

CAA Executive Board Meeting – December 8, 2025

Meeting attendees: Bill Kemble, Erik Lowe, John Hawley, Dave Erickson, Jerry Orcott, Ryan Check, Jeff Kraemer

(Meeting called to order at 7:02pm)

Agenda

1. Welcome Ryan Check, Diamond Sports President succeeding Jerry Orcott
2. Lake Ann field improvements/MN Twins grant money – Jeff Kraemer
 - a. Total project cost \$80K for entire complex – refer to Jeff's spreadsheet for \$ breakdown, no real outfield drainage issues being addressed.
 - b. Fields 4, 5 and 6 – regrading/re-sloping to improve infield drainage and shed water rather than pool it in the infields, cut back grass infields 2-3 feet to resod, new pitching rubbers, consistent base anchor systems. \$19K cost, already approved by City, and paid in full.
 - c. Working with MN Sodding Company to perform annual re-grading of infields to level them, avoiding future repeats of major regrading/re-sloping projects noted above. Will ask City of Chan to contribute financially to this initiative.
 - d. Meeting with Chan Parks and Rec December 11th to determine if/how the City will help.
3. Program/Function Updates
 - a. Diamond Sports – Ryan
 - i. Ryan asked for clarity on financial aspects of CAA and how funds are distributed among the programs. BOD explained shared nature of CAA financial model.
 - ii. What is process to approve large capital projects? Put them in the budget to give Executive Board visibility so they can be discussed.
 - iii. Nate Hanson, Diamond Sports board member, new CNHS Head Baseball Coach, great connection to CAA.
 - b. Basketball – Erik
 - i. School District implementing \$5 change fee for any scheduling changes beginning January 2026. Basketball traditionally makes significant changes over the course of the season, so this will add to the overall gym rental expense. Will work with coaches/teams to ensure their allotted gym space gets used to fullest extent.
 - ii. 3rd grade developmental league season just complete, no issues, excellent season.
 - iii. 3rd grade travel teams about to begin practices.
 - iv. Grades 1-2 season will begin in January, 220+ registrants and growing.
 - v. Community League season underway. 22 youth referees.
 - vi. Travel tournament December 13-14. New tournament leaders finding creative ways to enhance tournament experience and utilize money for new ideas and functions (i.e. additional Square devices for concessions). New concessions partner is CAA member and owner of Red Savoy Pizza and Do Do Pop. Girls brackets all 4-team pool play, necessary due to facilities limitations.

- vii. Reconsidering separating girls and boys tournaments. Exec board encourages this. Pick a new weekend for girls, stick with it, tournament will thrive over time as Chan is a highly respected tournament destination and experience.
- viii. CNHS girls program experiencing MN-wide drop in participation, no Soph or Freshman teams.
 - ix. HFCHS 7th-8th teams. Another one-off season, or a more permanent addition???
- c. Financial – John – see email and reports
 - i. FY Oct 2024 – Sept 2025 assessment. CAA once again very healthy, we continue to be willing to spend \$ on capital improvements.
 - ii. New check request form resent to all programs, please encourage all to use new form with drop-down menus.
- d. Other – “Complementary Opportunities” for 2026 initiatives – Dave requesting 2 ideas from all for next meeting.
- e. Next meeting February 9, 2026 , 7:00pm at Southern Social.
- f. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.