

NHAA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 8:30 p.m.

Location: Sagamore Hills Park – Upper Pavilion

Meeting Call to order: 8:55 p.m.

Board Attendance/Roll Call:

Present:

Jim Filisky, President
Kyle Deininger, Vice President (in 9:27)
Chase Senk, VP of Equipment
Mike Graham, VP of Fields
Andy Papile, Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner
Jerry Lowery, Girls Travel Softball Commissioner
Dave Hermann, IT and Communications
Cathy Loya, Secretary
Chad Akins, Board Member
Matt Bewley, Board Member
Brian James, Board Member
Brenda Kovi, Board Member
Nick Lanese, Board Member (in 9:01)
Melinda Malyuk, Board Member
Andy Piskula, Board Member
Dustin Wadsworth, Board Member

Present via Telephone:

Bobby Reville, Board Member
Kenny Sanger, Board Member (in 9:07)

Absent:

* Scott Lanzilotta, Treasurer
* Kevin Bilkie, Board Member

* These members notified Board of absence prior to meeting.

Agenda:

I. Review of meeting minutes from June 7, 2023

Jim asked if members had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. Jim asked for any additions, subtractions, questions, clarifications. Hearing none, Jim made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023, meeting. Motion first by Dave. Motion second by Matt. The minutes were approved.

II. President's Report

1. ~~NHAA Inaugural Golf Outing – Monday, July 17, 2023, at Signature of Solon~~ (cancelled)
 - a. Reschedule status

Jim reported the cancellation of the Golf Outing. Communication between Signature of Solon and the 18 people registered has taken place. A minimum of 80 registrants was needed. Jim reported Signature of Solon is happy to work with NHAA to set a future date either later this summer or early fall. Dave confirmed all refunds have been sent. Registration will be reopened if it is decided to proceed at a later date. The Golf Committee will meet and discuss new dates. Jim is hopeful the Golf Outing can happen, but more promotion (i.e. social media, flyers, website, posting flyers at local establishments, etc.) will be needed. It is a great opportunity for fundraising.

2. Toro update
 - a. Parts on order (not picked up yet)

Jim indicated ordering new parts (broom and handle) for the Toro. Brian indicated leaving a message with Century for an update, but has yet to receive a call back. Jim indicated the cost of the parts is \$371.76. Jim indicated possession of new tines for the Toro. Brian will proceed with service on the Toro once the season is over.

3. Field maintenance update

No update at this time. Jim has been maintaining area fields for league play.

Jim indicated a young man, Grant Lefeld, came out on July 4, 2023, with his leaf blower to help Jim with field preparation. Jim told this young man he would be paid \$20 an hour. Jim reported he worked for 1-1/2 hours blowing water off fields. This allowed games to be played on July 5, 2023. Jim will get with Scott for payment for Grant. NHAA does not own any equipment (i.e. blower) to move water.

Jim asked if the bid process for field maintenance for the Fall Ball season should be opened. Jim indicated Fall Ball games will be on the weekend. The Field Committee and Jim should be able to handle it, but Jim is not sure if this is something that needs to be taken on right now. Jim indicated speaking with a few people regarding field maintenance.

4. Aris removal from Northfield Elementary

Jim indicated Aris will be contacted to remove all portable restrooms before Fall Ball. A short discussion was had regarding removing all portable restrooms as the majority of play happens at Sagamore Park. Jim and Dave will discuss further.

5. Woodridge

a. Ways for participation due to poor attendance

Dave gave an update from a meeting held with Woodridge. Dave indicated Woodridge was very apologetic about the team sizes. Woodridge plans to promote the league sooner. Melinda suggested Woodridge players register through NHAA and absorb these players into the organization. A brief discussion was had on this topic. Dave suggested giving a separate registration deadline (i.e. early-to-mid March) to Woodridge so NHAA has time to look at things before closing the entire registration process. Further discussion was had on the topic.

A discussion on Woodridge fields was had where it was indicated confusion was had regarding field preparation and maintenance. Umpires were also an issue with games played on Woodridge fields.

Mike suggested more guidance be supplied to Woodridge going forward.

Melinda suggested Woodridge players register through NHAA and be grouped as one team. She also suggested they sponsor a team and have their name on the back of jerseys.

6. Parent email – code of conduct

- a. Field maintenance by coaches/parents/volunteers
- b. Evaluation/combine days for player evaluation done by coaches
- c. Promote and educate coaches
- d. Complaint process
- e. Utilization of Sports Engine app

Jim asked the Discipline Committee to comment on this topic. Nick indicated an email was sent and behavior did settle down; however, Nick reported the email was never acknowledged. Nick indicated procedural steps need to be in place for when issues like this happen.

Chad let the Board know the parent did reach out to Jim where there was some discourse, and Chad reported this parent has not been engaging in behavior since. Chad indicated the parent wishes to know specifics, in which Jim replied specifics (i.e. names) will not be given.

Chad further indicated the process already in place was not followed. Chad indicated the first step is a discussion with the coach. The second step is a discussion with the league trustee before getting to the Discipline Committee. These steps were confirmed as the proper approach. Chad indicated the parent said no one ever said anything to him. Chad indicated speaking with the coach and the coach indicated he was uncomfortable approaching this parent. Kenny, as league

trustee, indicated never speaking with the parent on this topic.

Jim indicated we need to embark on difficult situations and difficult conversations. A phone call or conversation should have been initiated before an email was sent to this parent.

Chad recommended not taking this topic any further with the parent unless it happens again. Matt asked how the Discipline Committee will view this individual in the future. Nick indicated this is why documentation is so critical.

Jim indicated the league trustee must make the initial contact, no matter how difficult. From there, the issue can be sent along to the Discipline Committee.

Jim did let Board members know he can forward along the email conversation if requested.

7. Parent email – mid season conduct reminder

- a. Umpire availability
- b. Field preparation
- c. Financial questioning

Jim advised Board members of another parent email regarding various topics including fields, not getting games in, problems with the uniforms, asking questions about finances, etc. Jim indicated an email response was given by Dave. Jim indicated sending a follow up email as well. Jim indicated the parent had no further issues after these responses.

Andy asked if financial information is given when requested. Dave indicated finances are shared at the beginning of each season. Jim also indicated finances are reviewed at every Board meeting, stated in the minutes, and posted online. Jim further indicated financial information can be forwarded along to anyone who requests it.

Jim also let Board members know he can forward along this email conversation if requested.

8. Amend waiving registration fee

- a. Participation-based

Jim indicated volunteerism is needed on the Board. Jim gave a brief history on how a few years ago the Board gave everyone a credit if a child of a Board member is playing in an NHAA league. Jim asked to amend this process going forward and have credit for player registration be based on Board member participation – not just simply being a member of the Board. Jim highlighted the different events being held throughout the season and how it is usually the same people volunteering to help. A brief discussion was had and many members asked for a set of objective requirements and/or rules to be followed and tracked (i.e. attend Board meetings, volunteer for a certain number events, etc.) Jim indicated Board members need to volunteer and help support and promote NHAA functions. A brief discussion was had on this topic and guidelines will be put together for a future meeting to further discuss and implement.

Chad suggested putting some of this volunteer work on coaches, assistant coaches, parents, and players. Chad indicated expectations need to be set at the beginning of the season (i.e. at the coach's meeting). It was suggested a volunteer coordinator is needed to help fill the gaps and find volunteers for various events. It was also suggested to have volunteerism as part of the registration process.

Jim asked that guidelines be prepared and presented to the Board next month. Matt, Jim, and Andy Piskula volunteered to work on these guidelines.

9. Discuss Board of Trustees members

- a. Resignations
- b. Expiring terms
- c. Plans for next year

Jim wishes to discuss Board member intentions so the community can be notified on how many open positions there may be. Jim read through the list of members whose terms are expiring in 2023 and asked for members to give their intentions.

(yes = intend to return / no = intend not to return):
Terms expiring at the end of 2023 season:

- Jim Filisky – undecided
- Kevin Bilkie – not present at the meeting to respond
- Mike Graham – yes
- Dave Hermann – no
- Cathy Loya – right now it's a yes
- Brian James – yes
- Brenda Kovi – no
- Nick Lanese – no
- Melinda Malyuk – yes
- Kenny Sanger – yes

At this time, Andy Papile indicated he will be resigning from the Board in September 2023.

III. Updates from leagues

1. Board review and comments on Trustee Handbook & Field Maintenance Handbook (Kyle / Melinda)

Jim asked for comments and further feedback regarding the handbooks put together by Kyle. Jim indicated Chase, Jerry, and Dave have commented. Jim indicated some changes need to be made regarding field preparation. Jim indicated a suggestion was made to put rakes and shovels in all field boxes and train all coaches how to drag fields by hand. Jim indicated he does not agree with this suggestion, but this can be discussed with the Field Committee.

