



Diamond Club Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2021  
High School Cafeteria – 6:00 pm  
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**\*\*ALL ATTENDEES ARE ASKED TO WEAR A MASK ON SCHOOL PROPERTY\*\***

- 1.) Call to order – Matt Mohs 6:01pm
- 2.) Entertain changes to the agenda – Matt Mohs  
Matt proposed the following changes
  - Pay rate for Coach Simmons and Drew Simmons
  - Submit all expenses to Tamsen by end of September
  - BLAST program update
- 3.) Approve minutes from 8/4/21 regular meeting (no paper copies provided)
  - a. Coach Schmitz had a question about school ball budget report from August minutes  
Tamsen said it will always be zero
  - b. Question regarding online calendar; Coach Schmitz is looking for someone to take on facebook and twitter platforms for baseball.

**Motion to approve minutes from August, Tamsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron APPROVED**
- 4.) Treasurer Report – Tamsen Leimer  
Operating- \$73,115.97  
Florida- \$1,452.68  
Building- \$71,642.98 (\$50k was paid to school in August to start paying for the project)
  - a. Wade asked about money left over from last Florida trip. Tamsen said Florida account doesn't grow.
  - b. There are player accounts that can be used towards Florida. The players accounts are included in Operating account.
  - c. Payments by players and parents for the trip will go into Florida account.
- 5.) New Softball Head Coach Announcement – Curt Hughes
  - a. Curt wants to thank everyone for the support during his coaching years.
  - b. Krystal Peterson will be the new Softball Head Coach. Krystal has a lot of Softball experience and is a hall of fame softball player from Viterbo University. She relates very well with the players and we are excited for her to lead the program moving forward.
- 6.) Executive Board Considerations
  - a. Secretary – Brenda Hebl (assume role immediately)
    - i. Accept resignation of Christy Paulson & vote to install Brenda Hebl as the Secretary  
**Motion to approve Tamsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara APPROVED**
  - b. Vice President – Chad Schmitz (assume role immediately)
    - i. Accept resignation of Dave Nagel & vote to install Chad Schmitz as the Vice President  
**Motion to approve Carmen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tamsen APPROVED**



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- 7.) Concessions Report – Sarah Larson
  - a. Sara hasn't gotten all her expenses to Tamsen yet but she will this week
  - b. Concession stand purchased a new grill
- 8.) The Sandlot Updates & Discussion
  - a. Finance Update – Tamsen Leimer
    - Tamsen paid \$50,000 to the school to start the project
  - b. Groundbreaking Recap – Matt Mohs
    - Great turnout at the groundbreaking ceremony.
  - c. Kitchen Layout Discussion – Sarah Larson
    - i. Sara Larson, Sara Elton and Brenda Hebl will discuss Kitchen layout next week
    - ii. Ron has some connections for equipment.
    - iii. Sara called Warners Stellian for "dented" options. There is a form she needs to fill out 4-8 weeks in advance
    - iv. Matt Boe was updated regarding possible changes to electrical.
  - a. Schedule Update – Matt Mohs
    - i. Construction should start middle to end of September. Waiting on permits
    - ii. Krause Anderson is planning for and working on donations to bring heat to the project so workers can work in colder weather
- 9.) Coaches Comments
  - a. Varsity Softball Coach – Krystal Peterson
    - She's excited and looking forward to coaching this year
  - b. Varsity Baseball Coach – Mark Schmitz
    - i. Regarding Blast Program- just started and last spring was the learning process. Tyler continued in summer with positive Impact overall. Players enjoy seeing the data and the impact that it's having
    - ii. Mark had a question about summer baseball numbers from August meeting regarding \$1215 funds. Wanting to pay coaches if funds allow (see notes 11d)
    - iii. Fall baseball in full swing in a few different ways. One group from Stewartville playing fall ball with the Metro baseball league. Another group of guys are playing Fall ball with the Pines organization. Things are going well and Ty is coaching a team. With that level of play Coach Schmitz has already had college coaches contact him wanting information on players. If anyone has visited a college or has interest in a college contact Coach Schmitz.
    - iv. Mark had Steve Berg down at the field. He wants to wrap up the field for the winter (fertilizing, mound work, bring in some dirt) but will be hard if fall ball is still going. Matt added item to agenda as 11e.



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- v. We have potentially double digits for seniors and juniors next year.
- vi. Mark sent out an email to say thanks for the field take down day.
- vii. Baseball has a night of concessions for the Volleyball game next week so he will be looking for boys to help out next Tuesday night.

### 10.) Summer Volunteer Discussion (HOLD for December Vote)

- a. Implement volunteer program similar to SYBA where parents are required to pay a set dollar amount at the beginning of the summer season and if they don't fulfill their volunteer responsibilities, they forfeit the money. If they volunteer to a preset time allocation, they get their money back.
- b. Requesting committee to look into this and make a recommendation
  - i. Matt said it would be smart if a few people would be willing to look into this further and come up with a recommendations
  - ii. Sara Larson and Tony Lehrman volunteered to work on this
  - iii. Carmen commented that we need enough opportunities for parents to be able to make their money back

### 11.) Leadership Role Terms Discussion – Matt Mohs

- a. Reminder – Each executive board term will be 1-year
- b. Reminder – Elections will be held at the regular meeting every January
- c. Paid Drew Simmons \$13.50 an hour Matt wanted to know if we want to adjust it. Carmen suggested \$15

**Carmen motioned to pass \$15 pay for field maintenance Ron 2<sup>nd</sup> APPROVED**

- d. Paying Coaches for summer baseball and softball
  - i. The only non parent coaches for baseball were Shane Uptagrafft and Noah Johnson
  - ii. Parent coaches would be reimbursed registration fee for their players.
  - iii. Softball paid non parent coaches this year. First year coaches were paired with a parent coach to help with communications.
  - iv. Need to decide on what to pay coaches so we can make sure registration fees accommodate payments

**Carmen motioned to pay \$500 for non parent head coaches. Parent helpers get their registration back.**

**Carmen amended her motion to pay \$500 for non parent head coaches, \$250 for non parent assistant coaches. Parent coaches and assistants get their registration refunded. Limit 3 coaches per team with one needing to be parent volunteer Bridget 2<sup>nd</sup> approved**

- e. Field maintenance this fall and fall ball
  - i. Matt said AD Hughes said the construction site would be available on weekends only.
  - ii. Mark will check with Steve as to when field maintenance needs to be done by



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iii. Fall baseball goes through first two Sundays in October and team is obligated to host Wade motioned for Mark to acquire the fall ball schedule and provide that to Berg Turf and for Berg Turf to give a date for fall ball to be off fields. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carmen APPROVED

12.) Next Meeting Date – October 6, 2021

a. Where should future meetings be held?

- Matt will talk to Curt about using cafeteria

13.) Adjourn 8:04pm Tamsen motion to adjourn, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup> APPROVED

**\*\*2022 Florida Trip Parent Meeting, held immediately after the regular Diamond Club meeting (7:00 PM)**



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**FLORIDA TRIP MEETING**

**September 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm in the High School Cafeteria**

**7:06pm call to order by Matt for parent meeting Ron will lead the meeting**

- Bridget and Chad are parent Liaisons for Florida trip
- Ron says we need to change the schedule. We can't have 4 days of playing, we can only scrimmage 3 days per MN High School Rules
- Current plan is scrimmage Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Need to decide if we leave Wednesday and return Tuesday (coaches don't have to take an extra day of PTO) No one opposed
- New plan to leave evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> arrive home evening of 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Dan Simmons will get new quote from the bussing company
- Costs for trip are structured based on how many people go. Players have to ride at least one way on the bus (Coaches prefer on the way down) Trip is planned by parents and coaches are not there to babysit players. Parents need to be on bus to supervise otherwise they need to have a parent guardian appointed
- Player fee includes the spring training organization fee to set up schedules and umpires.
- Referred to Best Western(butts up to beach) \$90 per player and Days INN (1/2 block off beach) \$85 per player both places include boxed lunches for players. If you don't use boxed lunches it drops the fee by about \$10 per day.
- Both hotels are filling up fast so there is urgency in finding out how many rooms we need.
- Best western will be putting up batting cages in their parking lot.
- There are also a couple options for upgrades. (tower building closer to beach and suites) Ron will get costs out to everyone
- Best Western will also provide rooms for dinners if people want to get together
- Parent group at meeting decided on Best Western with the box lunch included.
- Bus cost will affected by how many people ride bus



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-Coaches don't pay for their rooms or their bus ride down. Coaches costs are divided by players

-Bus drivers also don't pay for rooms so players split that cost

- Parent volunteer opportunities

- Bus snacks- each players family will donate a bulk pack of snacks and water to keep under the bus for stops. Need parents to organize this
- Tshirt design and orders for the trip
- Laundry duties in Florida
- Fundraising
- Other opportunities are listed on the website

-In the past the Diamond Club has contributed money to each players fee Needs to be voted on at regular meeting.

-Movies on the bus and wifi but it's hit or miss

-Ron needs google doc filled out for who is going and how many will ride the bus  
And what type of room you want.

-Ron takes care of registration. Need to fill out forms and pay \$750 deposit fee

-If you have any money in your player account that money can go towards trip . Tamsen and Laura Sikkink have access to player accounts if you want to know how much is in your players account.

-Rooms will be parents and players no rooms with just players

-Estimated player cost is \$875

-First payment will need to be made at October meeting. Usually \$100

-Final payment will be made to Diamond Club in March

-Will be adding the Florida Trip to the website so there is a resource for parents. Google doc will be added to the site as well.