overall and timeline.</p>
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Board Stipend Update & Vote	
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Presenter	Alicia Kockler/Nate Hanson
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	Prior was covering all kids in each family. Motion to cover all registration fees up to \$600. Unanimously approved.
Sheds & Lake Ann Renovation Project	
Presenter	Jeff Kraemer/Clint Bitting
	<p>We were able to get another \$15k donation from MBL. Still working with the city to see if we can get any additional funds through them. Hoping to get everything wrapped up by February for a start date in March/April. Might have a couple of fields out of commission the first week or two of the season. Hoping that we can push through some other projects in the future at other fields in Chanhassen. We are working on setting expectations for maintenance as we move forward year over year.</p> <p>Also need to consider improving Victoria fields.</p> <p>Shed are complete.</p>
Other Topics	
	Zoom meeting for January Meeting.
Presenter	Kelli Hallstrom
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