

# NHAA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Meeting Call to order:** 9:03 p.m.

## **Board Attendance/Roll Call:**

### Present via Zoom:

Jim Filisky, President  
Kyle Deininger, Vice President  
Chase Senk, VP of Equipment  
Mike Graham, VP of Fields  
Jerry Lowery, Girls Travel Softball Commissioner  
Dave Hermann, IT and Communications  
Cathy Loya, Secretary  
Matt Bewley, Board Member (in 9:29)  
Brenda Kovi, Board Member  
Nick Lanese, Board Member (out 10:16)  
Melinda Malyuk, Board Member  
Andy Piskula, Board Member  
Bobby Reville, Board Member  
Kenny Sanger, Board Member  
Dustin Wadsworth, Board Member

### Absent:

\* Andy Papile, Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner  
Scott Lanzilotta, Treasurer  
\* Chad Akins, Board Member  
Kevin Bilkie, Board Member  
\* Brian James, Board Member  
  
\* These members notified Board of absence prior to meeting.

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## Agenda:

Jim indicated the purpose for this quick meeting is to recap some of the updates from the last meeting, as well as go over what to bring to the community for the General Meeting. An agenda will be prepared from notes taken this meeting, as well as some of the survey results.

### I. Review of meeting minutes from July 12, 2023

Jim asked if members had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. Jim asked for any additions, subtractions, comments, clarifications.

Dustin indicated there are questions about the purpose of this meeting. Dustin asked if this was a special meeting on July 26, 2023. Jim indicated Cathy asked for this meeting because a few items were rushed through at the last meeting and with an upcoming General Meeting next week, this meeting is to further prepare everything for the community. Cathy added her thoughts about the Board being on the same page before presenting things to the community. Cathy indicated a number of items were in the hands of committee members at the end of the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that need to be solidified before presenting to the community. Jim asked for further comments and there were none.

Jim made the motion to approve the July 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion first by Dave. Motion second by Andy Piskula. The minutes were approved.

### II. President's Report

#### 1. Reschedule status on Golf Outing

Jim indicated meeting with Matt, and Matt will be following up with Signature of Solon to see about a date later on this summer – possibly a weekend date versus a Monday. Jim did express concerns about a weekend date in the fall which may conflict with sports (i.e. NHAA Fall Ball) and other events.

2. Toro update
  - a. Parts on hand and ready to be installed
  - b. Tune up

Jim indicated the parts for the Toro are in. Jim indicated Brian's son will be picking up the parts tomorrow. Jim indicated the Toro may potentially be worked on this weekend. The fields may be addressed (i.e. leveled) as well once the parts are installed on the Toro.

3. Field Maintenance for Fall Ball

Jim indicated no updates on field maintenance for Fall Ball at this time. Jim asked if anyone is interested to contact the Fields Committee.

4. Confirmed pick up by Aris

Jim asked if anyone has driven by area schools to see if portable restroom units have been picked up. Jim indicated Aris was contacted for removal of units and an invoice had been sent, in which it was indicated Scott contacted Aris to dispute the dates on the invoice. Mike indicated being at NMS yesterday and seeing one unit. A brief discussion was had because this unit might not be rented by NHAA. Mike indicated he will be at NMS later in the week and will confirm. Jim indicated all units should be picked up.

5. Guidelines for Board participation (Jim, Matt, Andy Piskula)

Jim indicated meeting with Matt (Andy Piskula was not available) regarding specific guidelines for Board participation. Jim indicated having this proposal formed and ready to present. Jim asked Board members if they wished to hear the proposal at this meeting or save for a future meeting. A brief discussion was had as it pertains to doing away with free registration for Board members. Jim indicated receiving an email from a community member asking about free registration if a Board member. The General Meeting is the time when community members volunteer or are nominated to the Board, pending Board approval. Jim feels something should be in place to share with community members. Jim indicated he responded back to this community member regarding the possibility of amending this free registration provision.

Dustin asked to hear the proposal as it is important to next week's General Meeting. Mike agreed.

Jim outlined the proposal doing away with free registration for children of NHAA Board members. Jim indicated the NHAA program will only survive with the involvement of those who are committed to being an active participant on the Board. Jim indicated the proposal will have only elected positions on the Board to receive free registration. These positions include the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- VP of Fields
- Secretary
- Information Technology (IT)
- Head Umpire
- Fundraising Chair
- Concessions

Jim did also present a tailored structure for non-elected positions to the Board. Jim went over a few points that would qualify Board members for free registration. These items include the following:

- Being a league trustee
- Being present and helping at clinics (i.e. player clinics)
- Being present and helping at special events (i.e. All Star Day, GMP Day, T-Ball Day, Babe Ruth Day)
- Being available and helping with travel tryout sessions (i.e. checking players in, evaluating)
- Being present and helping with championship games
- Concession help

Jim indicated the proposal asks for a sign-up / sign-in process for tracking purposes. Jim indicated a proposed requirement of three (3) of the above participation options throughout the season in addition to attending meetings. Jim indicated the proposal states that after the season a registration reimbursement would be made if requirements were met. If participation requirements were not met, then registration fees would not be reimbursed.

Jim asked for thoughts from Board members. A lengthy discussion was had about the proposal. Jerry indicated the proposal is fair, and there are clear and easy ways to qualify and track these requirements for free registration. Jerry suggested adding verbiage to say attendance at Board meetings needs to meet already established attendance requirements in the Bylaws. Dustin asked about coaches. This was briefly discussed. Melinda wants to make sure these requirements set the Board up for success. Nick shared the desire not to dissuade/scare away community members from volunteering to be Board members. From experience, Nick shared his thoughts how the Board runs better with 20 Board members versus 10 Board members. Nick suggested being very specific when advertising to community members. He suggested stating "you can qualify for registration reimbursement." Kyle shared concerns of people signing up for events and then not showing up to volunteer. Kyle is suggesting a more detailed tracking mechanism to avoid conflict. Kyle suggested for each event there be a sign-in sheet for people actually present to cross-reference with those who might have signed up ahead of time. Nick shared that Board members are absent from events because of coaching commitments. Brenda shared even with a sign-up sheet used for prior events, it is still difficult to get members to volunteer for things. Kyle suggested having a sign-up sheet for all big events.

Dustin asked for a written copy of this proposal to read and then vote electronically on the proposal. Jim indicated he will get this together and send out the next day.

#### 6. Board member status

Jim reviewed the list below of Board member status. Jim indicated he will discuss his status at a future date, as he is drafting a proposal to the Board in the form of an exit strategy for himself. Jim indicated he will remain for the rest of his term. Jim wishes to see a good transitional period. Cathy indicated she will stay on the Board.

- a. Kevin Bilkie – will not be returning
- b. Brenda Kovi – will not be returning (stay through Fall Ball 2023 ??)
- c. Nick Lanese – will not be returning
- d. Andy Papile – will not be returning
- e. Scott Lanzilotta – will not be returning
- f. Dave Hermann – will not be returning
- g. Jim Filisky – undecided
- h. Cathy Loya – undecided

#### 7. Lunch for NHS field staff

- a. Send lunch versus gift cards

Jim indicated sending a message to Rick Wolfe at NHS regarding lunch for him and his staff for the work they did this past season preparing high school fields for play. Jim mentioned the other option is for gift cards to be purchased and they can use at their will.

#### 8. Preparation for General Meeting (Wednesday, August 2, 2023)

- a. General Meeting agenda items

Jim and Cathy will formulate the agenda for the General Meeting based off many items discussed at this meeting. There were no objections to this from Board members.

