



## Hopkins Baseball Association

**Meeting:** June Board Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Hopkins Fire Station

## HBA Board Meeting Minutes

*Date | time* Tuesday, June 12, 2018 | 7:31 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

### In Attendance

**Board Members:** Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, ~~Deb Anderson~~, ~~Tyler Brodersen~~, Winston Wood, ~~Gregg Schaefer~~, Jerry Kellman, Jayson Olson, ~~Mark Sullivan~~, Gary Matson, ~~Allan Charney~~, ~~Brian Zimmer~~, ~~Dave Stuessi~~, Jenny Kemp, Greg Geiser, Matt, Brad Kaplan

**Guests:** N/A

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

### General Update – Chris Johnson

- Brad Kaplan Approved as Field Coordinator
  - Chris motioned to approve
  - Gary Seconded it
- Insurance update
  - All team insurance policies have been completed and provided to each team
  - Umbrella policy still in the works
- Grant for lights at a field, not sure if locals will approve. Maybe at WJH
  - If we decide to go through with it. Nobody wants Guilliams lit due to retirement community. They are re-doing West Junior High and maybe able to work with the city as they are re-doing the facility.
  - We could move toward using West Junior high as our primary field.
  - We could move away from Eisenhower.
  - Discussed moving in with Legion for the funding.
  - We are committed to a dollar amount as we use it quite a bit.
  - Need to get neighborhoods to buy in even though the lights don't give off a lot of ambient light.
  - We most likely won't be able to light Guilliams field.
- Fire station won't be available after December 2018.
  - Next option is to use Hopkins Pavilion

### Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- General update
  - State Tournament qualified teams, and submittal process
  - Checking in on qualifications and paperwork send in
- Playoffs
  - Every team is encouraged to participate
  - Check out MLB site
  - It is the coaches decision

- Practice fields will be tough to find
- August classic
  - Jerry – They are looking for coaches and assistant coaches
  - August 1 – 5
  - 5 games

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### Financial Reporting – Brenda Campbell

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- Monthly financials
  - \$74k in bank
  - \$4k in tractor and field equipment
- Bank accounts
  - We have two different banks
  - Discussed moving down to 1<sup>st</sup> Minnetonka
  - Need to check on which account Sports Engine uses
- Actual revenue
  - \$85k over budget
- Travel registration
  - Not all players have paid for \$8k
- Senior registration
  - \$12k

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### Registration – Dana Johnson

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- Travel Team player registration is now open, missing the registration of 25-players still
- Tournament Team player registration is also open but dependent on whether tournament(s) are entered or not; no tournaments expected

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### Website – Dana Johnson

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- Updated sponsorships
- Added senior teams
- **Action Item** Matt to add schedule to confirm when field is available for practices and reach out to Dana to obtain access or ask Steve Leervig to add the schedule.

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### Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

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- Discussed Whiz Bang
  - Confirmed Monty is not playing
- General update

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### Player Development Updates – Greg Geiser

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- General update
- GSTC Only Tournaments, will we allow teams to swing USSSA Bats?
  - Not as many limits on bats including USAAA and USA.
  - Confirmed we are insured with USAAA
  - VOTE
    - Should we permit our players to use USAAA bats?
    - Matt – If the goal is to win, we have a better chance with USAAA bats.

- Chris – Motion to use either the USA or USSSA bats for USSSA Only tournaments
- Brenda – We need to be competitive and there are no liability issues
- All in favor, the vote passes.

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### Scheduling Jayson Olson and Dave Stuessi

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- Any umpire issues?
  - Had some issues in the early season but doing better now
- Have a shortage of umpires for all Regions & Leagues
  - Are working to secure additional HBA umpires
  - Should we provide a “pillow” protector, we have plenty of shin guards and masks
- General update

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### Fields Update – Brad Kaplan and Dave Stuessi

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- General update
- Field updates:
  - Bullpen backstop fence on 1B side installed
  - All canopies have been put up
  - Bullpen turf has been added, home plates have been painted
  - Mounds
    - Discussed moving mound up for 13/14 year old players
    - Tough to do in the middle of the season
    - Move up one foot
    - Discussed removable mound (rubber) using similar posts as we do for the bases. Cap the hole like a base.
  - Pitching machine
    - Jerry – We need to use a new one that can be programmed which can be expensive (\$5k)
    - We can find one on eBay but they go fast and tend to bid high
  - Guilliams 13U pitching mound should be moved up 1-foot
  - All combination locks have been changed, new lock for storage room
  - Storage locks
    - Changed code and would like to get lockers where we can put a combination code
    - Seeking approval for locker
    - \$75 each
    - Vote: Purchase two lockers by vending machine or equipment area
      - Jerry seconded it
      - Vote passes
  - Seeking approval to purchase a long power cord for the pitching machine, ear muffs & safety glasses
    - Need 50 foot cord
  - Vending machine purchase have been made
    - Need to confirm cash in amounts
- Vote: Approve field workers to do field prep during the week
  - Vote passed
  - Brenda to leave checks in shed for workers on a bi-weekly basis
- First aid kits
  - Jerry – This replaces the small kits illustrating Kramer kits for \$80
  - We need to check Guilliams equipment shed to confirm whether we have any in stock
  - Discussed keeping one at each field in a storage container and need one for travel games.
  - Replacement parts can be purchased

- Ice packs
  - We have three boxes purchased at Universal Equipment
- Amazon offers
  - Good equipment for lower cost at \$26.95
  - Gary Kemp shared the kit he purchased for \$17 but it is smaller than we might need
  - Other options is to purchase tackle boxes and fill with needed materials
  - Triangle bandage, splints
  - However if player breaks an arm, the best bet is to send them to the doctor
- Next steps
  - Chris to purchase \$26.95 kit to ensure we have room for ice packs
  - Jerry to look for a robust kit for Guilliams field
- Vote: Upgrade coaches first aid kit not to exceed \$
  - Gary makes the motion
  - Brenda seconds motion
  - Vote passes

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### Sr. League Update – Jenny Kemp and Gary Kemp

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- General update
- Pitch count rules need to be adhered to
  - 16U
    - Maximum 95 pitches per game
  - 17 – 19U
    - Maximum of 105 pitches per game
  - Days of rest
    - 1-29 pitches – 0 days
    - 30-49 pitches – 1 day
    - 50-69 pitches – 2 days
    - 70 – 89 pitches – 3 days
    - 90 or more – 4 days
  - Penalties
    - 1<sup>st</sup> offense – Head coach suspension for remainder of game played and the next game
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Head coach suspension for the remainder of game and remainder of season
  - Pitch count recording completed for opposing team by head coach on myas.org.
- Guilliams field for practices
  - Booked up through June
  - However if it is open on the weekend, book it through dibs

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### Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

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- General update
- Website and sign(s) are all updated.
  - New sign at Guilliams have been put up
- Sunshine car sent \$100

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### Equipment & Uniforms – Allan Charney

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- Equipment requests: Chalker has been purchased
- Apparel:
  - P tops/alternate jerseys have been picked up and distributed

- Sr. League to put in order for P tops for coaches and assistant coaches
- Jerry – This is a safety issue including a balloon, the kits are around \$50, the remainder of the equipment is in the shed.
- Vote: Purchase a pillow or balloon to stay in the shed
  - Motion approved.
- 4 - 7 SM hats were purchased, still have a few to distribute
  - Hats can be shrunk after soaking and put on cookie sheet in the oven for 30 minutes at 300 degrees; may need to repeat.
  - Hat resizer on Amazon for \$10

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### Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

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- General update
- Need to get a general notice out as soon as possible
- Will play on MYAS league with registration open July
  - T-shirts and hats provided by league

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### Round Table – Board

### Next Meeting

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- July meeting via email
- Tuesday, August 14, 2018; 7:00pm at the Hopkins Fire House
- Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM