

West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Via Zoom
Sunday, January 15, 2023 @ 2 PM

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Call to Order

Rob motions to start the meeting at 2:21. Tom seconds.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President

Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator

Josh Halverson – Secretary

Tom Schartz

Jacob Ellens – Vice President

Andy Lueth – Treasurer

Megan Eastlick

Guests

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Andy motioned to approved. Clint seconds. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Do informational posts on social media at least once a month to differentiate between us and Hartford Baseball Organization.

Old Business

1. Canaries Game – May 6th

New Business

1. Registration
 - a. 3 coaches needed per team up to 12U.
 - i. Josh makes motion. Rob and Megan seconds. Motion carries.
2. +1 Rule to play up
 - a. Andy proposes to have it be optional for kids to play up a level (grade level).
 - i. Example – an 11-year-old wouldn't be able to play 14U.
 - ii. Parents would need to attend a board meeting and explain why they would like their kid to play up a level.
 1. A request must be submitted to a board member in advance of a meeting.
 2. The parent will be required to request to have their child play up a level at a board meeting by April 1st.
 3. The board will vote approve or deny the request.

- a. Players must be registered with their correct age group first in order to make a proposal to the board to move their kid up a level.
 - b. Andy makes motion to approve. Josh seconds. Motion carries.
3. Fence Signs
 - a. Will start to look into this at the February meeting.
4. Open positions
 - a. Summer DeJong – possibly for Director.
 - b. SDSU Sports Management – possibly find someone.
5. Minn-Dak League
 - a. Looking to have a rec league and a competitive league this year.
 - i. We are going to take a wait and see approach.
 1. We can let people know that this is something that could possibly be coming down the line, but nothing that we're going to look at doing this year.
6. Permanent Agreement with Humboldt
 - a. Present the city a letter of what we'd like the agreement to cover.
 - i. Would like to get something in writing instead of a formal agreement.
 1. The turf contract stated that WCBA controls the fields (scheduling) for (10 years), so there are 9 years left.
 - ii. WCBA and the city of Humboldt should have a joint checking account so the city can see what's going on and what we're doing.
 - b. Tom to write a letter and present to the board to have okayed to present to the city of Humboldt.
7. Rob to order mound within the next week.
8. Motion to adjourn meeting
 - a. Josh motions. Andy seconds. Motion carries.

Next Meeting

February 5, 2023 @ 7 PM, Humboldt Community Center

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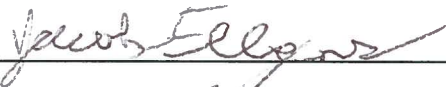
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF WEST CENTRAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

We, the undersigned, being all of the Directors of West Central Baseball Association, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, do hereby waive all notice of the Special Meeting of the Directors of West Central Baseball Association, Inc., held on January 15, 2023 whether provided by statute or otherwise, and agree that such meeting shall be held on the 15th day of January, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting and we consent to the transaction of any and all business that may come before the meeting.

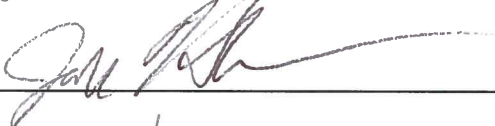
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Rob Lind, President



Jacob Ellens, Vice-President



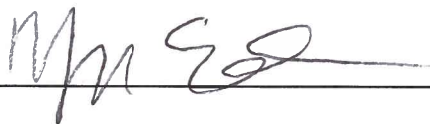
Josh Halverson, Secretary



Andy Lueth, Treasurer



Clint Koehn, Director



Megan Easlick, Director



Tom Shartz, Director

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, February 5, 2023 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator
Josh Halverson – Secretary
Tom Schartz

Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Megan Eastlick

Guests

1. Terry Arends
2. Meghan Ellens
3. Kyle Roth

Motion to start meeting made by Josh at 6:06 PM, Rob seconds.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Andy motions, Jake seconds.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

1. Mounds Ordered

New Business

1. +1 Rule Petitions
 - a. Aiden Lueth
 - i. Will be an 8th grader, birthday January 31, 2010. Been in 12U for last 2 years. Would like to play up. Doesn't want his kid to play on small field and regress. Would like to have his kid progress and play on bigger field.
 - b. Eli Koehn
 - i. Will be an 8th grader, birthday April 28, 2010. Wants to play 14U. Most of his team is going up a level. Andy says he's ready to go up as he plays on his tournament team.
 - c. Dean Arends

13. Legion tournament
 - a. June 23 – June 25
 - i. 6 team tournament
 - ii. Add this tourney to the volunteer schedule
14. Umpire in Chief to Schedule Umpires all Season for 14U and 16U
 - a. Possibly Devon Garry
15. Twins Grant
 - a. Open until March 1, 2023
 - b. Needs copies of documents for last year
16. Scheels \$1,000 check
 - a. Showed up in our PO Box made out to WCBA

Motion to adjourn meeting

Clint motions to adjourn. Rob seconds. Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm.

Next Meeting

March 5, 2023 @ 7 PM, Humboldt Community Center

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, March 5, 2023 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

Motion to start meeting made by Rob at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick
Tom Schartz	

Guests

Nolan Whiting, Terry Arends, Heather Fischer, Lexi Klinkhammer, Jeremy Klinkhammer

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Rob motioned to approve; Clint seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Look at the current structure of by-laws for voting members on and off.

Old Business

Need to find a tax person.

New Business

1. Competitive League
 - a. 2023 MinnDak is doing 12U competitive league.
 - b. Starting next year, we'll have a separate registration for this.
 - i. Rec league will be still in place as well.
 - c. There will be tryouts for this team with 10 – 12 kids on the team.
 - i. Kids will be numbered for tryouts, not by name.
 - d. A parent can express if they want to coach and then they'll be picked by the board.
 - e. Also, we'd like this team to also compete in 6 – 10 additional tournaments outside of league. This team will also represent WCBA in the state tournament.
 - f. If a kid decides to back out and not play after making the team, they will not be allowed to play the current year or the following year in competitive league.
2. Coaches' clinic and umpire clinic dates
 - a. Umpire Clinic – April TBD (towards the end, weather)
 - b. Coaches' Clinic – April 5th @ 6:00 pm @ Humboldt Community Center
3. Insurance
 - a. Covered until May 2023. We'll need to get them our numbers and then we can renew.
4. Pictures
 - a. Beth Grocott
 - i. Megan will give her a call.
5. Current numbers
 - a. T-ball – 29

- i. 3 groups
 - b. Transition – 43
 - i. 4 teams
 - c. 8U – 59
 - d. 10U – 52
 - e. 12U – 33
 - f. 14U – 19
 - g. 16U – 9
 - h. Legion – 4
- 6. Draft
 - a. April 5th right after the coaches' clinic
- 7. Uniforms
 - a. Dauby's – Ask for Mike
 - b. American Ink – Ask for Nicole
 - c. Grocott – Lori
- 8. Field cleanup day
 - a. Discuss next meeting
- 9. Equipment inventory
 - a. Just need to let Mike with the city know when we want to do it and he'll make us a path.
 - b. 1st aid kits – Humboldt ambulance will apply for a grant and get them for us.
- 10. Purchasing a radar gun
 - a. Would like to purchase one eventually to have on hand. VFW showcase, 12U tryouts, good use for high schoolers.
 - i. Rob has a few that we can borrow for the time being.
- 11. Open positions
 - a. Director
 - i. Still on the hunt to find someone.
 - 1. DWU & DSU players possibly
 - b. Concessions
 - i. Need to find someone.
 - c. Scheduler
 - i.
 - d. Umpires
 - i. Devon Garry
- 12. Luke Larson +1 request
 - a. Will be an 8th grader. Birthday March 11, 2010. Would like to play 14U.

Clint motions to go to executive session. Andy seconds.

- 1. Luke Larson +1 request
 - a. Board all votes to approve request.

Motion to adjourn by Clint, Rob seconds. Meeting done 8:31 pm.

Next Meeting

Special Meeting on March 19 @ 6:30 PM, Humboldt Community Center

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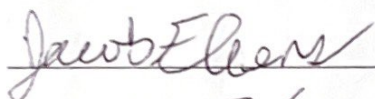
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We, the undersigned, being all of the Directors of West Central Baseball Association, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, do hereby waive all notice of the Special Meeting of the Directors of West Central Baseball Association, Inc., held on 3/19, 2023 whether provided by statute or otherwise, and agree that such meeting shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2023, at 6 am/pm and we consent to the transaction of any and all business that may come before the meeting.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2023



Rob Lind, President




Jacob Ellens, Vice-President



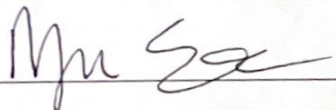
Josh Halverson, Secretary



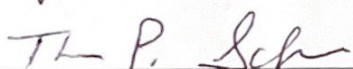
Andy Lueth, Treasurer



Clint Koehn, Director



Megan Easlick, Director



Tom Shartz, Director

WCBA Board/Member Meeting Guest Sign in sheet

Date/Time March 19, 2023 @ 6 PM

Printed Name	signed name	contact info (optional)
1 <u>Tim Grace</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>605 201-7496</u>
2 <u>Kare Grace</u>	<u>Kare Grace</u>	
3 <u>Jeff Wagner</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>929-4271</u>
4 <u>Janner Wagner</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
5 <u>Renee Wagner</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>359-2812</u>
6 <u>Melissa McManon</u>	<u>Melissa McManon</u>	<u>605-804-1937</u>
7 <u>Heather Fischer</u>	<u>Heather Fischer</u>	<u>610.6520</u>
8 <u>Jeremy Kuhlman</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
9 <u>Fath Greenhouse</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
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11 <u>Emily Koehn</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
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**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, March 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

Clint motions to start meeting, Jake seconds. Meeting starts at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick
Tom Schartz	

Guests

See guest list.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Andy motions to approve, Tom seconds. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Old Business

1. Need to find a tax person.
 - a. Reached out to quite a few, none of them did non-profit organizations.
2. Umpire Clinic – April TBD (towards the end, weather)
 - a. Jason Whiting and Josh Halverson – will get a date later.
3. Field clean-up day
 - a. Will get a date later, once snow melts
4. Open positions
 - a. Director
 - i. Looking for a player in college that is wanting a summer job.
 1. Gunner Peterson may have a few players that are interested.
 - ii. Will probably more likely for next year, probably won't happen this year.
 - b. Concessions
 - i. Rhonda Travis is interested with another person and their daughters.
 1. \$2,500 is what we paid last year.
 2. They would like \$5,000. Would do everything, set up, getting all food/orders, inventory, taking care of scheduling volunteers.
 - a. Heather – She would like to know if there is a budget for this stuff.
 - c. Scheduler
 - i. \$2,500 last year
 1. No interest from anyone on this
 - d. Umpires
 - i. No interest from anyone on this
 - ii. This person would set up umpires for 14u and 16u games.
 - iii. No pay rate was or has been discussed at this time.