- b. Review survey statements

Survey results were briefly discussed. Kenny indicated reviewing some of the comments posted including the negatives of travel-level kids playing with rec kids. (i.e. competition not equal). Kyle indicated this was a common issue as well as communication. These were the two biggest comments made. Kyle indicated survey responses were also about field conditions. Jim indicated dates for the different events are stated at the General Meeting. Dates are also posted on the website. Jim indicated coaches need to schedule make-up games. Jim indicated events and

dates are posted in the minutes as well as posted on the website. Kyle suggested NHAA get information out to the community sooner and not rely on some of the coaches. Kyle indicated the community does pay a registration fee for this program so NHAA should conform to make the lives of family members easier. Kyle brought up the example of Picture Day and this was discussed. Melinda suggested sending out a few extra emails, and Jim cautioned about too many emails because complaints may arise. Jim urged the use of social media posts as well as visits to the website for up-to-date information. Sports Engine was also discussed to be better utilized.

Kyle suggested drafting a monthly newsletter. The topic of who is to draft this monthly newsletter was discussed, including Melinda to draft this newsletter and/or seek assistance for Melinda in order to do this. Kyle pointed to a newsletter done with basketball and the basketball program does not have an issue with communication. Melinda asked for time to think about the idea and report back to the Board.

Jerry indicated surveys are good; however, the customer must find value in the service being provided. If information is not reaching the community, then what other ways can communication happen/how can things be communicated differently. Jerry indicated with the off-season coming up, action plans can be put in place to improve in certain areas. Jerry suggested different committees take feedback from the survey and work on actions plans.

Cathy indicated the need to utilize coaches more. There is no reason for coaches not be communicating with parents. Trustees communicate with coaches and then coaches have to communicate with parents. Everything cannot come from the top; information has to also come from our coaches. Mike and Brenda expressed agreement. Mike indicated coaches are right in front of parents. Mike, as a coach himself, expressed he could not imagine anyone on his team not knowing dates of various events. Melinda, as a league trustee, indicated the frustration with coaches who do not communicate dates with parents.

### III. Fall Ball 2023 Preparation

1. Registration (closing July 28, 2023)
  - a. Numbers for each league

Jim confirmed the Boys leagues will participate with Twinsburg (TBL) and Hudson for Fall Ball. Colt play will begin August 6, which coordinates with TBL. Jim indicated almost a full team is coming from Broadview Heights to play. Jim reported 2-3 teams in Colt, and 2-3 teams in Sandy Koufax. Updated numbers for other leagues were not known at the time of the meeting.

Dustin asked for current Fall Ball registration numbers and Dave indicated 93 registrants thus far. Dave indicated numbers in girls leagues are very low. (i.e. less than a team in each league)

2. Promotion via social media, website, and physical yard signs
  - a. Promote to Woodridge

Jim asked for continued promotion of Fall Ball as numbers are down. Melinda was asked to continue to post on social media. Dave confirmed sending an email to all past registrants about the upcoming deadline for Fall Ball. Mike asked about the physical yard signs as none have been seen in the community. It was discussed that it is too late at this time to have them put out.

Jim asked for continued communication with Woodridge regarding the Fall Ball season.

3. League practices start week of August 14, 2023

Jim indicated practices will start the week of August 7 and league play will begin the week of August 14 because of partnership with TBL and Hudson. Dave indicated Sandy Koufax will probably start August 13.

4. League play begins Sunday, August 20, 2023 through Sunday, October 22, 2023

Jim confirmed league play will primarily be on Sundays; however, there may be some Colt games on Saturday afternoons. This could also apply to Sandy Koufax games as well.

Jim indicated games will not be made up. There will be no games Labor Day weekend.

5. Coordination with outside communities
  - a. Email to outside communities
  - b. Social media
6. Coaches
  - a. Clinics for coaches ?
7. Umpire availability
  - a. Confirm with Dan Lingo

Jim will reach out to Dan Lingo regarding umpires, but does not see an issue with umpires.

