

OSA Board Meeting
August 13th, 2024

Attendees

Davida Suiter
Erik Lillejord
Cami Dahlstrom
Sara Clausen
Cale Johnston
Jamie Bishop
Matt Palm
Matt Katterhagen
Toby Tyler
Brette Esterbrooks
Brandon Howe

Not in Attendance

Anne Hess

Cami called the meeting to order at 6:49.

Eric approved July minutes. Toby second. Motion passes.

Toby- Finance Update

- Income and expenses are in line with what we are thinking.
- Insurance update in progress with company to list Orono schools by Sept. 1.

Matt- Equipment Update

- Distribution is complete
- Need to order more balls and six more bow nets
- For October meeting - start putting together list for equipment

Cale- Fields Update/ Field scheduling

- Need to pursue indoor space options asap.

Matt K- Fields Maintenance Update

- There may be renovation happening with one of the fields on the Orono campus
- Matt K and the new Orono fields coordinator are working together to improve the Orono fields. Batting cages at DC will probably be completed by spring 2025. Matt is also working with MP Rotary Club to fix up Veterans field.

Erik - Fundraising Update

- Need to get an update on fundraising team with baseball

- Treasurers from softball and baseball working together but no joint account created yet until we have a more solid plan in place

Brandon- Player Development

- Discussed adding pitcher / catching supplemental coaching
- OSA winter clinics
- Roving Instruction- We are looking to partner with Lisa again from HD for fall instruction, but she is stretched pretty thin. Coaches need to be prepared for her to have a successful practice. We are open to using TC fastpitch. We want to bring more instruction in pitching and catching.
- We will offer some additional winter opportunities through hit dawg as well.
- We discussed some different options for the winter clinics. We used Lisa as a paid coach last winter, and want to explore other options this upcoming winter. Action items are to lock down the dome, hire instruction, and form a subcommittee. Brandon is going to look into other pitchers and catchers from TC fastpitch for roving instruction this fall.

Jamie- Uniforms

- Sweatshirts have been ordered.c14U needs sweatshirts. Joe also needs one.
- All the new players have been assigned numbers and ordered uniforms.
- Swag store was live for two weeks, and then we extended it. We didn't meet the quota the first round and if we don't after the extension, we will need to refund orders.

David- Travel Updates

- David gave a nationals update at all age levels.
- Fall Updates- David gives an update of the planned number of players and how many actually registered. We were very close on our estimates. 8 teams total for fall ball.
- Fall Ball- You only need two fields to host. We could host at JV and Varsity. Teams need to enter their scores right away.

Sara- Travel Updates

- We looked extensively for a 14U coach and found Joe Waalk who is an experienced coach. We are going to try to keep these girls together through the winter. Wayzata created a club association team for a 14U team.
- Most club teams are offering development leagues that run from October to February with costs that range from about \$1300-1500.

Cami- Coaching Development

- We talked a little bit about what the 8U coaches would need and agreed that they need more resources and support for throwing and hitting fundamentals
- New Board Members- We discussed the new board members and what roles are available.

David adjourns the meeting, Sarah seconds