

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Jan 14th, 2024		7:05pm	Legion
Meeting called by	Nick Hansgen		
Type of meeting	CAA Diamond Sports Monthly Board Meeting		
Note taker	Amanda McGibbon		
Members present	Matt Birkenholtz, Ryan Check, Derek Gunderson, Nick Hansgen, Ryan Herdrich, Alicia Kockler, Amanda McGibbon, Darek Schwarz, Mark Stay, Shane Wasserman		
Members absent	Dwayne Archuleta, Kim Flottmier, Pat Kasid, Jeff Kraemer, Tom O'Neil, Jerry Orcutt, Katie Recker, Sara Staloch, Kelli Strauss		
Attendees			
AGENDA ITEMS			
Previous Month Meeting Minutes			
Presenter	Sara Staloch		
Discussion	Dec Meeting Minutes Approved		
President's Report			
Presenter	Nick Hansgen for Jerry Orcutt		
Discussion	<p>CAA as a whole was up, mostly due to volunteer checks</p> <p>Baseball uniforms are more expensive than softball – can we utilize inventory before ordering new? (We are)</p> <p>Basketball wants to loan money to CNHS for new gym floor – we'd get paid back with interest</p> <p>Basketball doing charitable gambling with Hackamore Brewing – this brings in a lot of money - perhaps we should consider. Why basketball doing this without Diamond Sports? Can we partner? This could impact how MBT/MYAS gives us money (they may not if we are involved in charitable gambling.)</p> <p>CNHS looking to sell the naming rights to stadium.</p> <p>Let's talk more in February about if we want to raise funds in other ways than 2 main sponsors and volunteer checks. Think about ways! Perhaps a field at registration to donate to capital projects? Or add it to registration fees to bucket for capital projects? Give to the Max day?</p> <p>We should talk to John H. to make sure anything we want to do is OK.</p> <p>Dave Erickson, current Basketball president, replacing Jackson as CAA president. No word on who is replacing Dave.</p>		
Treasurer's Report			
Presenter	Alicia Kockler		
Discussion	<p>Reviewed Excel document – with our numbers & registration, where SHOULD we net out?</p> <p>Discussed some of the higher cost items – facility fees, storage fees, admin payroll,, tryouts</p> <p>Nick pointed out that credit card processing fees are ~3% which adds up – should we make families pay for this? (Some Associations do.)</p> <p>Should hosted tournaments be its own budget or split into BB/SB? Alicia says stand-alone. Derek doesn't care either way but concessions get carried over to each tournament so it makes sense to not split out between BB/SB.</p> <p>Can we reduce port-a-potty costs for tournaments? Do they have to leave all summer?</p> <p>Alicia asking for everybody to please get their budgets in if they haven't yet!</p>		
BOC Report			

Presenter	Nick Hansgen
Discussion	<p>Legion team dynamics in discussion for 15U teams – we want to offer it (usually 1-2 teams)</p> <p>Tournament registrations – huge headache for all Associations – within a day or two they are filled up. Must be on the ball or you are scrambling/traveling quite far. Asking coaches to get their picks in by Dec 1 and if they don't, CAA will register the teams on their own. Derek says we need to make sure all teams are paid before we accept that tournaments are full.</p> <p>Parent meeting for coach, machine, community on first week of March.</p> <p>Registration Feb 1 (same for softball.)</p> <p>Player waiver policy for residence – we have to sign waiver as well as the association in the town the player lives. Gets blurry for split families and private/charter schools. These are MBL rules. It's time for us to firm this up for CAA.</p>
SOC Report	
Presenter	Mark Stay
Discussion	<p>Kelli on-point working on budget.</p> <p>Matt's leading up off-season development.</p> <p>VP Shadow role – Brett Sween – he'll start coming to meetings and hopefully be voted in</p> <p>Player Agent and K/1/2/8U are still open – please recommend people if you have them! This was in newsletter.</p>
Off-Season Training/Dome Update	
Presenter	Matt/Nick
Discussion	<p>Matt – inquired why our Dome time slot got changed – Chaska complained so they flipped us without telling us. Chaska did drop a few evening hours so we got a few but most were taken quickly. Softball trying to offset some of the bad times by using Mission but not until March. Nick talked to a few places on the baseball side (Pitch-to-Pitch same cost as Dome), Brower (2-2.5x what we pay for Dome). For February, treat it as communal development at each age group with sign-up (not team-specific.) Looking at Pitch-to-Pitch for March. Matt doesn't think softball will need Dome for March or April.</p> <p>Cancelling 7-8 am slot – nobody wants that.</p>
AEDs	
Presenter	Shane Wasserman
Discussion	<p>Might save money on trainer costs if we invest in these. Need to find out if the city will allow us to install permanent fixtures or do we look at mobile ones – who brings it around to places? Ryan H. has a contact from football organization who already did all this legwork. Derek would feel much more comfortable at our big tournaments if we had one. Alicia says AEDs stored outside tend to fail so we should do portable with a “go bag” with masks, scissors, etc. so it's more user-ready. She says we can probably find a sponsor to buy this for us. Derek knows a Canadian company that he could check with too.</p>
Misc Updates	
Presenter	
	<p>Derek – will need volunteers to pick up mounds out in Minnetrista – costs \$1,200 to ship here to if we have a volunteer with a trailer we'll give them all 8 hours.</p> <p>Fences are coming too but we have to pay for shipping since they come from Madison.</p> <p>Shane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still hasn't received feedback from coaching last year and questioned whether that feedback was going out as he feels we could be better as a board and organization if this information went out right away. -Nick says this is the right place to bring up these concerns and agrees this is a place we should have done better. -We don't provide feedback to coaches – can we be better here? Should we?

	Ryan H. – trying to think of creative ways to market new 5-8 program – anybody have any ideas? Let Ryan know. Ryan C. – will align community registration with 5-8 rollout
Presenter	Nick Hansgen
Discussion	-adjourned 8:38pm