

OSA Board Meeting
November 12, 2024

Attendees

Jamie Bishop
Davida Suiter
Brandon Howe
Cale Johnston
Sara Clausen
Jason Pederson
Anne Hess
Nadia Norman
Tom Paustenbach
Matt Katerhagen
Brette Esterbrooks
Erik Lillejord
Cami Dahlstrom

Not in Attendance

Matt Palm

Matt voted to approve the minutes, Erik seconds.

Tom- Finance

Tom shared an overview of our finances and in his opinion, everything looks good.

Matt Palm- Equipment Updates

We talked about purchasing pitching nets for Spring. No other equipment updates.

Matt K-

Grant application for 100k for the field grant.
JV and Varsity have been updated.

Brandon- Player Development

Session 1 for hit dawg has lower enrollment.
Session 2 is closer to when the season begins and we are hoping it might be more popular.
Starts January 6th.
He is looking into opening Tuesday nights up to 10 and 12u.
Sunday Dome Training- Jan 5th to February 9th 4-6pm. Dome is reserved for tryouts and pre tryouts. Becky has three instructors who are committed, and that includes pitching and catching instruction.
Additional support- Coach Craig has been available to help and could have high school helpers. OSA coaches as well.
They are looking at giving us space in the garage, but it is full of equipment.

We need to get Save the Dates out for this. We could look into getting a sponsorship to help bridge the price gap from last year. Last year it was 100 for 6 sessions. It would likely be \$400 per session x 6. We would need 60 kids at \$140 to break even. If Erik could get a sponsorship for \$2500, we could keep it at \$100.

Cami- Coach Development

Cami is going to look into finding a pitching coach. We had a conversation about how to grow our pitching instruction.

Anne- Misc.

We lost a few players this spring to club ball. There was a conversation about players leaving OSA for Club Ball. Are these players being recruited or are they leaving on their own volition? We have talking points about how to respond when or if people talk about club teams. The answer is: it's a parent/family's choice to go Club.

We can decide at a later time whether to move tryouts to the fall and offer year round programming.

David and Sara- Travel Updates

Dome Ball is going well

Registration opens february 17th

Phase two of closing dates 8, 10, and 12 travel will close march 1st. March 2nd tryouts 6u and 8u will close on March 10th.

Practices will start March 31st. Games start April 30th.

David will be communicating dates for team formation.

We have to communicate teams before spring break. Potentially the 14th.

State tournament 8u will be the same weekend as 10 and 12u qualifiers.

State tournament is july 12th and 13th, NAFA is next weekend.

As soon as you register for NAFA you need to pay. Gate fee is going to be included in registration. You have to register before you qualify.

We have to announce to our families in January that we are implementing a dibs program.

We need a DIBS program manager on the board. We need to find out what the financial buyout is going to be.

You need to have a volunteer management system.

We decided on doing a DIBs lite for the spring. Most programs don't roll over hours. Brette is going to figure out the cost of the module.

Erik- Fundraising

Erik is going to start working earlier for fundraising. Erik found a fundraiser for 14u.

Brette- Tech

Brette set up a google email and workspace for every person. You will get an invite on your personal email and will be able to start using the google suite. There will be continuity between people leaving board positions.

There will be visibility between board members' previous emails. Tryout data will be stored on our drive.

Random business-

Other grants we can apply for?

Next meeting is December 10th. Anne is going to call some places.
Davida adjourns the meeting, Jason seconds.