

OSA Board Meeting
October 8, 2024

Attendees

Jamie Bishop
Davida Suiter
Brandon Howe
Cale Johnston
Sara Clausen
Matt Palm
Jason Pederson
Anne Hess
Nadia Norman
Tom Paustenbach
Matt Katerhagen

Not in Attendance

Brette Esterbrooks
Erik Lillejord
Cami Dahlstrom

Brandon motions to approve the meeting minutes from September, Sara seconds.

Erik Lillejord's wife has volunteered to manage our social media accounts, and we approve!

Brandon: Player Development

- Fall Ball Updates- Lisa was able to provide roving instruction to every team. We are going to offer winter training at Hit Dawg M-W. We were able to accommodate the Monday timeframe for 14U. The Tuesday sessions offered will only be to 8U players, so it doesn't conflict with our fall/winter program offering. The Hit Dawg information will go out to families soon.
- We agree that as a program, we need to provide and offer more pitching instruction. We need someone to come into OSA and help us improve and build up our pitching staff. We need to be able to keep good pitchers in our program.
- Brandon gave an update on our winter training program. It is 6 weeks of Sunday instruction from 4-6pm, plus pre tryouts. We are off on President's Day weekend. We've offered two different versions of this programming- one with OSA coaches and one with Lisa. We need to form a subcommittee and see who is going to be available for volunteer help. We would like to see if we can find volunteer high school players and use Sara Craig to help us. Sara can't coach the 12U or 14U players.
- Tryouts are March 2nd and Pretryouts are February 23rd.

Tom P: Finance Update

- Tom is now the signer on Platinum Bank. We are phasing out Midcountry Bank. We have 21K in our checking account. Overall, 191K in both accounts. Tom needs to figure out how to get into the P.O. box.
- Cale has an invoice from Deb for the fields, but he needs to audit the invoice and make sure the time matches the hours billed. The total on the invoice was higher than expected.
- In Tom's opinion, the finances look good. We have 100K in our account for the fields. We will run a surplus this year, but we haven't seen tournament fees yet. We had revenue of 122K YTD, our expenses are at 95K. We'll be at a 5-10K surplus.

Matt P: Equipment Updates

- Working on the Twins Grant.
- Matt hasn't started on the shed yet. He wants to add a disinfectant to the bags for the helmets.

Matt K: Fields Update

- Matt, Sara, and Anne met with the Orono School grounds crew. We are going to fix the fencing, backstops, gates etc. at JV, Varsity, and DC. Dirt will be getting fixed where we can. Mound update at JV. We are working on a mound update at 1 and 4 at DC. Benches are coming for those fields. Batting cages are up, but the mat hasn't been laid. We are going to get new nets at JV and Varsity. We are not able to turn the baseball field next to varsity into a softball field. That is the only field that has a certain amount of distance for JV baseball. Their goal is to get baseball back on campus, but there are roadblocks and obstacles like parking, field conditions, etc. Overall, OPS was very receptive to the feedback and we are hopeful for some reduction in cost. They wanted to make sure we knew what the priorities were around campus - the OK kids building, IS tennis courts, signage, ADA compliance.
- The grounds at OPS haven't improved that much in the past decades, and Dr. Flescher is aware of that. OPS has contracts and they have very specific rules on sponsorship, donations, signage, etc.

Jamie: Uniforms Update

- Jamie is going to go in and change and update the bylaws.
- We need to change the bylaws to change Matt's role to field maintenance director. We need to adjust the bylaws from 14 board members to 18 board members.
- Update all of the director titles and their roles and responsibilities

Cami: Concessions Update

- We cleaned out the concessions best we could. It could use a deepclean for sure in the future. The concessions themselves are in pretty good shape, could use a new countertop board and the drawers fixed. The fridge that was located there does not work. Need to get a replacement or get someone out to fix it. It is a nice glass front fridge if we can get it fixed. If we could find someone to donate one that would be great. We spent about \$150 just on ice for the coolers, so the sooner the better. The grill we used

was donated by Brandon Schlinz a while back. It works, but will need new grates if we continue to use it. Could also use a donation or a replacement there as well.

- The sign-up genius worked slick, but would love to have it out earlier. If we have a guarantee on all fall ball games, we would maybe get a better response to who can work it? I don't know how to avoid the last minute scramble to fill all the empty spots or have Sara or myself up there at all times in case people don't show up?
- Matt and Matt can talk more about field maintenance, but from what I saw, they did an amazing job and every team was happy with the fields.
- I have attached a [breakdown of the inventory](#) I bought. I can break it down with prices from the receipts if needed. After all receipts were cashed in including the ice and propane. Sara and I bought out the rest of inventory, we had a profit of \$438 in cash. This does not include whatever we brought in over Venmo.
- Matt brings up the idea of an OSA wishlist. We need a canopy with drinks. We need to come up with a DIBS program. How do we keep track of what everyone is doing? Davida is going to look into DIBS and see what other associations do and what could work for us.

Davida: 8/10 Update

- Davida gave a fall ball update on all the teams and season outcomes.
- Pretryouts need to be two hours.
- There is a need for several tournaments this spring. Davida is going to look at what weekends are available for us to host. We are going to figure out how to link the 8U evaluations into tryouts.

Sara: 12/14 Update

- Winter training registration is really low. 8 people are registered as of now. We need to push it to families more. 14U is in for T/TH. We also need volunteers.
- Cami is going to work with 12U, Jamie with 10U, Matt might be able to help. Jamie is going to send out some communication to families tomorrow and see if we can drive up registration.

Pioneer Creek Fields Update

- We met with baseball and Sarah Meier is going to help with fundraising. It's going in the right direction.

Misc: Pitching Training

- We need to grow our pitchers. We need to bring on a pitching coach. We need to think about giving mound time at all levels. Can we offer pitching scholarships? We are going to invest in a pitching resource like HLT.

Misc: Playing Time

- Coaches need to communicate with families how the state tournament differs from the regular season play.
- We also need to have some fall expectations, and communicate that with families.

Sara motions to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconds.