



Hopkins Baseball Association

Meeting: November Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Hopkins Pavilion

HBA Board Meeting Minutes

Date / time Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | 7:12 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Chris Johnson

In Attendance

Board Members: Chris Johnson, Brenda Campbell, Deb Anderson, Winston Wood, Gregg Schaefer, Jerry Kellman, Jayson Olson, Mark Sullivan, Allan Charney, Jenny Kemp, Gary Kemp, Greg Geiser, Brad Kaplan, Mike Frodermann, and Sam Black

Guests: N/A

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

General Update – Chris Johnson

- Introduction of any guests
 - None
- MBL/MBT Rules Committee Update
 - October 30, 2018 Rules Committee Meeting
 - Sportsmanship
 1. Discussed the many issues that were reported last year, several of which were fan based. The expectation is that coaches will police their own team much more so than in the past. Multiple team/Association complaints may result in game forfeitures.
 2. Any player, coach or fan other than the head coach who talks directly to the umpire will be ejected from the game.
 3. Use of profanity will be an automatic ejection
 - 14-year old continuous batting / free substitution
 1. No changes for the 2019 season for either MBL or MBT
 2. MYAS teams are able to declare at game time 9-player or continuous batting/free substitution. It is unclear if this includes tournaments at this time.
 - Pitching regulations
 1. No changes to MBL
 2. No changes to MBT regular season tournaments
 3. MBT State Tournaments will only expand pitch count if teams play in the 7TH game. Additional pitches will be allowed per player if teams advance.
 - Length of Season
 1. The 15AAA season will be reduced two MBL games from 16 to 14 games.
 - Number of coaches in dugout
 1. There will be 4 adults doing any role allowed in the dugout.
 - Additional Rules
 1. No player is allowed to pull back a bunt and take a swing at a pitched ball. A player is committed to either bunting the ball or taking the pitch. This rule is in place to keep the

3B from charging only to the hitter swing at a close range 3B. A swing will result in an automatic out and ejection.

- Parent Meeting – League Contacts
 - 9th or 10th of January are options, next step is to find an open facility
- Hopkins Baseball Bat Expo – Sunday, January 13TH from 6-8pm at Lindbergh
 - Have Lindbergh reserved
 - Hopkins high school

Travel Team Items – Tyler Brodersen

- General update
- Coaching Applications
- Interview Schedule
 - Tyler put together a schedule November 28th, 29th, and 4th of December for the selection committee
 - 40 minute interviews
 - Plans to make recommendations prior to next board meeting
 - Big 10 was previous location, need to find another location.
 - Plan is to approve what we can
- Inform Chris or Tyler if money is needed for future tournaments.

Financial Reporting – Brenda Campbell

- Monthly financials
- General update
 - Not a lot of change
 - Reviewed financials
 - Finished year with \$1,200 profit which is under budget compared to a loss in 2017 of \$700
- Chris to look into insurance which increased from last year to find other options.

Majors/Prep Program – Winston Wood

- General update
- House Program Contact – St. Louis Park
 - Extra players available for house league due to the fact that St Louis Park does not have a house league.
 - Winston to forward contact information to Chris.
- New catcher's mask, Forest 3 Pro Gear
 - Spring loaded
 - Absorbs shock of baseball and reduces risk of concussions
 - Owner will provide a discount
 - Only mask which will work for us is hockey mask for \$123 per mask
 - V2 Defender Hockey Style Mask
 - Currently worn by major league umpires and minor league catchers.
 - Two options
 - Buy two for each team
 - Extend offer to parents to buy them separately

Website and Registration – Sam Black

- Target January 1ST
 - Working on getting registration set up this year.
- Fees
 - Registration fee
 - If player makes a tournament or travel team, they pay the separate fee which has been collected via registration system at a later date.
 - Preference is to set up a payment plan for a maximum amount crediting players who didn't make the tournament or travel team.
 - Final payment due April 1st.