#### IV. League Discussions

1. Updates from Girls Softball
  - a. Information regarding Western Reserve League (WRL) "Challenger" Division – Girls A & Girls AA (Dustin)

See notes below in Travel Committee

1. Invitation for Fall Ball softball league
- b. Adjustment of grade levels for leagues (Kyle)

#### 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. Kenny – New Treasurer
    - a. Banking

Kenny was asked if he has met with Scott regarding banking arrangements. Kenny confirmed this has not taken place as of yet. Kenny will contact Scott. Jim asked for this appointment with the bank to be made as soon as possible to avoid any delays. Kenny will take over the treasurer position in September and Jim wishes to see everything in place by then.

2. Current financial report
  - a. Year to date
  - b. Monthly financial report
  - c. Checks received
  - d. Open invoices

In Scott's absence, Jim confirmed payment was made to Dan Lingo for umpires.

Updated financials were not available for this meeting.

Jim indicated receiving a bill from Baker which was forwarded to Scott for verification and payment.

#### 2. Fields Committee

(Mike \*, Brian, \_\_\_\_\_)

- a. VP of Fields/Chair Report
  1. Diamond Clay Conditioner and application (Walker Supply) (Sagamore Soils)
    - a. Available dates / application on field(s)

Mike indicated Brian was to get with Sagamore Soils regarding a slinger truck. Brian was still awaiting a call back. Mike indicated Walker Supply is pretty flexible. Mike indicated he will have the entire field proposal ready by next week's General Meeting.

2. Bulk product (Nordonia Landscaping) (Jim)

- a. Mound clay
- b. Field dry
- c. Bagged conditioner

Jim indicated receiving contact information for Nordonia Landscaping regarding bulk pallets of mound clay, field dry, and bagged conditioner. Jim is working with Brian who is researching appropriate pricing. Jim indicated Nordonia Landscaping is looking to sell the product as an entire lot. Jim noted storage of this amount of product may be difficult in the storage unit. Jim noted the mound clay is for application under the dirt in batters' boxes to prevent low spots and holes. This mound clay can also be used on the pitcher's mound.

### 3. Pulverizer rental (BEI) (Bobby)

Jim asked Bobby for rental information on a pulverizer. Bobby will seek this information tomorrow and report back.

- a. Other locations (Nordonia Schools or Sagamore) (Jim)

### 3. Equipment Committee

(Chase \*, Mike, Dave, Cathy)

- a. VP of Equipment/Chair Report

#### 1. Equipment Return Date – Saturday, July 29, 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

Chase confirmed the Equipment Return Date and time as posted above. Dave confirmed sending a message to coaches already, but he will send another message reminding of the date.

Jim thanked Cathy and the 12U team for removing the home run fence at Sagamore Park and returning it to the storage unit.

#### 2. Pitching machine

- a. Louisville Slugger – The Blue Flame Ultimate Pitching Machine (Kyle)

##### 1. Amazon listing - \$190.00

Jim indicated the above pitching machine is not what was in mind. The pitching machine in mind has the wheels that can be adjusted for different speeds. Jim researched this type of machine and the cost is approximately \$700. Logistically and financially, right now, this machine is not practical for purchase. Bobby indicated owning this type of wheeled pitching machine and offered to lend it to NHAA for use. Bobby will need to confirm this machine can be used for softball. Jim indicated this type of machine would be good for use during travel tryouts.

### 4. Uniform/Awards Committee

(Cathy \*, Brenda, Melinda, \_\_\_\_\_)

- a. Chair Report

#### 1. Fall Ball uniforms

- a. Prime Time

- 1. Two week turnaround
- 2. Pricing very comparable to spring 2023
- 3. Motion to award Prime Time 2023 NHAA Fall Ball Uniforms

Motion by Cathy:

Move to award Prime Time 2023 NHAA Fall Ball contract for uniforms.

Motion first by Brenda. Motion second by Jim.  
A unanimous vote was taken to accept the motion.

- b. Prime Time Spirit Wear Shop

Cathy asked for thoughts on requesting the Spirit Wear shop with Prime Time to be

opened again. Cathy indicated some parents have asked this season for the opportunity to purchase items. Cathy suggested advertising this as an opportunity for gifts for Christmas. Jim indicated this is a great fundraiser for the program. Cathy indicated she will get with Dan at Prime Time tomorrow.

5. Technology Committee

(Dave \*, Melinda, \_\_\_\_\_)

a. IT and Communications/Chair Report

Dave indicated waiting for registration to close for a number of scheduling items to take place. Dave indicated speaking with the contact with Hudson regarding play with Willie Mays, Pee Wee Reese, and Sandy Koufax leagues. Dave indicated a conversation with Hudson regarding play with Babe Ruth (coach pitch) as well. A brief discussion was had on this topic. Melinda confirmed she will be working with Dave on the scheduling software.

Kyle asked if documents and information have been uploaded to prepared folders in Google Docs. Jim indicated he has not had time to do this as of yet. Dave confirmed he will be making this happen – maybe after Fall Ball.

6. Strategic Planning Committee

(Jim \*, Brian, Mike, Dustin, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)

a. Chair Report

1. Leveling fields

a. Cost and company

Jim and Brian were discussing leveling fields one day. Jim wishes to wait to hear on a rental price for a pulverizer before moving forward.

7. Travel Committee

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

a. Amendments to Travel Program Rules & Regulations

Jerry indicated receiving many comments from Board members regarding amendments made to the Travel Bylaws. Jerry was looking more for specific feedback just on the proposed amendments. Jerry indicated receiving a lot of feedback from members; however, most of the feedback did not specifically pertain to the proposed amendments. Jerry indicated putting these amendments on hold until the off-season to entertain all the suggestions received. All Travel Bylaws can be reviewed again this coming off-season. The Travel Committee will review and then come back to the entire Board (hopefully in the spring) with a full set of proposed Bylaw changes for the travel program. Jerry did indicate Board members can send additional feedback to either Andy Papile or himself.

Kyle asked if there is the potential for having two (2) travel teams for an age bracket. Jerry indicated the tryouts that were just completed did not reach a player threshold where there were numbers to entertain two (2) travel teams. Girls 10U had 21 players tryout. Girls 12U had 18 players tryout. Jerry indicated these numbers are just not enough to support multiple teams. Jerry indicated 12-13 girls are needed for a roster. Jerry also noted some players who attended the tryouts were not ready for travel ball play yet. A lengthy discussion was had on the tryout and evaluation process. Dustin asked for further conversation on this topic, especially like the WRL "Challenger" division. Jim indicated Jerry has the vision for a more competitive Lady Knights Fastpitch in which to draw more players to want to play at this high level. Jim indicated the need to be ready if more travel teams are brought in. A few questions include: (1) what happens to the rec program?, and (2) how will complaints be handled when a team does not win games?

b. Girls Travel Softball Commissioner Report

1. USA Softball age requirements – new

2. Girls Travel Tryout dates and location

a. Girls 10U (Coach \_\_) - Tryouts completed

b. Girls 12U (Coach \_\_) - Tryouts completed

c. Girls 14U (Coach \_\_) - Tryouts scheduled for Sunday, July 30, 2023

d. Girls 18U (Coach \_\_) - Tryouts scheduled for Sunday, July 30, 2023

Jerry indicated great turnouts for softball travel tryouts, and tryouts are going great!

Jerry expressed appreciation for all those who have come to help with assessments, including Jim, Brian, Dustin, Kyle. Jerry indicated there have been plenty of volunteers and he appreciates the effort.

Jerry indicated tryouts are going well and he is entering data in to the evaluation sheets. Jerry indicated the use of a very methodical, mathematical way of scoring the tryouts. Jerry described how he is taking paper forms and inputting data into a spreadsheet. Jerry indicated he will be completing the scoring for Girls 10U and Girls 12U in the coming days. Jim asked when players and parents will be notified of the results of the Girls 10U and Girls 12U tryouts. Jerry indicated players and parents will be notified by the end of this week. Jerry also indicated the notification process takes time so top players are given time to give commitments before notifying others.

