



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: November Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2019
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Pavilion

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date | time Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | 7:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, Tyler Brodersen, Winston Wood, Gregg Schaefer, Jerry Kellman, Jayson Olson, Mark Sullivan, Gary Matson, Allan Charney, Brian Zimmer, Jenny Kemp, Greg Geiser, Brad Kaplan, and Sam Black

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Introduction of any guests
 - None
- Parent Meeting Reminder
 - 1/9/18 7:00 pm
- Hopkins Baseball Bat Expo
 - 1/13 6:00 - 8:00 Lindbergh
 - Fundraising options
 - Team price and backed out what we needed for the sales tax
 - 2018 budget \$500 made on fund raising
 1. Price \$279.96 retail \$395
 2. Charge players up charge on average of \$10 per bat, charging 5% up charge.
 3. The league pays for the batting cages
 4. Discount to players even with up charge.
- HBA Tax Filing Status
 - Discussed alternatives with other baseball leagues and accountants
 - We lost status for non-profit for state of MN which has been reinstated
 - Needs to be registered on an annual basis
- House player fee structure
 - \$300 house fee charged with no payment with installment plan. Brings us to over \$590 which is a high fee for tournament and travel teams.
 - March 1 is the cut off to remove the final payment
 - Tyler – We won't have the try out completed by March 1 and need to consider sending refund checks instead.
 - Discussed value between tournament and travel teams and determined that it is equal based on the number of tournament games and uniform.
 - Tournament team plays three tournament games

- Final decision is to charge full amount for each player, shutting off last payment for house payments and refunding the third payment for those who did not make the tournament or travel team via mailed check.

Financial Reporting – Brenda Campbell

- Monthly financials
 - Reviewed expenses received so far with \$45k in the bank
 - Next step will be to track income when registrations come in.
- General update

Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- General update
- Tournament Registrations
 - All registrations are in, received 50% confirmation
 - Four tournaments for each time which is in alignment with the other travel teams
- Head Travel Coach Notifications
 - Notifications for those who interviewed have been notified, both if the applicant was chosen or if the applicant was not chosen.
 - High school 9th grade coach is a potential candidate
 - Coached Hopkins and Edina football as well
 - Could fill in an empty slot if needed
 - Fee is \$1000 for the season, Edina \$1750, others are \$1500
- Chris makes a motion: Pay for another coach
 - Motion passes
- MBL email for travel changes
 - Maximum of 4 coaches (adult) in a dug out which will be enforced (includes a scorekeeper)
 - 15 MLB AA and AAA is only 12 games vs. 14. This is a one-year trial period.

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- General update
 - Discussed whether we will have Majors teams; likely have two Prep teams.
 - Will reach out to NorthStar to let them know

Website and Registration – Sam Black

- Spring/Summer Season Registration Opening Date for 13U-15U
 - Created one-page flyer for parent meeting
- Clinic Registration Opening.
 - Concurrent with registration
 - 8 clinics this year vs. 10 clinics at \$20 for each clinic
 - Receive multiple walk in payments

Communication – D. Johnson

- General update
 - N/A

Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

- General update
 - N/A

Player Development Updates – Greg Geiser

- General update
- Clinic Cost & Registration
 - Tryout Dates/Locations
 - Clinics on weeknights to see how this works
 - More at Lindbergh vs. North Junior High
- Callbacks
 - Decided not to complete callbacks
 - Scheduled a Monday evening to catch those who were not able to make the try out dates.
- Player Development
 - Need to meet to determine what we want the Legion to cover

Scheduling Jayson Olson and K. Provenzano

- General update
 - Met with Dave Stuessi for knowledge transfer
 - School district scheduling meeting at 6:30 1/9.
 - Sent note to Mike Pavelka for alternatives with West Junior High closing
 - **Action Item** Chris to check on opportunities at Blake School
 - Organizations can contribute to upgrades
 - **Action item** Chris to check meeting notes to see if the board approved spending money on upgrades

Fields Update – Brad Kaplan

- General update
 - N/A

Sr. League Update – Jenny Kemp and Gary Matson

- General update
- To finalize registration process in February to accompany communication on web site and via email with a few changes
 - Grade, add College selection.
 - Add new entry labelled Jersey size with dropdown (S, M, L, XL).
 - Add team selection option labelled Team Selection with two options to choose from 16U, and 17U - 19U.
 - This option makes reporting from the registration system easier
 - Registration fee to be increased to \$370 from \$350 to cover Whiz Bang Tournament.
 - Add choose friend option to registration system

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- General update
 - N/A

Equipment & Uniforms – Allan Charney

- General update
- Hat Samples
 - Shared samples from Richardson and Pacific brands
 - \$15 - \$17 each
 - Hopkins Logo on front
 - “Hopkins” on back
 - A few of the hats contain a lighter material with ventilation holes in the back
 - Three sizes included
 - Blue bill with gray and gray/blue hat material
 - Motion to use Richardson blue bill with dark gray ventilated hat material (PTS 30) with PTS Lite technology
 - Motion passes
 - Uniforms
 - **Action Item** Chris to bring hat to ensure it matches the color on the uniform
 - Alternate jersey to match blue bill to charge \$30

General Discussion Topics – C. Johnson and Board

- Pitch Count
- See last two pages of meeting minutes
 - Jerry – Raise pitch count from 20 to 30 (13-14) adding 10 pitches for each additional level.
 - Allows for increased pitch practice/experience prior to being pulled from mound for a one day rest
 - Pitch counts follow USA baseball pitch count rules
 - 13 year old players
 - Matt – It is difficult to teach pitching with these rules to introduce different rules. Suggested we increase pitch count to 25 or 30 after a certain point in the year to build up strength in the arm. Another suggestion is to increase 14 year olds by increasing by 5 pitches to help develop them for the 15 year old team.
 - Tyler – We are development team and should increase the pitch count after June 1.
 - Chris – We need to look at the science provided by USA baseball.
 - Proposal: June 15th increase pitch count for 14 year olds by 10 at each level to align to 15 year olds.
 - Proposal: Start of season increase 14 year olds by 5 pitches at each level keeping maximum daily at 95
 - Proposal: Maintain current pitch count and make adjustments during tournaments.
 - Proposal: Increase by 5 pitches during tournament play, discernment is on coaches
 - Motion: Keep pitch count as is during tournament play to protect player arms
 - For 6 vs. Against 7 Motion Doesn't Pass
 - Motion: Start of season increase 14 year olds by 5 pitches at each level keeping maximum daily at 95
 - For 12 Against 1, Motion passes
 - See changes below

| Required Days of Rest | Number of Pitches (14) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 0 | 1 – 20 25 |
| 1 | 21 – 35 40 |
| 2 | 36 – 50 55 |
| 3 | 51 – 65 70 |
| 4 | 66+ 71+ |
| Daily Max | 95 |

- Motion: Remove the word “should” in pitching rules to (finish batter prior to pulling pitcher)
 - Motion passes
- Chris illustrated 2018 season wins during tournament play with current pitch counts
- MBL
 - Pitch count discussion tabled for two years
- Dual Roster
- Legion and club
 - MBL will fine players for club participation
 - Tyler – Our policy should match the MBL policy
 - Club is defined as non-community based play
 - After first club game, MBL/MBT games are forfeited
- NorthStar begins 13/14/15 summer club teams this year
- Motion: Have a rule in place to ensure coaches are not putting the team of forfeiture jeopardy (players in club teams that the coach is aware of).
 - Motion passes
- Communication via rules section of web site

February Meeting Topics – Board

- TBD

Round Table – Board

- Spirit Wear
 - No online store yet, it is getting worked on

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 12, 2018; 7:00pm at Hopkins Ice Pavilion room 202
- Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM