

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

The OSA board met virtually on 4/12/2025.

- Anne brought up one of the board members' concerns about posting our finances via the MM. We agreed that moving forward we would not post our bank account balances. Cami motions to keep the finances off our minutes and to approve the March Meeting Minutes. Matt Palm seconds. Motion passes

FYI- We have a fundraising open board position.

Anne- Independence Fields Update-

- We still have open space at the Gala and we are looking for a few more auction items (experiential).

Tom- Finance Update

- We did set up a new joint bank account between OBA and OSA. Money is coming in for the fields. Tom is currently the only signer on the account, but he is looking to add OBA members or at least send them a monthly statement since the balance is changing.
- Someone from our board has been invited to present the hs scholarship on senior awards night on Wednesday May 21st. Anne and Tom put it to the board to see if there is any interest or availability, otherwise someone from the school can present the scholarship. Cami volunteered to do it, but raised a concern over us not knowing who the recipient is until we opened the envelope. We are going to ask if we can know ahead of time.
- Jamie approved the uniform invoices.
- We still haven't seen the Twins Grant money.
- Tom is going to reach out to the sponsors and get some of our collections.

Matt K- Fields Update

- Matt requests maintenance from the school after each use and additional rakes.

Brandon- Player Development

- He has connected with Becky from tc fastpitch and she has catching instruction. He also spoke to Lisa and she is going to help as well. We also met the old pitching coach from Orono High School and we got her information. She said she would love to help us out.
- Sarah offered to help out with catchers as well, but wants to wait until after high school season.
- Brandon got the field schedule and is requesting a master schedule.
- We don't know when or where the 14U is going to practice, but we are guessing 6-8. All the coaches have access to the master schedule. Last year we did not include 14u in the roving instruction, should we include them this year? Cami says yes.
- Anne reminds the board to respect Cale's time with requests etc. There should be minimal changes on the master schedule except for game cancellations. We agreed that managers can edit the master schedule and if it's blank, he will note that no one used that.
- We don't have a backup spot if it's raining and practice gets cancelled. We have indoor space through the end of April, and if we don't use HD, Lisa won't charge us.
- There was a group text this weekend, and we need to chat with Krsiti Flescher about field costs for JV and varsity.
- We pay way more than other schools do to use our own fields. David put the JV and Varsity field 10U schedule into the field schedule. There might be an issue with the 10U teams until the state games are over. Baseball is using those fields to get ready to go to an away game. All teams, except 8U have their schedules in the spreadsheet.

Cami- Coach Development

- We had our coaches meeting and overall it was a success. People liked the binders. There's one team struggling with how to write a PP and pitcher catcher support and Cami is going to stop by their practice this week. Everyone else is off and running. People are asking about p and catching roving instruction. Biggest need right now is a 14U coach. We've reached out to the local club teams and all their coaching staff are set. Becky has some feelers out. Joe hasn't officially said no yet. Cami wants all the board

Jamie- Uniform Update

- All uniforms, coaches shirts, and practice shirts have been delivered. We have had minimal to zero problems with the distribution.
- Jamie gave a recap of the Opening Day planning meeting and any updates.
- Davida is going to make a picture day schedule and find out an alternate date for teams that have tournaments on 5/3.

Sara and Davida- Travel Updates

- Big west scheduling meeting- 10, 12, and 14U
- Field schedules are now complete. You don't need to play double headers every night. You only need a certain number of games for state qualifiers. State Qualifier rosters are locked.
- They added more roles to sports engine.
- Davida has assigned most of the fields
- Youht First has a new feature where you can report bad behavior by another team, coach, or parent.

Brette- Tech

We need to get the google workspaces/emails up and running ASAP.

Matt P- Equipment Update

- Spending freeze until the Twins grant is in. 8u REC and 6u equipment is going out next week!

Cale- Fields and Umpires

- Cale got the games and fields over to the umpires for 10U B and A, and 12U/14U. For 10u C and 8U experience we are going to use local umpires and Cale sent out a sign up genius. If we want more teams to have umpires, let Cale know.
- There is an umpire class you can take, but we should send it out to the 14U girls. The rule is that you have to have two age classes away from the age group you are umpiring. Sara is going to send the link to the 14U parents.

Nila- REC Updates

- Nila is working on a youth night.
- Nila did not attend the meeting and we will get a REC update from her later.
- We need to send out a reminder email about Varsity Youth Night. Kids should be there around 4.

Next meeting may 4th 6:30

Tom motions to approve the meeting, everyone seconds.