Jerry reported that all Girls softball leagues for 2023 have been completed. All Star games are later this week, but otherwise the leagues are done for the 2023 season.

### 3. Pitching machine

#### c. Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner Report

##### 1. Boys Travel Tryout dates and location

- a. Boys 8U (Coach \_\_\_) - Tryouts completed
- b. Boys 9U (Coach Brumfield) – Tryouts completed
- c. Boys 10U (Coach Dunn) – Tryouts completed
- d. Boys 11U (Coach Senk) – Tryouts completed
- e. Boys 12U (Coach Brumfield) – No tryouts
- f. Boys 13U (Coach May) – Tryouts completed

In Andy Papile's absence, no Boys Travel update was given. Chase gave an update on Boys 11U tryouts. Chase indicated 19 boys at the first night of tryouts and then additional new players came for the second night of tryouts. A separate private tryout was held. Melinda gave an update on Boys 10U tryouts indicating approximately 20+ boys at tryouts. Melinda indicated a few players have been made offers.

Chase inquired about a second Boys 11U travel team. Chase indicated for boys baseball there are so many different leagues (i.e. CVBA, OPL, Northeast Ohio Baseball League, Buckeye League, etc.) Leagues can be chosen by the level of talent and competitiveness. Chase asked who makes the decision to have a second Boys 11U travel team. Jim indicated it is a Board decision. A brief discussion was had on this specific topic and it was suggested to meet with the Travel Committee to further discuss. Jim further indicated decisions must be made after tryouts and based on those tryouts. Chase indicated he can compile the scores from the tryouts and present the information so an educated decision can be made and voted upon by the Board.

Dustin indicated the Travel Committee needs to listen to the Board because ideas are being brought up and conversations have been requested. Dustin indicated feeling dismissed by the Travel Committee. Dustin asked for the conversation to

happen at the next General Meeting.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the strength of the rec program and the success of additional travel teams. In the past, Dave indicated success had not been seen with "B" teams. Dustin indicated current travel teams are "B" teams and are not competing. Dustin indicated other programs have multiple teams at each level having created a feeder system. Dustin expressed respect for the issue with the rec program, but Dustin thinks the "Challenger" division might create a better opportunity for the entire program; to be a feeder program from one level to the next. Dave expressed concern specifically regarding pitching in Girls A and Girls AA if players are removed from the rec program. Jim gave a historical perspective

on the Girls softball leagues when first joining the Board. There were more teams in Girls A, Girls AA, and Girls AAA than now.

Kyle asked if more talented players leaving has to do with doing things the exact same way for so long within the rec program. In other sports, Kyle shared players are allowed to play somewhere else and he believes these more talented players have no choice but to play elsewhere because there is only one travel team per age level. Kyle indicated instead of focusing on strengthening the rec program, since there is advertisement to give players opportunities on the travel side, we should strengthen the travel program. Kyle feels there will be a slightly different result because girls are given more opportunity to stay within the NHAA Travel Program versus forcing these girls to leave the NHAA program because there is only one travel team per age level.

Dustin indicated NHAA is forcing girls to leave the NHAA community and play elsewhere. Dustin further indicated the feeling that more talented players must go elsewhere to play because they desire more than our rec program has to offer. Dustin would like to look into that more.

Kyle indicated girls are not starting young enough with pitching (i.e. starting pitching at the GMP level). Starting skills at a younger age is going to give the opportunity for these girls to succeed through the different levels and will benefit all. Kyle indicated having one travel team to strengthen the rec program does not have value for the girls looking for more. Kyle further indicated missing the boat from what is being advertised.