Jim asked Board members to review the Trustee Handbook as it does a real good job of setting expectations for incoming trustees. Kyle was thanked for preparing these documents and sharing with Board members for additional input. Kyle has also been moving current documents to Google Docs for safe storage and sharing purposes.

Jim indicated Jerry has new standardized travel evaluation sheets (standard for all teams, leagues, and divisions) that can be uploaded to Google Docs.

2. Feedback on All-Star Saturday (June 24, 2023)

Jim indicated All-Star Day went pretty well. The kids enjoyed themselves for the day and got popsicles after games. All Star medals were also passed out that day.

Cathy indicated All-Star Day was also a Handel's fundraiser day. Cathy confirmed that only three (3) flyers were returned to Handel's in Northfield for a donated amount of \$6.25. Cathy indicated Handel's is willing to work with NHAA for future events. Further discussion was had on future Handel's events.

3. Updates from Girls Softball

a. Consider Western Reserve League "Challenger" Division – Girls A & Girls AA (Dustin)

Jim indicated the Western Reserve League (WRL) Challenger division is a lower division/entry-level travel team. Dustin presented this idea to the Board for Girls A and Girls AA, as current play with communities such as Brecksville is just not good for either side. Dustin encouraged the Board to consider moving all Girls A and all Girls AA teams to the WRL Challenger division because of better organization and participation. Dustin indicated other communities, such as Twinsburg, Hudson, Solon, play in this Challenger division. Jim asked what happens if registered girls in these divisions do not want to travel. A brief discussion was had regarding current travel distance with teams like Brecksville and Seven Hills. Jerry indicated participating communities do vary from year to year in this Challenger Division. Jerry did confirm the WRL does extend to Wadsworth and Medina. No guarantees can be made regarding specific geographic areas. Jerry indicated the Challenger Division just started in 2023 and is a lower division. Jerry indicated a different level of commitment for this program. Jerry also indicated girls don't get better by just playing better competition.

Further discussion was had on this topic regarding potentially one team from Girls A and one team

from Girls AA participate in this Challenger Division.

Jim asked Dustin to communicate with WRL to obtain further information on this topic to present to the Board at a future meeting. Jim also asked Dustin to see if WRL is doing a fall Challenger program. Possibly one team could be put together to participate this fall. Kyle indicated travel players play in the fall program. Kyle suggested sending out an end-of-the-year survey asking thoughts on playing in this type of Challenger program. Jim asked for a survey to be prepared and reported on at a future meeting.

b. Girls Manager Pitch (Girls – Grades 2 and 3)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Kevin

Back up: Jim

a. Feedback on GMP Day (Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

In Kevin's absence, Jim reported GMP Day went very well.

b. Use of batting tee

Jim asked for feedback regarding use of the batting tee. Jim indicated hearing good things. Andy Papile indicated it benefited his team because of the young girls on his team. Andy Papile further indicated not seeing the batting tee used very often throughout league play. Kyle indicated a wide age range (i.e. Kindergarten through 4th grade) among the GMP league. Kyle further explained some safety concerns brought up by parents (i.e. older girls being careful not to hurt younger kids). Kyle suggested adjusting grade levels for the league. Jim indicated a need to look at the redistribution of players. This may affect how NHAA plays with other communities. Jim also indicated looking at the numbers for Fall Ball. Kyle indicated looking at the WRL regarding their program, and Kyle indicated Kindergarten through 2nd grade players are allowed to pitch at these younger ages a few times before a coach will come in and pitch. Girls are developing pitching skills at an earlier age than NHAA players. Further discussion will be needed on this topic. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the now disbanded Roberte Clemente league.

c. Girls A League (Girls – Grades 4 and 5)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Brenda

Back up: Dustin

Brenda indicated Girls A is done and they had a great season. Brenda gave a brief description regarding how championship play was done.

d. Girls AA League (Girls – Grade 6, 7 and 8)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Kyle

Back up: Nick

Kyle indicated Girls AA is done for the season. Two teams could not field teams for championship play.

