

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Feb 18th, 2024		7:02pm	Legion & Zoom
Meeting called by	Jerry Orcutt		
Type of meeting	CAA Diamond Sports Monthly Board Meeting		
Note taker	Sara Staloch		
Members present	Dwayne Archuleta, Matt Birkenholtz, Ryan Check, Kim Flottmier, Derek Gunderson, Nick Hansgen, Ryan Herdrich, Pat Kasid, Jeff Kraemer, Alicia Kockler, Amanda McGibbon, Jerry Orcutt, Darek Schwarz, Sara Staloch, Kelli Strauss Mark Stay, Brett Sween		
Members absent	Tom O'Neil, Shane Wasserman		
Attendees			
AGENDA ITEMS			
Previous Month Meeting Minutes			
Presenter	Sara Staloch		
Discussion	Jan Meeting Minutes Approved		
President's Report			
Presenter	Jerry Orcutt		
Discussion	Dave Erickson from basketball taking over for Jaxon(overall CAA president) in April. A new High school specific baseball booster club has been created and launched		
Treasurer's Report			
Presenter	Alicia Kockler		
Discussion	Did get financials from Terre and John but there were further questions and updated reports were not sent until right before this meeting. She will update them and send them out. Also, built a registration pacing tracker.		
BOC Report			
Presenter	Nick Hansgen		
Discussion	MBL had a meeting, we are going to have coaches meeting to relay the new rule changes. Parent meeting will be March 5 th , pending confirmation from the district. Waiver discussion was had, going to have more defined rules/line in the sand on this. Other sports are doing this as well. Went over Parent Survey results – 95% of the results were positive Team formation discussion at BOC – stacking vs balanced. Communities around us are discussing as well. MBL does not want to provide an opinion or direction. Will be voting on our stance on this next month so families know what to expect.		
SOC Report			
Presenter	Mark Stay		
Discussion	Parent meeting coming up on Feb 27 th . Last SOC meeting was revisiting our top list of priorities and getting Brett Sween up to date to take over as VP role. Clinics are set up for March into April. Registration is open. Uniform fitting dates are set.		

	4 girls dropped at the 12u age so need to be creative. Reaching out to Chaska to possibly combine. Consider changing fee requirements to fall tryout time to help prevent more player loss over the winter.
Vote for new VP Softball	
Presenter	Mark Stay
Discussion	<p>Found a replacement, Brett Sween has been transitioning over the last few months.</p> <p>Motion made to elect Brett Sween to VP of Softball. Second. Approved.</p> <p>Thank you Mark for all your leadership and building the CAA Softball program! Welcome Brett!</p>
Field Project Updates	
Presenter	Jeff Kraemer
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grass infields at Lake Ann – no major overhauls. City has been out doing edging, looking at lips. -Storage sheds – City doesn't want them but will be open to them but want to look a certain way. Lake Ann most likely but also most complicated with hills. Attached with new dugouts? -Dugouts – Prototype cover at 4 with wood and metal, 4, 5, 6 this year, 1,2,3 next year. -Batting nets – will be fixed/repared at both Bandemire and Lake Ann. -Tarps for mound and home plate for Lake Susan. -Mounds are in bad shape in Bandemire and looking to repair in the spring. -Lights and new Pavilion with bathrooms at Lake Ann – not on the agenda for now. -Jerry will get back to Jeff on money available for sheds. <p>Nick - Twins have grants where they give to the community for upgrades to fields.</p>
Open Positions	
Presenter	Sara Staloch
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Softball K/1/2-8U Director - will discuss both option positions at parent meeting 2. Softball Player Agent - one interested parent 3. Umpire In Charge/Field Prep Coordinator – Megan and Emily will take this 4. Coordinator Golf Fundraiser - send out a separate email with just this position 5. Baseball Player and Coach Development Coordinator 6. Tournament Assistant/Apprentice 7. Social Media Coordinator - Crown college? <p>Send out an email specific to these open positions and add more explanations about the roles.</p>
New Financial Aid Policy	
Presenter	Sara Staloch
Discussion	<p>Proposed new policy with new application with more questions to weed out anyone trying to take advantage of the system. We have had a few issues in the past. Hoping the additional questions will fix the issues we have had and make it easier for the board to implement.</p> <p>Alicia is going to make a google form with the new questions/application. Sara will update the new info to the website when ready.</p> <p>Motion made, second, and approved new Financial Aid Policy.</p>
Stipend Discussion	
Presenter	Jerry/Sara
Discussion	<p>Jerry read the info from our lawyer, recap is If you accept the board stipend it is compensation and could be liable. You could be sued as an individual.</p> <p>Costs keep going up, board members keep going up so the total stipend amount each year has been rising.</p> <p>19K is what we cashed for volunteer fees in 2023</p> <p>Ideas: flat fee, percent off, CCFA does \$50 apparel discount/gift card, maybe just cover registration for one player?</p>

	<p>Vote was made to keep the stipend but policy needs to have more structure and limits. Come to the March meeting with ideas on how to handle going forward and vote on a new policy.</p> <p>All stipend processing will be put on hold until we vote on a new policy in March.</p>
Other Items	
Presenter	
Discussion	<p>Derek G - Dugout club said we could use their trailer, we need a truck with a hitch to go get our new mounds. Order from beacon to ship, working with Glen.</p> <p>Amanda M - Post volunteer hours for softball uniform fittings and truck with a trailer hitch.</p> <p>Ryan H - Peach Jar flier – send it out ASAP</p> <p>Brett - Umpire training for softball – March 11th</p> <p>Ryan Check 14-15, 16-18 level need more players.</p>
Presenter	Jerry Orcutt
Discussion	-adjourned 8:36pm