Chase, from a baseball perspective, indicated for the younger levels (8U, 9U, 10U) historically have not had enough players tryout to warrant a discussion for forming a second team. Chase further indicated there are so many leagues with different competitiveness levels on the baseball side that the 11U tryouts from this year may present the possibility for a second team. Chase reiterated the risk of pushing kids out of the community to find competitive play if there is no second team. Chase brought up the second Boys 11U team in 2023 under Coach Andy Papile. Chase indicated the risk of losing those players from the Nordonia community to find competitive play if that second team was not created. Chase further indicated this is a big concern to take into consideration.

Kenny indicated knowing of several boys who will leave the Nordonia community if they do not make the travel team. Kenny pointed to the dropping numbers from the Willie May league to Pee Wee Reese. Kenny indicated if every league has enough players to support a second team, then he does not disagree. Players should be exposed to better competition and more practices. Melinda indicated loving the idea of extra teams; however, at the Boys 10U level, there were players at the tryouts who just were not ready for that next level to warrant a second team. Melinda asked what it does for the leagues that just cannot form a second team.

Kyle asked for observation with other leagues (such as Western Reserve League). Kyle indicated the need to be careful of not pushing kids away from the community. The lower participation numbers show kids are leaving the community. Kyle suggested correcting what is currently being done and be more creative to retain players. Jerry shared every community has seen lower participation numbers in both baseball and softball for the past 20 years. Jerry also shared it may not be something specific that NHAA is doing to drive kids away.

Jerry indicated the conversation starts with these things: (1) one team is formed, (2) there are enough kids to form a second team, and (3) there is a competent coach. Jerry indicated 2023 girls softball tryouts did not have enough kids to form two teams (i.e. six (6) girls short on the 10U side and eight (8) girls short on the 12U side). Jerry isn't sure where this type of conversation goes. Jerry indicated two (2) tryout dates were well publicized/advertised and that was the turnout.

Kyle questioned the tryouts as being well advertised. Kyle indicated families from his team not knowing about tryouts until he told them about it. Jim and Dave indicated travel tryout dates were emailed, posted on social media, and posted on the website. Kyle pointed out the advertisement was up for less than two (2) weeks. Kyle indicated this is not enough time to get word out to players. Kyle presented how things are advertised with basketball.

Kyle asked about getting creative to find a few more girls to do a private tryout to round out a second team. Dustin indicated it would be with recruiting.

Dustin reiterated every other program within the Western Reserve has multiple teams at each age level. Jerry interjected and said this was not a factual statement. Kyle asked who does know that. Jerry further explained most of the communities with multiple teams at the same age level have teams struggling to compete. Dustin indicated it is about playing more games and having more practices. Dustin again reiterated programs seen have multiple teams in multiple age levels. Dustin also wants Nordonia to be the community outside kids come to in order to play because we are losing Nordonia kids.

## VI. Open Discussion

Jim asked Board members to promote the upcoming General Meeting. Jim also indicated this is the meeting in which new Board members can volunteer and/or be nominated for a seat on the NHAA Board. Terms for new Board members would start in September 2023. Dave indicated emailing General Meeting information to registrants already. Melinda asked about posting General Meeting information on social media and Jim asked for this to be done. Jim indicated it is important for the community to attend and participate by asking questions or making comments – both negative and positive.

Dave indicated Fall Ball 2023 registration is closing on Friday. Fall Ball league trustees will need to be ready to work through this information over this coming weekend. Things need to be prepared quickly in order for uniforms to be ordered, etc. Kenny indicated a conflict with him as the Pee Wee Reese league trustee; his son will be playing in that league this fall. A brief discussion was had about switching leagues with Brian.

## VII. Calendar Review

1. Equipment Return Date – Saturday, July 29, 2023
2. August General Meeting – Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (Sagamore Hills Park)

**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 8:00 p.m.

**Location of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_ Sagamore Hills Park – Upper Pavilion

**Meeting adjourned:**    10:31 p.m.