



Baseball Association Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: December 7th

Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Mike Smith	President	Absent
James Markfort	Vice President	Present
Dan Grove	Treasurer	Present
Giselle Hattesoehl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Absent
Terra Bruns	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	Present
Jason Reimringer	Member At Large – Webmaster	Present
Loren Holthaus	Associate Director	Present
Guests		

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion
Mass Registration		Plan a day for mass registration
Quad City		Discuss if we will stay with Quad city or not
Tryouts		Location needed
Communications Manager		Possibly add as a volunteer spot or Board position

Minutes:

6:30 James Markfort called meeting to order.

Minutes from previous meeting have not been sent out to group, will need to be approved.

Dan shared spending report information and sent out via email as well.

Bank info: Dan is set up on the accounts and has a credit card for the association. Robert & Jackie have been removed.

James brought up board bylaws, we will want to revise them to fit our vision within the next 30 days.



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Terra on uniforms : As of the order (2 weeks ago) the hats and uniform tops were 2-3 weeks out, so should be arriving shortly.

Jersey samples were ordered in 5 different sizes and should be here by registration. Bulk order of team jerseys were ordered on November 15th they should be here by mid December.

Terra will contact Michael to get the estimated cost of belt, pants, socks price grouping. We need estimate of cost so we can price out registration charges.

Facility usage needs : Stephanie Hillman is the new contact for Community Ed. usage.

2023 season : We will need to decide on a website platform sooner than later so we can have it in place by the time we do registration. Per bylaws we need to decide within the next 2 weeks and get it rolling within 30 days.

Advertising for registration : someone to contact the city office to see about advertising on the LED sign at the military memorial between Mcdonalds & Hwy 25. Also look into advertising in real world vs only online. Perhaps yard signs similar to other sports set up while registration is open.

In person registration : we will plan only 1 day not 2 for in person registration.

Majors & minors will be set on a different day than big kid ball.

Quad city : need to decide if we are leaving or staying. If we stay there will be a cost to us beginning this year. Another option would be to go to another group, possibly North Star. Quad City last year was comprised of Becker, Big Lake, Monticello. Need to keep in mind maybe some parents don't want to go much further than adjacent cities for games.

Tryouts : Location is needed. STMA, or Elk River field house, or other options, we will look into locations and cost and availability.

Communications Manager : we will wait until we have a new site decided to add this position so they have something to work with.

Brian Goedker : wants to know if he can start planning clinics with the expectation of having money to use for them. Need to find space for these.

Scoring during tryouts : brought up going back to posting scores by # during tryouts.

Tournaments : we need to make a decision if we are hosting and which ages/associations we will host.

*look at breaking up tournaments over multiple weekends not all 3 back to back weekends.

Combining teams : gathering feedback tonight and hearing parent concerns on this issue.

OPEN PARENT FORUM

Concern 1 : younger kids catching up to older kids on the team was tough for them.



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Concern 2 : breaking up groups that had been together for years – some kids quit because they were not with their group anymore

Concern 3 : some kids went on the field only a handful of times because they were on the lower age end of the team – some kids also quit because of this.

Concern 4 : teams need to be strictly based upon skill level not trying to keep even ages on each team on each level.

Parent comment : on future registration forms maybe add an option where a kid can check Yes I would be willing to play up (leave behind my same aged friends/team to play with a new group of kids) or No I do not want to move up even if I score highly enough to do so.

*Coaches for this season : will be needed. We need to start thinking of sending out emails/advertising for coaches ASAP. Maybe send these emails out on their own day so they're not lost in the registration opening emails.

End of season surveys : maybe think to add in a survey for the kids on the teams at the end of each season.

8:41 pm James motion to adjourn, 2nd by Giselle. Meeting adjourned.