New Business

1. Tanner Wagner +1 rule petition
 - a. Going into 8th grade, March 1, 2010. Would like to play with kids in his class. Has been playing at that level with kids in his class. Currently registered for 12U.
2. Kane Grace +1 rule petition
 - a. Going into 8th grade. March 30, 2010. Would like to play with kids in his class. Played with Hammers the last few years. Currently registered for 12U.
3. 12U Competitive Discussion
 - a. 4 kids signed up for the competitive option.
 - i. Will not have a competitive team this year. Dell Rapids will have 2 teams and as for now, that is all the teams that will be in the league.
 - b. All 12U kids will be in the draft.
 - c. We will follow rules for state tournament.
 - i. Rec teams will be participating in state and will have their way paid.
 1. Kids can be picked up from rec teams that aren't participating in the state tournament.
4. 14U Discussion
 - a. Discuss after draft
5. 16U Discussion
 - a. Discuss after draft
6. # of teams per division
 - a. T-ball
 - i. 33 kids
 1. 6 teams
 - b. Transition
 - i. 50 kids
 1. 5 teams
 - c. Coach Pitch
 - i. 62 kids
 1. 6 teams
 - d. PeeWee
 - i. 58 kids
 1. 5 teams
 - e. Midget
 - i. 37 kids
 1. 3 teams
 - f. Teener Minor
 - i. 23 kids
 1. 2 teams
 - g. Teener Major
 - i. 11 kids
 1. 1 team

Clint motioned to go to executive session and Andy seconds at 7:19 PM.

7. Executive Session
8. Board votes unanimously to approve both +1 requests

Josh motions to end the meeting, Tom seconds. Meeting ends at 7:57 PM.

Next Meeting

April 2, 2023 @ 7:00 PM at Humboldt Community Center.

WCBA Board/Member Meeting Guest Sign in sheet

Date/Time April 2nd, Sunday 7 pm, 2023

Printed Name

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contact info (optional)

Printed Name	signed name	contact info (optional)
1 <u>MATT CAW</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
2 <u>Devon Garry</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
3 <u>Miley Travis</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
4 <u>Abbi Thornton</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
5 <u>Jena Thornton</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
6 <u>Rhonda Travis</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
7 <u>Heather Fischer</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
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**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 7 PM**

Call to Order

Clint motions to being meeting at 7:04, Jake seconds. Motion carries.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator
Josh Halverson – Secretary
Tom Schartz

Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Megan Eastlick

Guests

See sign in sheet.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Andy motions to approve, Megan seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Reports

- a. Presidents Report – Rob Lind
 - i. Gunner Peterson – possibly have 2 of his players help coach.
 - ii. Purchased bags, chest protectors, tees from Dauby's today
 - iii. Conversation with Danny Frisbee-Griffin
 - 1. Conversation about the WC Hammers, but Rob was left out of most of it to remain neutral.
 - iv. Fields are a long way off from being able to be played on.
 - 1. Dell Rapids wants to rent Field A on April 16th from 3 – 6 for their tryouts.
 - 2. Had a discussion about Field A repairs and figuring out about warranty/costs.
 - v. Canaries game is still on for May 7th, but weather pending.
 - vi. 10U state tournament
 - 1. Would like us to host the tournament, Madison turned it down
- b. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - i. See the second to last page of the meeting minutes for Andy's prepared report
- c. Social Media Report – Clint Koehn
 - i. Things are going pretty well. There's a lot of engagement with our Facebook page.

Old Business

- 1. Field Cleanup Day
 - a. Still TBD

New Business

- 1. Concessions
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Andy has gone through everything that is needed with Rhonda.
 - 1. She has a good understanding on the job duties and requirements.

5. Look at by-laws for members coming and going on the board
 - a. Discussion
 - i. If someone decides to resign, for whatever reason – we need to look at replacing someone mid-year in order to keep our board whole.
 - ii. If someone wants to join the board, we should put a date on it that they have to let us know by.
 - iii. Need to change the address of WCBA
 - iv. Tom will look into these items
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Heather stated that there have been annual meetings that they have not had enough people to fill the board at times.
6. Only moldeds only on field A
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Will be a tough sell.
 - ii. Hard to enforce this on teams.
 - iii. Practice, bullpen sessions should be handled on the mounds that are provided.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Maybe just recommend it to start with.
 - ii. Make sure that they're using the mat as well.
 - iii. Yankton and Sanford does not allow spikes.
7. 2023 Operating Budget
 - a. See the last page of meeting minutes for Andy's report
8. 12u MinnDak League Tournament
 - a. Discussion
 - i. 6/30 – 7/2
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. We're looking at turning this opportunity down because we're looking at hosting the state 10u tournament.
 - ii. This would be 3 weekends in a row of hosting tournaments

Clint motions to go to executive, Clint seconds.

1. Hire Rhonda Travis
 - a. \$5,000 to do it for the season
 - i. If they hit a certain amount we will consider a bonus
2. Devon Garry
 - a. Head coach
 - b. Umpire Coordinator

Clint motions to leave executive and Rob seconds. All in favor.

Andy motions to adjourn, Clint seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourn 9:14.

Next Meeting

May 7, 2023 @ 6 PM, Humboldt Community Center

Treasurers Report March 2023

April 2nd, 2023 Board Meeting

Current Balance - \$90,450.99

March Deposits

1. Registrations - \$8,397.78

March Expenses

1. Post office Box Renewal - \$68.00

YTD Deposits

1. Registrations - \$23,062.34
2. Donations - \$1,000
3. Total - \$24,062.34

YTD Expensens

1. PITCHERS MOUND - \$2,642
2. LEGAL FEES - \$244.30
3. Website Renewal - \$597.55
4. Post Office Box - \$68.00
5. Total - \$3551.55

Upcoming Deposits – Tournament Registrations, Banner Advertising sales, Late Registrations

Upcoming Expenses - Baseballs, Additional Equipment, Uniforms, Registration Refunds

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, May 6, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Josh motions to start the meeting at 6:31 PM, Clint seconds.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President (not present with notice)
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick (not present with notice)
Tom Schartz (not present with notice)	

Guests

None

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Rob motions to approve, Andy seconds. Motion carries.

Reports

- a. Presidents Report – Rob Lind
 - i. None
- b. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - i. See Treasures Report April 2023 at end of minutes.
- c. Social Media Report – Clint Koehn
 - i. Nothing

Old Business

- 1. Field Cleanup Day
 - a. Clean out dugouts on Field E.

New Business

- 1. Having a person on Hartford sports and rec committee
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Would like to have someone to join this committee. Rob will check with Tony to see if there's room for someone to join from WCBA.
 - b. Public Comment
- 2. 10U/12U Tournament
 - a. Discussion
 - i. 10 teams for 12U. 5 teams for 10U.
 - 1. Concessions, umpires, gate
 - b. Public Comment

3. T-Ball Schedule
 - a. Discussion
 - i. June 5 – June 29 (Mondays and Wednesdays)
 1. 1 group, 6 stations, 10 minutes per station
 - b. Public Comment

Next Meeting

June 4, 2023 @ 7 PM, Humboldt Community Center

Motion to Adjourn

Rob motions to adjourn. Clint and Andy second. Motion carries.

Treasurers Report April 2023

May 6, 2023 Board Meeting

Current Balance - \$88,389.10

April Deposits

1. Registrations - \$547.00
2. Tournament fees - \$1,800
3. AD Banners - \$2,200
4. Concessions - \$386.25
5. **Total - \$4,933.25**

April Expenses

1. Registration Refunds - \$280.13
2. Dauby's (baseballs & tees) - \$3,769.76
3. Benchmark Mounds - \$2,642
4. Sam's - \$53.25
5. Concession Startup Cash Field A - \$250.00
6. **Total - \$6,995.14**

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Online Meeting
Sunday, June 25, 2023**

Call to Order

Rob motions to bring meeting at 6:17 pm and Tom seconds. Motion carries.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick
Tom Schartz	

Guests

Lexi Klinkhammer, Jeremy Klinkhammer, Nolan Whiting, Melissa McMahon, Matt Cain, Eric Alderson, Amber Lueth, Heath Siemonsma,

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Clint motions to approve minutes, Andy seconds. Motion carries.

Reports

- a. Presidents Report – Rob Lind
 - i. He's tired. Recent tourney updates.
 - ii. A few coach issues – all taken care of
 - iii. 8U state tourney help is needed. July 7 – July 9
 - 1. Looking at 22 8U teams
- b. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - i. \$92,037.21 current balance
 - 1. Jerseys and hats yet to be paid for
 - a. Roughly \$5,000
 - 2. 10 u and 12 u tourney – made around \$10,000 – \$12,000.
- c. Social Media Report – Clint Koehn
 - i. Nothing much

Old Business

None

New Business

- 1. 10U – 16U Tryouts/Team Assignments in August 2023
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Andy wants to propose this. Most MinnDak teams have went to this.
 - 1. Wants to change by-laws.
 - a. Get rid of draft.
 - b. Wants everyone to tryout and if they don't, they'll be assigned to a team.
 - c. Team 1 – coach would need to submit an application to coach

- i. Possibly outside hires.
- ii. Ideally have a college baseball player to coach
- iii. USF coaches would help supervise the tryouts

b. Public Comment

- i. Looking to hopefully have it in the fall
- ii. If a kid makes a team and decides to not play, what happens?
 - 1. The kids will be in a tiered system. So, it would be the next kid up that tried out.
- iii. Think of the possibility of adding 8U into that mix.
- iv. If someone misses both tryouts, what do we do?
 - 1. Case by case basis.
- v. Will there be offseason training?
 - 1. There will be chances to do offseason workouts/practices/training
 - 2. This is also an opportunity for a kid to tryout at a practice if they can't make the initial tryouts.
- vi. This would eliminate the +1 rule as well.
- vii. Look what we're doing with coaches and who's going to coach

2. Board Member/Volunteer Responsibility for 8U & 10U State

a. Discussion

- i. Andy has the tournament checklist
 - 1. Looking at 50 games at least right now for 8U.
- ii. Opening Ceremony
 - 1. Rob will take care of it
 - a. Look at loudspeaker system for little fields
- iii. Volunteers – Andy will take care of lining up this
 - 1. Scorekeepers/Gamechanger
 - 2. Field prep
- iv. Gate
- v. Concessions
- vi. Umpires
- vii. Programs – Tom & Jake will take care of this.
- viii. Host tent
- ix. Coaches Meeting
- x. State Tournament Shirts

b. Public Comment

- i. None

3. Gator Purchase

a. Discussion

- i. We need something to work the fields. People have been generous and let us use their gofl carts, four-wheelers, etc.