2019 Fee Structure– Chris Johnson

- Fee Structure:
 - HBA: \$585
 - \$300 registration
 - \$200 Tournament fee
 - \$285 Travel fee
 - PWYBA: \$575
 - Minnetonka (2019): \$685
 - Includes try out fee of \$35
 - Minneapolis: \$600
 - Bloomington: \$595
- Need to look at what we give with the registration fee
 - Hat
 - Game Jersey
 - Warm up Jersey
 - Pants
 - Socks
 - Belts
 - Travel fee
 - \$585
 - Three payments with final payment of \$125 which can be refunded if player doesn't make travel team
 - Action Item Jenny to look into whether Sports Engine can stop payment for specific players for final fee who didn't make travel/tournament teams.

Communication – Dana Johnson

- General update

Player Development Updates – Greg Geiser

- General update
- Clinic Planning for 2019
- Tryout Dates/Locations
 - Legion will be determining dates at Lindbergh and Edina Dome
 - Wait for basketball to post first

Scheduling Jayson Olson

- General update
- Board Meeting Room
 - Looking at Pavilion or Eisenhower
 - Book at pavilion web site
 - Two hours each first Tuesday of the month
- Communicating with Melissa Gallagher as needed regarding schedules

Fields Update – Brad Kaplan

- General update
- Guilliams field closed in October
 - Safety issue will clean the inside of the cages especially after it rains
 - Mound cover blew off of home plate
- HS Field cost for 2019 = \$45/hr.
 - Does not include cages
- WJH will not be available
 - Leaves Big Willow, North, and High School; potentially Bennet Field

Sr. League Update – Jenny Kemp and Gary Matson

- General update
- Started registration process with a few changes
 - Grade, add College selection.
 - Add new entry labelled Jersey size with dropdown (S, M, L, XL).
 - Add team selection option labelled Team Selection with two options to choose from 16U, and 17U - 19U.
 - This option makes reporting from the registration system easier
 - Registration fee to be determined during December board meeting
- Look at other options to add a second tournament including the Whiz Bang Tournament

Sponsorships/Fundraising - Deb Anderson

- General update
- Communication and social media discussion
- Need to look into fund raising options
 - Car wash didn't bring in much
 - Chipotle was a good option

Equipment & Uniforms – Allan Charney

- General update
- Equipment & Uniform Discussion
 - Looked at options of jerseys for this year
 - \$50 (two button) or \$60 (full button) Jerseys
 - Player names can be included for \$5
- Motion: Provide hats with registration
 - 12 Yay

- Motion: Give out jerseys to registered 13 to 15 year old players
 - 1 Nay, 11 Yay
- Motion: Give out warm up jerseys
 - 1 Nay, 11 Yay
- Motion: Include pants, gray belts, socks as a purchased item in addition to registration to be coordinated with uniform store as part of spirit wear
 - 12 Yay
- Motion: Leave player names off
 - 12 Yay
 - **Action item** Chris to confirm whether there is an additional charge to add Hopkins or a logo onto the back of the jersey
- Motion: Add home plate with an H as long as it isn't an additional cost to the back of the jersey
 - 12 Yay
- Vote: User jersey with four buttons or two buttons
 - Winning vote: Two buttons with 9 votes
- Discussed pulling socks and belt out of option to keep costs down

Fall Ball Update – Jerry Kellman

- General update
 - Start planning mid-June with a follow up in July
 - Registration fee due August 1st of \$95
 - Tryouts would be August 5th and 6th to ensure we can meet MYAS deadline
 - Tryouts occur to ensure each team has the same level of play

December Meeting Topics – Board

- Pitch Count Discussion
 - Policy is in place
- Dual Roster
- Club Teams
 - Discuss keeping priority with Hopkins team
- Legion Teams
- Finalize registration fee structure

Round Table – Board

- Registration count
 - Feeder program, received 3 of the 4
- Need to find a new treasurer
- Find out how to change the bank changing to First Minnetonka
- Recruiting
 - Need another scheduler volunteer
- Parent meeting
 - Discussed adding a one pager for parents to take home for 30 – 50 parents

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 11, 2018; 7:00pm at TBD
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM