

OSA Board Meeting
January 10th, 2023

Attendees:

Ryan Hartneck
Erika Kastamo
Brandon Oslund
Anne Hess
Davida Suiter
Jamie Bishop
Brandon Schliinz

Not in attendance:

Lindsey Stevens
Cami Dahlstrom
Brette Esterbrooks

Toby motions to approve December meeting minutes. Ann seconds. All in favor- Approved

Toby - Finances

Balance 58K projected 50K as an ending balance for 2022. 6K outstanding receipts to go through. Estimated 52K to end 2022. Personal savings account- 30K. Shared savings/raffle account balance \$900.

- IRS Communication - 501 3 C Form for donors over \$250 to tax purposes
- New tax forms- Maddy Schlinz and Lisa Hit Dawg

Cami- Equipment

Has a list of equipment she has ordered based on the \$5,000 Twins Grant.

Cami is researching to see if she should combine the 14u and 16u full year team. There is discussion about whether this is a good idea, and it is decided that Cami should talk to her players and families and go from there.

- Pros for combining- more available players, committed parents, able to travel a bit further
- Cons- Must either play 16U or HS based tournaments, kids will show up sporadically and will play less.

Amy- Fields

OAC room is secured through May. Amy emailed Deb if she could ok the indoor preseason space. We are still waiting to hear back about indoor and outdoor space.

- Veterans field update- Amy put in a request to reserve the field M-TH for softball.

OBA reached out to Erika about the price of fields and the possibility of working together to reduce the cost. They have proposed a solution to make the DC fields exclusively softball if they get Veterans field exclusively M-TH. Soccer would get all of the middle school fields. The proposal would work in our favor, but the downfall would be we'd be paying more for fields.

We would be more interested in an agreement, if there was some field maintenance done at the fields. There is discussion about whether to make a deal with OBA or leverage our position. There is discussion about how to improve the Veterans field and what a great resource it is.

There is a general consensus that we do not want to give up Veteran's field. We are interested in hosting a community day to improve the field.

Anne- Uniforms

Last year we did two inexpensive jerseys. Anne is in the process of two mockups- a tank top and short sleeve jersey.

- 8U would only get one jersey- tank top.
- Home is a tank, Away is the short sleeve.
- Practice shirt- there is discussion about a "t-shirt designing contest". Likely, designs would need to be submitted by tryouts. A blind committee would vote or we could pick the top three and have the community vote.

Brette- Registration

We agreed to keep prices the same for the 2023 season. Registration roll out is January 30th.

Ryan- Player Development

- Hit Dawg Clinics started this week. Monday is full. Tuesdays are light. Numbers look good.
- Winter Clinic Session 1- 66 attendees

Subcommittee communicated via text how it went and if there was any feedback from parents or players. The third cage wasn't up when we arrived, the owner proposed we didn't use it, but we put it up and had to take it down. There was an injury during the takedown process and we communicated with the dome staff about the safety issue and we requested more staff.

8U and 10U need more volunteers, 12 and 14 need less.

We need a better sign up process for volunteers and to streamline the clean up process. We also want to push out communication reminders before the next Sunday about face masks, water, and arriving NO EARLIER than 4:00.

High school volunteers were great. Good community feel. We need to remember to clean up the front area before we leave.

We stand to make money on these clinics and we want to invest it back into player development. There is an agreement to spend the money on Hit Dawg coaches to do a pitching and catching clinic weeks 3 and 6.

- Coaches clinics- Two offerings for off season coaches clinic.

Brandon S. Fundraising

CLA Grand Slam Sponsorship

Lake Community Bank expected donation

Brandon is going to send the PDF sponsorship information.

Brandon O Travel

Brandon attended the inaugural MN competition team meeting. The objective is to improve the competitive balance of the league. 10-12 percent with A teams, the goal is to get closer to 20%.

- Tryouts Update- pitching machine concerns? REC shall hereby be known as “league only”.

Winter clinic subcommittee just became the tryout subcommittee.

D1 REC/8U - might have 3-4 teams including league only. It will be decided tonight at MN softball whether there will be A teams at 8U. We would have to potentially hold a tryout or have parents indicate their child is interested in the A team by opting in during registration.

10U- Last year we had 4 teams, A, B C/C. We expect the same amount of teams this year including league only. The top five players at tryouts are locked into the top team and thereafter lies lots of flexibility.

12U- 2 teams B and C in 2022 and 2022 had a winter team. 2023 anticipates at least 3 teams (likely an A,B,C) without a league only team. The top 8 players and top two pitchers and catchers are locked into the top team. Discussion about a fall and winter grouping. Do we want the winter team to be a catch all or based on skill level?

14U- 2022 same players. We don't know if we are going to have enough players for a 14U team if 11 of the players move onto 16U in 2024. We also might not have a coach. We should probably bring this up to the 12U families sooner rather than later.

Do we want to continue to balance the fall teams or do we want to hold some type of evaluations for the fall season?

Erika- New Business

- Goals and Vision for 2023. Our program goal is to keep making our program better each year. Offer leadership opportunities for older players. Community-based programming. Competitive edge.
- We need to get an answer for what we can get at the OAC for spring before we move forward with spring preseason field space.
- Start advertising 2023 registration for try softball night and season.
- Preseason parent meeting- separate kids and parents for meeting and then bring everyone back together to meet your coach.
- Player volunteer opportunity- veterans field M-TH
- MN Gopher Game- group rate potentially the weekend of April 22 and 23rd
- Leadership training 12U and 14U
- Any suggestions for school field maintenance requests. Lots of safety concerns at JV and DC and upgrade requests.

Davida motions to adjourn the meeting. Brandon O seconds. Meeting adjourned.