Kyle prepared a player evaluation form for coaches to complete in order to help with player assessment for next season. Kyle sent this evaluation form to Girls AA coaches and they all completed the form. Kyle will send this evaluation form to other trustees for coaches to complete.

e. Girls AAA League (Girls – Grades 9-12)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Chad

Back up: Nick

Chad indicated a possible double-header championship matchup for this coming Friday.

4. Updates from Boys Baseball

a. Babe Ruth (Boys – Grades 1 and 2)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Chase

no back up

a. Feedback on Babe Ruth Day (Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.)

Chase indicated Babe Ruth is done for the season.

b. Willie Mays (Boys – Grades 3 and 4)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Melinda

no back up

Melinda indicated the Willie Mays championship game is this coming Saturday.

Melinda asked for a volunteer to take over Trustee duties for Fall Ball 2023. In her new

role with Technology, she indicated it will be tough to do both. Brian volunteered to be the League Trustee for Fall Ball 2023 only.

c. Pee Wee Reese (Boys – Grades 5 and 6)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Kenny

Back up: Andy Piskula

Kenny indicated Pee Wee Reese is done for the season.

d. Sandy Koufax (Boys – Grades 7 and 8)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Andy Papile

Back up: Matt

Andy Papile indicated Sandy Koufax is done for the season. Mike confirmed both Nordonia teams have been eliminated from tournament play.

e. Boys Colt (Boys – Grades 9-12)

1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Bobby

Back up: Mike

Bobby indicated Colt playoffs have already started. League play should end some time next week.

a. Hudson team

5. Co-ed T-Ball (Kindergarten)

a. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Cathy

no back up

1. Feedback on T-Ball Day (Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.)

Cathy indicated T-Ball Day was great and the kids had a great time. Cathy shared the structure of T-Ball Day with the Board and indicated coaches each were charged with developing a skill game (i.e. hitting, catching, fielding, throwing, running) in which all players would rotate through. Cathy gave examples of the skill games (i.e. home run derby with the home run fence, hot potato for catching, relay race around the bases).

When asked about the home run fence on Barrett Field, Cathy indicated the 2023 Boys 12U team will remove the fence.

IV. Fall Ball 2023 Preparation

1. Fall Ball 2023 Season

a. Registration dates

Dave and Melinda began building the registration link. They wish to get this registration link out as soon as possible. Dave indicated Fall Ball registration will be open for approximately two (2) weeks and will be set to close by July 29, 2023. This will then allow two (2) weeks for coaches to be solidified and for teams to be planned.

b. Leagues to participate

1. Partnering communities

Dave indicated speaking with Hudson already regarding Fall Ball play.

c. Dates for the season

Dave confirmed Fall Ball league play will take place on Sundays again this year. Fall Ball 2023 will begin the third week of August. Fall Ball 2023 will be an 8-week program.

- d. Registration fee
 - 1. Fall Ball 2022 = \$100

Dave asked about the registration fee for Fall Ball. A reduction of \$20 from the spring/summer fee was used last season for Fall Ball. Dave suggested following this same structure and charging \$110 for the Fall Ball registration fee. T-Ball registration will be lower than \$110. Colt registration will be higher than \$110 because of umpires.

V. Committee Reports

(Committee members names indicated below – Committee chair is marked with a star *)

- 1. Finance Committee
(Scott *, Kenny, Matt)
 - a. Treasurer/Chair Report
 - 1. Next Board Treasurer
 - a. Nominations and Vote

In Scott's absence, Jim initiated the conversation regarding a new treasurer. Jim asked if Kenny was interested in being the next NHAA Treasurer.

Kenny indicated communicating with Scott. He indicated a brief job description was given. Kenny indicated he can do the position.

Motion by Jim: Move to nominate Kenny as the next incoming treasurer after Scott.

Motion first by Brian. Motion second by Kyle.
A unanimous voice vote was taken in favor of the motion.

Jim asked that all three members (Jim, Scott, and Kenny) get together to make the transition at the bank. Jim will make a decision regarding his status on the Board as well.

2. Current financial report

Current balance: \$49,024.56

In Scott's absence, Jim indicated all Board members were sent the current financial statement.

Jim indicated having received checks to give to Scott for deposit. These checks include the deposit check from Sagamore for the Bash tournaments.

- a. Year to date
- b. Monthly financial report
- c. Venditti Studios Fundraising (2022)
- d. Update on 'thank you' gift cards (\$200) for NHS Softball and NHS Baseball teams
 - 1. Feedback from teams if sent

Jim indicated not hearing any feedback on these 'thank you' gift cards.

e. Woodridge invoices

Jim confirmed receipt of payment on the invoices sent to Woodridge.

- f. Final Prime Time uniform invoice
- g. TBL payment for Grade 5/6 (Pee Wee Reese) trophies

Dave asked about this payment from TBL, but it is unclear if a check has been received as of yet. Jim indicated not seeing anything as of yet; it possibly could

have been mailed to Scott's home address.

h. Payment to Dan Lingo for umpire fees

Jim indicated payment has not been made to Dan Lingo for umpire fees. Jim will get with Scott and Kenny regarding this.

Jim indicated wishing to send lunch to Rick Wolfe and his staff at Nordon High School for their help with preparing fields on NHS property. This lunch would be a 'thank you' from NHAA for their support and help with field preparation. After a voice vote, there were no objections to this gesture. Jim indicated a lunch spread between \$200 and \$300 is appropriate. A brief discussion was had regarding where lunch should come from (i.e. lunch from a sponsor versus lunch from a non-sponsor).

2. Player Development Committee

(Kenny *, Andy Piskula, Nick, _____)

a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

3. Fields Committee

(Mike *, Brian, _____)

a. VP of Fields/Chair Report

Mike indicated receiving an updated quote from Walker Supply for field conditioner. The pricing given was comparable to last year - \$2140 for 20 tons. Pricing was given for product only. Sagamore Soils would spread the field conditioner using a slinger truck. Brian indicated a quote of \$1200 for Sagamore Soils to pick up the product about 90 minutes away and then sling the product on the field(s). Brian explained the freight charges to ship it to the park is comparable to the quoted price for delivery by Sagamore Soils. Having the product shipped would mean NHAA would have to spread it on desired field(s).

It was briefly discussed that Veterans Field (Field A) at Sagamore Park should receive new product as well as either Kittle (Field #1) or Speerbrecher (Field #2) at Sagamore Park. Mike will get the total pricing for next month's meeting. Jim expressed a concern about the size of Veterans Field. Maybe this field should not be done now. Brian indicated a discussion regarding doing 20 tons on each field and possibly doing it two years in a row. Further discussion will be needed on this topic.

Jim asked for final pricing to be compiled and ready to present at the next meeting in August. Jim also suggested having this pricing available for the General Meeting.

4. Equipment Committee

(Chase *, Mike, Dave, Cathy)

a. VP of Equipment/Chair Report

1. Equipment Return Date – Saturday, July 22, 2023 (times ?)

Chase indicated he will not be in town for equipment return on July 22. He proposed moving the date to July 29. A mass email will be sent out to all coaches regarding the date change for equipment return. The time will be from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on July 29.

a. Name tags for equipment bags (Jerry)

Jim confirmed receipt of these equipment tags. Jerry had these made and they look great. They are metal tags.

Jerry indicated these tags are at no cost; they are a donation to the NHAA.

b. Bags to be inventoried and kept together for future use

Jim indicated bags will be tagged for a specific league; however, if equipment is

“bad” (i.e. wrong size, broken equipment, etc.), then bag will not be tagged.

- c. Volunteers
- d. Communication with coaches
- 2. Pitching machine for Babe Ruth and GMP (Kyle)
 - a. Louisville Slugger – The Blue Flame Ultimate Pitching Machine
 - 1. Amazon listing - \$212.00 plus \$7.99 shipping

Jim inquired about looking into the cost of a pitching machine for use by NHAA. This could be used for practices and/or clinics. A pitching machine can also be utilized for travel tryouts, which will allow for consistent pitching for the kids. Jim asked for thoughts from the Board.

Logistically, Andy Papile doesn't think it will work. The machine will need to be moved to various places, but it will be stored in the storage unit. Melinda indicated an issue if multiple tryouts were happening at the same time in different locations. Further discussion was had on the topic. Dave suggested not leaving a pitching machine with individual coaches. Dustin suggested using Bash funds to purchase a pitching machine for the Travel Program. This can be used for travel tryouts. Jim suggested travel coaches discuss further. This will be discussed further.