b. Public Comment

- i. Look at a field maintainer.
- ii. Golf cart – also a possibility
- iii. Possibly use something that the city of Humboldt has

4. Pay off Turf Loan

a. Discussion

- i. We need to get the exact amount of the payoff. WCBA will pay off the turf loan once we find out the amount and vote on it.
 - 1. Rob motions to pay off our turf loan if it's under \$10,000. Clint seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

- b. Public Comment
 - i. None

- 5. Move Mutual Fund Money to Joint Account with City for Field Improvements
 - a. Discussion
 - i. \$30,704.10 currently in the mutual fund.
 - ii. The city wants to know what we're contributing to the \$171,095 grant
 - 1. We need to get more information on this to find out what we need to contribute.
 - 2. This is for Dimond A fence, Diamond E light poles, backstop, sod.
 - iii. Maybe put it in a joint account with the city of Humboldt for future improvements.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Be cautious about having a joint account. Maybe more of a transparency with them with our account.

- 6. Sunflower Seeds on Field A
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Brookings has buckets and cups for seeds. Seeds are banned in the dugouts and on the field.
 - 1. We should try this first before giving them a fine
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Some places will eject players with seeds on turf complexes.
 - 1. If players don't own up, the team forfeits the game

- 7. Coded Locks
 - a. Discussion
 - i. The city is going to look at the possibility of coded locks.
 - 1. We're willing to cost share with the city on this.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None

- 8. Public Comment Opening
 - a. 12 U – WCBA has submitted a roster for state.
 - i. Heath Thompson is interested in helping coach.
 - b. Curious about uniforms, positions, practice times.
 - i. We currently have 9 kids
 - 1. Will get them jerseys

Tom motions to adjourn at 7:35 PM, Andy seconds. Motion carries.

Next Meeting

July 9, 2023 @ 7 PM, Humboldt Community Center

WCBA 2023 BUDGET

INCOME

STARTING BALANCE AS OF 1/1/23	\$	70,593.82
REGISTRATION FEES	\$	25,000.00
CONCESSIONS PROCEEDS	\$	30,000.00
ADVERTISING	\$	10,000.00
CLOTHING	\$	3,000.00
DONATIONS	\$	5,000.00
TOURNAMENT REG FEES/DONATIONS/MISC	\$	22,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	95,000.00
TOTAL AFTER INCOME	\$	190,000.00

EXPENSES

UMPIRE SCHEDULER	\$	5,000.00
UMPIRES	\$	7,500.00
BASEBALLS & EQUIPMENT	\$	7,500.00
FIELD UPKEEP	\$	3,600.00
UNIFORMS AND HATS	\$	6,000.00
LEAGUE FEES	\$	2,000.00
TOURNAMENTS SHIRTS, MEDALS, MISC EXP	\$	10,000.00
LEGAL, TAXES, INSURANCE	\$	4,000.00
CONCESSION STAND SUPPLIES	\$	12,000.00
CONCESSION MANAGER	\$	5,000.00
LEGION EXPENSES	\$	3,000.00
SCHEDULER	\$	5,000.00
HIRED COACHES	\$	5,000.00
PITCHING MOUNDS	\$	5,264.00
WEBSITE ANNUAL FEE	\$	575.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	81,439.00

TOTAL BALANCE AFTER REVENUE & EXPENSES	\$	108,561.00
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**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Emergency Executive Session Meeting
Saturday, July 1, 2023 @ 1:50 PM**

Call to Order

Andy calls to order at 1:50 PM to start, Rob seconds.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick (Not Present)
Tom Scharz (Not Present)	

Guests

None

New Business

1. A 12U player has requested his release from WCBA to play for Emery.
 - a. The board reviewed the request, and a vote was held.
 - i. The board voted 4 yes, 1 abstain, and 2 not present.
 - ii. 12U player is granted a 1 year release from WCBA and is allowed to play for Emery in 2023.

Executive Session ends at 2:52 PM.

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, August 6, 2023 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

6:05 pm - Josh calls to order, Andy seconds.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator – Not Present	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick – Not Present
Tom Schartz	

Guests

Matt Cain, Jeremy Klinkhammer, Joe Hanish, Jessie Ball, Erin Alderson

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Andy motions, Jake seconds, all in favor

Reports

1. Presidents Report – Rob Lind
 - a. Baseball year in review – tournament and state tournaments went well. WCBA hosted 8U state, 10U state.
2. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - a. Reviewed state tournament gross amounts. Very successful. Our bank account is sitting around \$106,000 currently.
3. Social Media Report – Clint Koehn
 - a. Clint will be posting team pictures soon on Facebook.

Old Business

New Business

1. 2023 Coaches Recognition
 - a. Thank you to all the coaches that helped this year. We will be hiring coaches for the coming year for certain levels.
 - b. We will be doing a coach's clinic again next year.
2. 2023 Concessions
 - a. Concession managers did a great job.
 - i. Over \$45,000 gross for the season.
 - ii. Can't return pop to Coke, going to try to sell it to the school
 1. It not, we will see how else we can get rid of it.
3. Survey Results/Competitive Tryouts (9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u)
 - a. 90 responses
 - b. See attachment for results
 - i. Erin feels that 8u and under wouldn't be worth it.
 1. Kids improve a lot throughout the year and aren't really focused on baseball all year long

- ii. Jeremy questions if we're going to keep doing the +1 rule or not
 - 1. We'd have to look at the tryout data in order to figure out if they can move up or not
 - 2. Not all +1s are on the same level
 - iii. Erin questions about doing tournaments with these teams
 - 1. She prefers to do her own team for tournaments and do league teams separate
 - 2. Maybe have your try outs and do 3 tournaments and still have their travel team play in tournaments
 - c. We would like to see MinnDak make the tiers for league, which will help us out with what we're looking at possibly doing
4. First Aid Kits for 2024
- a. Get off Amazon. Cheapest prices.
 - b. Will probably get around 100
5. WCBA Oversight
- a. Coaches/Members communicating with leagues/ organizations without WCBA consent
 - i. We had an incident of someone that was representing WCBA (not directly), and they had not contacted us about the matter.
 - 1. We were contacted about this and were taken by surprise.
 - a. It put us in a bind.

