

Chaska Baseball Association Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2021 7:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM

Members Present:

Tate Brandt – President

David Verduzco – VP/Travel Director

Eric Ricard – Treasurer

Dan Jochum – Secretary

Jeremy Laughlin – Communications Director

Brannon Weigel – Webmaster

Brad Keenan – Equipment

Brianna Westberry – Apparel

Jeff – Umpire Coordinator

Sam – Grounds Manager

Chris – Community League

Eric Welter – Player Development

Megan Meyer – COVID Rep

Jason Biddle – visitor

Crystal Sam-Fong – concessions

Amie Engels- Youth League

Members Absent:

Ericka Waterman – Fundraising

Angela Brau – Youth League

Amie Engels- Youth League

Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motion made to approve minutes by Jeremy Laughlin and seconded by Brad Keenan. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Update - Dan noted that photo day is on June 21st is scheduled for photo day and teams should try to avoid scheduling games that day. A discussion should be had regarding using a professional photographer vs doing something different with parents or other options.

Dan also noted he is working on by-law revisions to be considered at the annual meeting.

Youth League Update – Tate – Expo and tryouts went well for 7/8 and 9/10s. There will be 6 teams for 7/8s and there are 94 kids signed up for 9s and 10s. There was a discussing regarding scheduling fields for these teams. We utilize Diamond Scheduler and it is difficult to work with softball on rain outs and schedule changes.

Umpire Update - Jeff has been working on umpire scheduling for games in community league. Brannon noted MBL will handle umpires for the Chaska Classic. Jeff is doing umpire training on April 17 and 24th. We may have to look at what we are paying umpires and possibly raise the amount.

In House Update – Expo and tryouts went well for 7/8 and 9/10s. There will be 6 teams for 7/8s and there are 94 kids signed up for 9s and 10s. There was a discussing regarding scheduling fields for these teams. We utilize Diamond Scheduler and it is difficult to work with softball on rain outs and schedule changes. We may run into some field availability issues with this age.

Community League Update – we have some issues to work through regarding team placement. There may be an option to send some kids to play on a Chanhassen team. They are also still looking for a couple of coaches.

Grounds Update – Sam noted the fields are really wet and moist as of this morning. Also looking at field chalking schedules. The second storage unit is up and running thanks to Eric, Brad and Sam. Tate asked about our supply inventory? We are working with softball to order materials. The City told us to get fresh batteries in the scoreboard controls and if there were any issues they would work with us to get them working. We need to make sure we communicate with our teams that fields are tarped when the field is not being used. Tate has some new tarps and stakes that we will be able to use. Brannon noted we should have the City take the doors off the fields at Community so people can't run dogs within the fields. Tate noted a field clean up day is scheduled for next Saturday, April 17th. This will likely be a dibs volunteer opportunity.

Webmaster Update – Brannon noted that he is waiting to get the final team count so schedules can be made. Brannon is working with Google G Suites for our organization. Tate would like us to get email addresses set up for each of the various positions on the Board.

Concessions Update – Tate got information from the City that we could do concessions if we have a COVID plan in place. We need to determine if we are going to have concessions or not. The consensus is to not have concessions for this season. There may be a possibility to have volunteer dibs to sell concessions at the Chaska Classic that are drinks, snacks and pre-packaged items.

Communications Update – Jeremy wanted to discuss the Pitch, Hit and Run Competition on May 7th. We can offer volunteer dibs for people working this event. The May Newsletter will be a season kick-off, how to sign-up for dibs, parent and player etiquette. CBA also needs to communicate its COVID policy.

Equipment Update – Brad will get the equipment bags ready.

Apparel Update – Bri noted we made over \$2,000 on selling excess clothing inventory. There will be an equipment exchange day at some point in the next few weeks.

Player Development Update – Eric said the Coaches clinic is upcoming and Eric is also working on some summer opportunities.

Fundraising Update –Tate noted that there is a HS fundraiser for Heggies Pizza that we have been sending out on social media. Tate is continuing to work with the City on the Sunset batting cage project. The 12AAA from last year is putting \$6,000 into the batting cage project.

Traveling Update – David noted all of the Chaska “A” Tournament teams will not be participating in the Chaska Classic due to low numbers. There is a 9AAA tournament team. Metro League Play begins April 26th. Coaches need to enter rosters into MBL website for pitch count purposes. Once the City opens fields, practices will begin to be scheduled. David is continuing to work with the Chaska Cubs on concessions for the State Amateur Tournament.

Treasurer’s Report – Eric is working on the amended tax return with our accountant. He has also worked on a budget and has implemented Quick Books. We have a debit card that can be used for expenses.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15.