- 5. Uniform/Awards Committee
(Cathy *, Brenda, Melinda, _____)
 - a. Chair Report
 - 1. Preparation for Fall Ball uniforms
 - a. Prime Time
 - 1. T-shirt style for all
 - b. Prime Time Spirit Wear

Jim asked the Uniform Committee to contact Prime Time for Fall Ball 2023 uniform needs. Cathy asked regarding t-shirts versus tanks/sleeveless for girls leagues. It was voiced that girls wish to have tank/sleeveless uniforms for Fall Ball. Cathy will obtain pricing and delivery time frame from Prime Time.

Cathy also asked if sponsor names should appear on the back of uniforms. It was discussed sponsors will not be on the uniforms for Fall Ball. Sponsor banners will remain posted throughout Fall Ball 2023.

- 6. Discipline Committee
(Nick *, Bobby, Chad)
 - a. Chair Report
 - 1. Pee Wee Reese parent

Please see earlier notes.

- 7. Fundraising/Marketing Committee
(Nick *, Matt, Dustin, Chad)
 - a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

- 8. Technology Committee
(Dave *, Melinda, _____)
 - a. IT and Communications/Chair Report
 - 1. Fall Ball 2023 Season
 - a. Email community regarding registration (post yard signs)

Dave and Melinda are working on the registration site for Fall Ball 2023. Communications are ready to go.

Jim indicated a few registration signs are in the storage unit and the Board agreed

these should be posted in the community. Jim asked these to be posted in high-traffic areas.

b. Registration site

b. IT/Scheduling shadow – Melinda

9. Strategic Planning Committee

(Jim *, Brian, Mike, Dustin, _____, _____)

a. Chair Report

1. Field upgrade(s) for 2023

a. Discuss conversations with Mike G. and Mike Sekula regarding total price

Please see notes in Field Committee report.

2. Leveling fields

a. Cost and company

Jim indicated earlier in the season trying to remove some of the rough spots on the fields with the groomer. These rough spots were caused by driving the Toro fast in the spring. The Toro would bounce and leave these rough spots. Brian suggested leveling these rough spots out before Fall Ball 2023 using a plow on a 4-wheeler and using the groomer on the Toro.

Jim also suggested contacting someone with a leveler to till up and level the fields. Jim will need to research companies and get quotes for this type of work. A brief discussion was had on the topic. Renting equipment might be an option as well. Bobby suggested renting a Skid Steer with a pulverizer to loosen things and level the fields out. Rental options were discussed. It was discussed that Sagamore Hills Township may own a pulverizer; Brian indicated Sagamore Hills Township has used a pulverizer on the fields in the past. Jim will follow up with the Township.

10. Travel Committee

(Jerry *, Andy Papile *, Jim, Bobby, Chase)

Jerry sent out amendments to the Travel Program Rules & Regulations for review. A number of Board members did not have a chance to thoroughly review this document, while others did. This document was discussed. Dave pointed out a small spelling error. Dave also inquired about writing further clarification/explanation regarding the Boys 12U team not holding tryouts.

Cathy inquired about the verbiage when it comes to non-resident players in the Travel Program. Andy Papile explained different leagues (as it pertains to boys leagues) have different rules when it comes to non-resident players. Cathy just asked for a simple line in the NHAA Rules to state something how NHAA rules will then adhere to specific league rules for non-residents. Dustin inquired about non-residents on his team as well. A lengthy discussion was had on this topic.

Jerry indicated he wishes to get these Travel Rules and Regulations updated and posted quickly. Clarification in verbiage is the goal of these amendments. Jerry asked all Board members to review the document by Saturday and respond back to Jerry with suggestions and thoughts. Jerry can then finalize the document, summarize the changes made, and then resend the document for final review.

a. Girls Travel Softball Commissioner Report

1. Girls Travel Tryout dates and location

10U	July 16 (Sun)	5:00 - 6:30 pm Sagamore Hills Clover
	July 23 (Sun)	
12U	July 16 (Sun)	6:30 - 8:00pm Sagamore Hills Clover
	July 23 (Sun)	
14U	July 23 (Sun)	3:30 - 5:00pm Sagamore Hills Clover
	July 30 (Sun)	
18U	July 30 (Sun)	5:00 - 6:30pm Sagamore Hills Clover

Jerry indicated a coaching vacancy for Girls 10U, but they have two (2) people interested. Pending tryouts, the Travel Committee feels comfortable making a decision.

Jerry also indicated a coaching vacancy for Girls 12U, but they have two (2) volunteers interested. The Travel Committee feels the two coaching candidates are a perfect fit. After the first tryouts, coaches can be officially named by the Travel Committee.

Jerry indicated being unsure of a Girls 18U team, but they wish to proceed with tryouts.

2. Travel tryout and standardization
 - a. Committee recommendations

- b. Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner Report
 1. Boys Travel Tryout dates and location

8U	Thu, July 13 Mon, July 24	5:30pm - 7:00pm Longwood Field C	Andy Papile 440-264-3345
9U	Thu, July 13 Mon, July 24	7:00pm - 8:30pm Longwood Field C	Coach Mike Brumfield 216-407-4146
10U	Wed, July 12 Thu, July 20	6:00pm - 7:30pm Sagamore Park Field 3	Coach Tim Dunn 513-508-8001
11U	Thu, July 13 Tue, July 25	6:00pm - 7:30pm Longwood Field D	Coach Chase Senk 330-647-1616
13U	Mon, July 17 Mon, July 24	6:00pm - 7:30pm Sagamore Park Field A	Coach Ross May 216-832-3466

Andy Papile indicated travel tryouts began tonight with 16 players at the first session. Andy Papile indicated only two (2) coaches interested in the coaching position for the Boys 8U team. Andy Papile indicated discussing with the Travel Committee which coach they think will take on this coaching role. This decision will be made after tomorrow.

Andy Papile indicated a Boys 13U team will be established.

Andy Papile indicated the 2024 Boys 12U team will be traveling to an out-of-state tournament and because of the fundraising needed, no tryouts will be held for this team.

Andy Papile indicated independent evaluators will be in place for these tryouts, so head coaches can concentrate on running the tryouts and the evaluators can focus on evaluating and arming the coaches with the best information possible. Jerry indicated verbiage to the Travel Program Rules and Regulations was changed to reflect this evaluation process. Jerry clarified "independent evaluator" was questioned in years past and this verbiage was very unspecific. Jerry indicated verbiage was changed to three (3) evaluators and only one (1) can be a coach from the returning team. Evaluators can be coaches from other teams, Board members, etc. Jerry indicated having independent evaluators is a goal, but it cannot always be guaranteed.

2. Travel tryout and standardization
 - a. Committee recommendations

VI. Open Discussion

1. Field work between summer play and fall play

2. Travel softball Q & A for parents and coaches (Dustin)

Dustin indicated receiving lots of questions from parents, and feels it would be helpful to have a Q & A session with coaches and parents who may be interested in making the transition to travel play. Dustin thinks a lot of people want to make this transition to travel play, but they have questions that Dustin really doesn't have answers for. Dustin would like to see a more formal meeting/open forum set up for questions to be answered. Travel committee members can be present along with Travel coaches and Board members. Dustin suggested closing the gap between the Travel program and the Rec program.

Chad presented a cost analysis for the Concession Stand. Chad presented the document to the Board. Chad highlighted just under \$6,000.00 was spent on product. Deposits are just shy of \$5,300.00. Currently, approximately \$1,800.00 of product remains in inventory. Chad indicated no product will be expiring before the end of Fall Ball 2023. Chad indicated the concession stand will be open on Sundays during Fall Ball. Potential profit of everything currently in the concession stand would be around \$4,300.00. If everything is sold at cost, a profit would still be around \$1,800.00.

Chad indicated the concession stand has been a good learning experience this past season. Chad is going to invest time into researching how to sell hot food from the concession stand.

Chad indicated to Board members the concession stand is a sustainable entity. Next spring, Chad wishes to work more with coaches and teams regarding volunteer weeks. This can be added to the registration process.

Jim, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked Chad for all his time and efforts running the concession stand this season. Jim relayed the positive comments received about the concession stand being open during league play.

VII. Calendar Review

1. Playoff week – July 10-14, 2023
2. Championship Saturday – July 15, 2023 (Rain date is Sunday, July 16, 2023)
3. Equipment Return Date – Saturday, July 22, 2023
4. August General Meeting – Date TBD

Nick indicated he will not be in the country in early August and will miss the meeting. He enjoyed serving with everyone present. Board members thanked Nick for his service on the Board.

Date of NHAA General Meeting: _____ Wednesday, August 2, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Location of NHAA General Meeting: _____ Sagamore Hills Park – Upper Pavilion

Date of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting: _____ Wednesday, August 9, 2023 Time TBD

Location of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting: _____ Sagamore Hills Park – Upper Pavilion

Meeting adjourned: 10:48 p.m.