

OSA November Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Toby Tyler
Anne Hess
Matt Palm
Cale Johnston
Brendan Howe
Erik Lillejord
Cami Dahlstrom
Sara Clausen
Davida Suiter
Brette Esterbrooks

Not in Attendance:

Jamie Bishop

October Minutes:

- 🗨️ Toby motioned to approve
- 🗨️ Cale seconded

Rec: Cale

- o Feb 8th reserved for try softball night courts 1 and 2. K through 2.
- o Certificate of Liability - Toby to take. Orono asking OSA to name Orono High School as their insured.

Finance: Toby

- 🗨️ Currently \$52K in checking and \$30K in our savings. Currently \$28k in surplus with remaining expenses will be \$23K for fields, \$1,500 for insurance, with the remaining \$3.5K for winter clinics.

Equipment: Matt

- 🗨️ Cleaned out Discovery shed. Matt found some old equipment, bats specifically to keep. Idea is to move some items from JV shed to Discovery. Matt to mouse proof both sheds. Matt is working with the school to see if there are any other options.
- 🗨️ Decide what equipment to move from JV shed to Discovery for easy

access. Fundraising

- 🗨️ New Fields – Thought is to borrow money through loan. If Orono adds \$200 per participant that equates out to roughly \$100,000 a year. For Fall, likely another \$100 per

participant.

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- Benefits on numbers will likely go up, and having more facilities closer will save families money with gas, eating out, etc. This spreads out the cost over multiple families over multiple years.
- Question on how much to put down as initial collateral up front. To be accomplished through fundraising. Goal is to obtain 10% for \$200,000 for initial down payment for what the bank would be looking for. Additional ideas would be for naming rights.

- Twins Grant. The grant has two options. One essentially for Twins in conjunction with Mortenson's to come in and take over the project. The other potential option for the Twins grant may be for a dollar amount to put towards the project and/or towards the loan. A dollar amount thrown out for option 2 was \$200,000 for Twins Grant in lieu of the entirety of the project.

- There are 4 fields, each with naming rights. Board through out \$100K for naming rights for individual fields.

- Advertising: Outfield signs for \$1,500 per year. Dugout rap would be another idea. The downside is the exposure is limited. More on corporate giving as tournaments will zero, there will be games, likely two per day during the season, but mostly used for practices.

- Moving forward, the Fundraising Committee will be a joint committee with Baseball.

- Other ideas: Engraving a stone or a brick for \$500, a larger block or brick for \$1,500. This could be a phase two after initial construction gets done to help pay off later down the road.
- Architect – Landscapes structures in Delano, Anne's neighbor to get a rendering to get some buzz going on the vision, the story behind hit, the benefits.

New Dome Development

- The building of a dome is also being investigated. The City of Maple Plain is a potential venue. The building of a dome is being considered by soccer so could be a joint venture. Building of a dome would be cheaper as well as a venue for additional revenue sources from other sports, activities, etc.

- Orono school may be interested in the building of a dome.

- P3 is also selling that property. But the size might be too small to make it effective for a joint baseball/softball. IE – not large enough to host games in.

Player Development – Brandon Howe

- Hit Dawg clinics – numbers OK. Initial feedback is good.

- Vortex – Becky has one TC Fastpitch in Loretto Saturday from 6-10.

- P3 – There is evidently some time open on Saturday's is cages and full field. 4-6 PM. Toby, if needed, to draft an agreement with P3.

- Tryouts – likely to be at P3 as AC is unavailable for both pre tryouts and

tryouts. Travel: Sara, Davida, Anne

- League Meeting Recap: Anne. Big West had 322 Fall teams this year. For Spring over

700 teams! Age rule talked about a lot. Most associations not allowing parents to choose, although Orono does. Monsta handing out free bats. Both Monsta and NAFA needs a tournament birth. One of the issues is “daddy baller” teams where parents are grabbing top girls from a few teams and forming own team. These teams are supposed to NOT be allowed into Big West. A new

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rule is to borrow a player from another team from own or other organizations. 12U not supposed to be able to play up (10U to 12U as well) in tournaments. Talking about allowing ear buds to pitcher or catcher to relay in signs to eliminate sign stealing. Umpire fees likely to go up. Fall season to start August 31.

- 📺 Dome League Update – Sara. Not enough kids initially, for Orono, for a team on its own. There are some 12U Orono girls that will be joining a Minnetonka conglomerate. Feedback was lower numbers because the day was Saturday nights.
- 📺 Tryouts – Davida. Pretryouts Feb 25th with date and time TBD. March 3 is current date for Tryouts. St. Kate’s is booked for evaluators. Dates may need to be changed to Saturday March 2 and perhaps Feb 17th or the 24th, which is girls State B-ball Tourney. Pretryout to roll into Winter Clinic on Feb 10th.

Team Photos

📺 April 9th currently scheduled for. May need to push this back to get uniforms. December Meeting

📺 Warren’s is next meeting.

New Board Member

- 📺 Matt Katterhagen vote for at large vote. Previously volunteered for field prep, does Commercial Construction. Davida motions with Matt Palm second. Board voted unanimous.

Davida Motions to adjourn. Cami Dahlstrom second, with Board approval.