

OSA Board Meeting
March 11, 2025

Attendees

Davida Suiter
Brandon Howe
Sara Clausen
Anne Hess
Nila Norman
Tom Paustenbach
Matt Katterhagen
Cale Johnston
Jamie Bishop
Cami Dahlstrom
Matt Palm

Not in Attendance

Brette Esterbrooks
Erik Lillejord

Cami motions to approve February meeting minutes. All in favor.

Matt K. Field Maintenance

- Matt met with the city of Maple Plain. They are charging a lot more for the fields this year (3X as much) and all improvements are put on hold.
- Anne is going to reach out to Craig from OBA. We want to maintain the relationship so that we can use the fields in the future.

Tom- Finance Update

- 58K in checking account. 60K from registration. 187K in savings account. 102 in the joint money with OBA from the Twins Grant. Tom is going to move forward with opening a new account for the joint softball and baseball fund. We are also going to close the MidCountry account. Toby and Tom are going to work on the tax stuff together this week. Tom is going to follow up with some people that he owes money to and write some checks to pay for tournaments.
- Brette needs to activate our gmail accounts.
- Currently we do not have a budget, but Tom does a lot of forecasting based on historical models. He is keeping his eye on how we are trending. The 14U team's cost is not reflective of the price, but our younger travel programs help subsidize and fund that team. The coach fees are the most expensive part of the program, but we do have sponsorships and other sources of revenue to help. Overall, Tom feels pretty good about where we are at for this year.

Cami- Coach Development

- We missed the deadline for the youth coaching grant, but Cami is going to reach out to the guy in charge and see if we can do a late submission.
- Cami needs to know how many binders, how many coaches, etc. Coaches clinic is booked on April 6th and Cami is looking for some additional support. Jamie is going to help with the younger group for some basic drills and throwing progression. Coaches asked for more mid season support and resources.

Brandon Howe- Player Development

- We need to decide whether we want to continue to have roving instruction in the spring. The coaches need to know what they want the instructor to do. We could look into asking Coach Craig or Hartneck if they would be interested in coming to help.

Jamie- Uniforms Update

- All jerseys have been ordered. Process was a lot smoother this year, partly because of us deciding to assign REC players numbers. Jerseys should take about 6 weeks to arrive. Each team will have an extra set for subs.
- 6U jerseys/socks, 8U REC all have been assigned numbers.
- Practice shirts are designed and ready to be ordered when Erik finalizes the sponsorships.
- Coaches shirts are ready to be ordered. Jamie is going to send out a spreadsheet to coaches to have them verify their size and preference.
- Swag store is in the works. Game One is currently in the process of building it. Swag items are going to ship directly to families to alleviate some of the distribution build up.

Erik is going to update on sponsorships.

Matt Palm- Equipment Update

- Coaches are going to come and make their own gear bag.

Miscellaneous-

- We still don't have a parent meeting date set. There is conversation about whether we need a parent meeting or not. The most important points of the meeting are parent conduct, team formation, and playing time. Davida motions that we do not have a parent meeting, and we move towards a "fast facts" information sheet and a booth on Opening Day.
- Jason has resigned from the board, and Cale is back on umpires and fields.
- Opening Day is on track. Photos are going to be that same day from 2-4. We are going to nominate Holly Howe or Caroline McCoy. Jamie and Nila are helping with Opening Day. Do we need to get booths to be a part of the experience?
- Jamie is going to reach out to Estes about who we need to talk to about getting involved and helping with opening day.
- Youth Night is with Orono High School Softball on Friday April 25th. There will be goody bags and time on the field. Will there be concessions? The boosters are going to run the

goody bags, and they also offered a youth practice, which we all liked the idea for the 10U age group. They are looking to partner more with OSA.

- Gala Update- We need to determine the value of the auction items for the gala. We need help with auction items.
- Anne met with the ladies who are planning the gala and they are really excited about the project. The dress code is formal. The event is titled Diamond Dreams. We are looking for an MC for the event. It is \$65/ticket and that covers your meal. You can also purchase a table or a company can sponsor a table. We don't know when tickets go on sale yet. It is for anyone who wants to come.

The informational part of the meeting is adjourned. The next meeting is moved to a virtual meeting on 4/13 6:30 PM.