7:27 pm – Rob motions to go to executive. Jake seconds. All in favor.

6. Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn

7:52 pm – Josh motions to adjourn, Rob seconds. All approve.

Next Meeting

September 10, 2023 @ 6 PM, Humboldt Community Center

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, November 5, 2023 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

Jake starts meeting at 6:06 PM.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President (Absent)
Joe Hanisch
Josh Halverson – Secretary
Tom Schartz (Absent)

Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Tyler McCoy

Guests

Amber Lueth, Kyle Roth

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Tyler motions to approve, Jake seconds, motion carries.

Reports

- a. Presidents Report – Rob Lind
 - i. Jake giving the report. He went over enrollment and the new website. Tryout location given as well.
- b. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - i. Nothing much to report. Registration is open. Reimbursement for certifications for ump's – checks are written. The ones that submitted receipts are getting reimbursed.
- c. Social Media Report – Jacob Ellens
 - i. Putting out the new information on enrollment and the teams. Tryouts and meeting agendas.

Old Business

Public Comment

New Registration and Team Assignments

- Registration went smooth. Really easy to figure out.

New Business

1. New Board Positions
 - a. Discussion
 - i. President – Jake nominates Andy. Josh seconds. All in favor. Andy accepts.
 - ii. VP – Josh nominates Jake. Tyler seconds. All in favor. Jake accepts.
 - iii. Treasurer – Tyler and Joe nominated. Jake seconds Joe. All in favor. Joe accepts.
 - iv. Secretary – Jake nominates Tyler. Andy seconds. All in favor. Tyler accepts.

- b. Public Comment
 - i. None.
 - 2. Registration Fees/Deadlines
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Jake would like to increase league fees by \$25, family max is \$300. Refunds will be issued for anyone that goes over \$300.
 - 1. All were in favor, motion carries.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None
 - 3. Tryouts Location & Dates (10U, 12U, 14U)
 - a. Discussion
 - i. The Forty HQ in Renner.
 - 1. 11/19
 - a. 12:30 – 2:30 – 10U
 - b. 2:30 – 4:30 – 12U
 - c. 4:30 – 6:30 – 14U
 - 2. 12/17
 - a. 12:30 – 2:30 – 10U
 - b. 2:30 – 4:30 – 12U
 - c. 4:30 – 6:30 – 14U
 - 3. 1/7
 - a. 12:30 – 2:30 – 10U
 - b. 2:30 – 4:30 – 12U
 - c. 4:30 – 6:30 – 14U
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None
 - 4. Hire Evaluator
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Danny Miller – Dell Rapids HS, Legion coach, president of Dells Baseball
 - ii. Connor Hopkins – Pitching coach at DWU, works at the 40. Coaches Sioux Falls Christian, on their board. Plays amateur baseball for Winner.
 - 1. Jake motions to hire, Josh seconds. All in favor.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Great opportunity for the kids.
 - 5. New Website
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Went over in social media report.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None
 - 6. Mutual Fund discussion to protect WCBA assets
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Want to set it up so money can only be taken out for field expenses and WCBA. Needs to be approved by the city. We would like to protect the money for WCBA and have it used by and for WCBA.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Sioux Valley maybe able to help with setting poles for Field E.
 - 7. VFW Tourney Bids
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Andy thinks we should apply for all of them. He would like to form a tournament committee.
 - ii. Jake and Andy would like to do the 8U, 10U, and the All-Star Game.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. People think that the tournaments we did last year were ran well. The two that are here like the idea.

8. 8U Draft
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Tyler would like to know how many years the kids have played, that way they can have some older kids to help with growth. Would like to have coaches do an eval on the kids at the end of the year. This will make it easier to get talent to each team.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Probably have to do it this year, but for future years it will be easier.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jake @ 7:24 PM, Josh seconds. All in favor.

Next Meeting

December 3, 2023 @ 7 PM, Humboldt Community Center

**West Central Baseball Association Annual Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, October 1, 2023 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

Jake motions to start the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President (not present)
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator
Josh Halverson – Secretary
Tom Schartz

Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Megan Eastlick

Guests

Joe Hanisch, Amber Lueth, Erin Alderson, Tyler McCoy, Terry Ahrends

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Jake motions to approve, Andy seconds, all approves.

Reports

- a. Presidents Report – Jake (Reporting for Rob)
 - i. Talked about the tournaments we held and how successful they were. Busy year for WCBA. Who volunteered the most will be awarded at the next meeting.
- b. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - i. See last page of minutes.
- c. Social Media Report – Clint Koehn
 - i. New website is nearing the live stage. Data transfer is pretty much what is left to do. We're looking at a week or so.

Old Business

1. Field Cleanup Day
 - a. October 7 @ 10 am

New Business

1. Board member election (2 open positions – Clint (3 years) and Megan's (1 year) terms are up)
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Rob nominated Tyler McCoy
 - ii. Rob nominated Joe Hanisch
 - b. Voting
 - i. Unanimous vote for Tyle and Joe to join the board.

Motion to adjourn – Clint, Megan seconds, Carries. Meeting ended at 6:24 pm.

Next Meeting

November 5, 2023 @ 7 PM, Humboldt Community Center

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center in Humboldt, SD
Sunday, September 10, 2023 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

6:04 motions to start, Megan seconds.

Roll Call:

Rob Lind – President	Jacob Ellens – Vice President
Clint Koehn – Social Media Coordinator	Andy Lueth – Treasurer
Josh Halverson – Secretary	Megan Eastlick
Tom Schartz – running late	

Guests

Heather Fischer, Erin Alderson, Nolan Whiting, Tyler

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Clint approves, Jake seconds, all in favor and carries.

Reports

- a. Presidents Report – Rob Lind
 - i. Met with turf guy, things went well.
- b. Treasurers Report – Andy Lueth
 - i. Mostly everything has been paid for. Just playing catchup currently.
- c. Social Media Report – Clint Koehn
 - i. Not much to report at this time.

Old Business

New Business

1. New Website
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Being forced out of League Athletics to Sports Engine. We've been putting this off, but we will be doing this.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None
2. Taking Gate – Field A
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Jake would like to have gate taken for Field A for all games. \$5 for adults, 18 and under free.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Possible punch card?
3. Field Cleanup Day – October 7 @ 10 am
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Batting cages/nets, put chalk away, general cleanup, organize, put things away for Field A, general site cleanup, turtle, blue shed organize, take down signs,
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. None

4. Voting on Competitive System
 - a. Discussion
 - i. See WCBA Team Creation Rules
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Jake motions to vote in favor, Megan seconds, all in favor. Motion carries.

5. Tryout Date and Location if #4 is Approved
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Possibly 3 different dates.
 1. End of October, November, January
 - a. Turf 37, Back 40, Sanford bubble
 - ii. Have Dan Miller run the tryouts
 - iii. Will work out payment system for registration for families
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Do the tryout inside
 1. All tryouts and kids have same environment

6. Annual VFW Meeting Report
 - a. Discussion
 - i. GameChanger data will be used for seating in VFW regions and tourneys
 1. Highly recommended to be shared with VFW
 - ii. 2 umpires for 8u, 1st and 3rd base line
 - iii. New Legion Commissioner
 - iv. Safety bag at 1st base, not this year, but will be probably talked about again
 - v. Bids for Tourneys are due Nov 15th.
 - vi. Umpires must wear SD patches.
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. 8u rules changes
 1. 2 umpires
 2. Whiskers and not chalked
 3. If you're a host, recommended to reach out to a crew of umps

7. WCBA monetary contribution for land & conservation grant
 - a. Discussion
 - i. \$171,095 matching grant with the City of Humboldt
 1. Needed by June 30, 2025
 2. WCBA willing to cost share \$110,000
 - a. \$55,000
 3. Jake motions to do \$27,500 for each year, for the next 2 years.
 - a. Andy seconds, all vote yes. Motion carries.
 - b. Public Comment

8. Field A – No Metal Spikes or Seeds
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Molded or flats, no metal.
 - ii. Get signs made
 1. Zero tolerance policy
 2. Rob motions, Jake seconds, all in favor. Motion carries.
 - b. Public Comment

9. Field turf repairs on A
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Turf guy didn't think it was a big deal, said what is going on is normal.
 1. It's not and we'll need to get this taken care of
 - ii. We'll need more info on what needs to be done so we can get this taken care of

- iii. We'll need to talk to the city, this will more likely be an insurance claim
 - b. Public Comment
- 10. Field turf estimate on Field E
 - a. Discussion
 - i. \$216,000 estimate
 - b. Public Comment
 - i. Andy stated that he'd rather turf C and D and get lights on D.
 - 1. We need to develop 5 year, 10 year, 20 year plans on what we'd like to do over that timeframe for the facilities.
- 11. Equipment/umpire gear/concessions supply shed for small fields
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Possibly have the school build one as a spring project.
 - 1. Opportunity for students to draft and build.
 - a. 9 x 24 with an overhead door
 - b. Public Comment

Rob motions to end meeting, Josh seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Next Meeting

October 1, 2023 @ 6 PM, Humboldt Community Center

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting
Community Center Humboldt, SD
Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Call to Order

Andy calls the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call:

Andy Lueth- President
Joe Hanisch- Treasurer
Josh Halverson
Tom Schartz-(Absent)

Jacob Ellens- Vice President
Tyler McCoy- Secretary
Rob Lind

Guests

Jason Crittenden, Jennifer Pischke, Amber Lueth, Nate Moore

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Jake motions to approve, Joe seconds

Reports

- a. President Report- Andy Lueth
 - i. 162 kids signed up for our program for next year. First assessment was smaller but the second had around 45 with our third looking like being the biggest. The assessors have done a great job of assessing the kids and keep them moving.
- b. Treasurer's Report- Joe Hanisch
 - i. \$95,356 in our account. Almost \$20,000 in registrations right now. Next meeting, we hope to talk about our budget for next year.
- c. Social Media Report- Jacob Ellens
 - i. Jake is posting the registration every day. Getting a lot of questions and answering them as soon as we can. All kids registrations close on January 1st. We might need to move that to later dates but would like to get everyone signed up so we can get jerseys in.

Old Business

Player Assessments- Rob very lucky to have both guys that are doing the assessments. Tyler it was nice keeping the assessments per age group so they could keep them even per level.

Public Comment

Jason Crittenden thought it went really well. Nate Moore agreed and asked how many teams we will have for 12u. Andy said we are looking to have 11-12 per team and if the kid is number 11 then the parents can decide if they want to be the last kid for that team or if they want to drop down to the next team. Andy said we will send an email to the parents to let them know where their kid was assessed during their tryout and where they fall. Rob stated that the board does

not collaborate how the team is made up. It will be the assessors' grades that rank them. Kids can tryout more than once.

New Business

Joe getting access to bank.

- a. For Joe to get setup on the bank account to write checks we must pull Rob off the account. Andy motions & Tyler seconds

+1 Petitions

- a. Jasson Crittenden- Garret would like to petition up to 12u. Played 10u last year. He's young for his grade and his classmates play 12u.
- b. Jennifer Pischke- Graham is petitioning up for 6u. He is young for his grade and is young for his class.
- c. Nate Moore- Flynn would like to petition up to 12u. Classmates are all playing 12u.
- d. Jeremy Wuebben- Waylen would like to petition up to 10u. Plans on doing January assessment, Mike Miller was his coach last year.

14u coaches

- a. Jake said need two 14u team coaches. Blake Svoboda and Devon Garry would like to try and coach. Looking for other parents to step up and assist. Andy recommends that we send an email to the parents to see if anyone is interested. Rob thinks it's going to be tough to find any additional coaches for these ages. Joe said it's tough because a lot of good coaches are still playing amateur baseball. Rob will call Jason to tell him we will have two 14u teams.

16u coach

- a. Jake said Matt Cain would like to coach them. Rob said he still needs to come in to do the coaches clinic and do an interview. Josh said we need to do the background checks for all coaches. Jake said he's been with them kids since they were 5 years old and the kids know and respect him.

Coaches' clinic date

- a. Rob suggested having two sessions back-to-back on two different weekends. Do 90 minutes of on field training and then 90 minutes of off the field/mental training. Josh says break it out by different leagues. Tee ball/Transition/Coach pitch together and then 10u/up in the other group. Andy says follow Junior football where it's a mandatory 4-hour class in order to coach. Rob states we need to get a college coach/retired coach to put on the course. Joe/Rob is going to talk to a couple candidates and asking when they will be available. Rob is wondering if we could get a coach's packet put together to hand out to coaches to help them run practices.

Umpire Scheduler

- a. Joe said Devon Garry said he's willing to do it again. Andy said we should try to use Schedule Guinee app and get umpires to sign up for games. Rob asks is we can use Venmo to pay umps. Tyler states if it's not secure so might not be a good app to use. Joe said he will do research on using it. Andy would like to make sure Devon is around during the tournaments to make sure everything is getting handled.

Umpire clinic date

- a. Joe said collaborate with him about discussing how to schedule umpiring. Rob suggested same day as field cleanup date. Rob thinks all umpires need to be certified and we are looking at seeing if the board will cover the payment. Josh will be contacting Jesse to see if they can cut us a deal if we send all our kids to get certified and the board pays for the fees.

8u Draft date

- a. Andy says we need to figure out when we need to have a final sign-up date. Some parents are saying that this is not a good time of year because of expenses with Christmas so please get ahold of the board if you need assistance.
 - a. Late registration for 8u and Transition is February 1st thru 15th. Registration moves to \$100 after February 1st. Jake motions to change it and Josh seconds.
 - b. March 5th 7:00 p.m.- Possibly coaches' clinic before

Tee Ball

- a. Rob wonders if we should make it free. Tyler agrees no uniforms but split the kids in two teams. Josh, Rob says maybe have a company sponsor Tee Ball and have them buy the shirts. Tyler will ask DQ if they will sponsor our Tee Ball group and pay for uniform tops.
- b. Josh motions to be free and look for a corporate sponsor, Tyler seconds. We will reimburse anyone that has signed up.
- c. Ages 3-4

Tournament Committee

- a. Which board member will be part of the committee? Andy says that no one has reached out yet but Rob has volunteered to be the at large board member on the committee. Amber Lueth said that she would be willing to help.

Non WCBA teams Field Use

- a. Rob went to the city council meeting and asked how WCBA can work on field rights. The city is working with their lawyer to get us a 5-year contract and to let WCBA have the rights to manage who uses the fields. It would be WCBA's right to charge for the use of the fields, especially college teams to use field A for maintenance expenses. Andy would like our lawyer to look it over after the city's lawyer gets it written up. Insurance is a big issue and we want to make sure everything is covered.

Shipping container for storage

- a. Rob says a new 8'x20' container is \$5,000. Rob is going to see if the school will build a shed for WCBA. Andy is worried about the look of the container.

Winter indoor practice facility

- a. Tyler is wondering if we could get an indoor facility rented as a league. Although, schedule for these indoor facilities is booked throughout the year. Rob states that it may be a nightmare for us to have the league rent it and not have someone in charge at the facility. Andy recommends that we reach out to the coaches about facilities that they can

use so that they know what options are available instead of renting one as a league and having the liability.

- b. Andy is going to reach out to the superintendent about the use of gyms for baseball.

Executive Session

- a. Rob Motions to start executive session and Josh seconds.
- b. Andy motions to end executive session and Rob seconds.

Meeting adjourned by Josh at 8:48, Rob seconds, All in Favor

Next Meeting

January 7, 2023 @ 6 PM, Humboldt Community Center