

# NHAA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Meeting Call to order:** 8:33 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  
Chad Akins, Board Member  
Matt Bewley, Board Member  
Brian James, Board Member  
Brenda Kovi, Board Member  
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  
Kevin Bilkie, Board Member  
\* Nick Lanese, Board Member

\* These members notified Board of absence prior to meeting.

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## Agenda:

### I. Review of meeting minutes from July 26, 2023

Jim asked if members had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting. Jim asked for any questions, additions, or subtractions. Hearing none, Jim made the motion to approve the July 26, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion first by Chad. Motion second by Dave. The minutes were approved.

### II. President's Report

1. NHAA Constitution / Bylaws: Article II, Section 3, Line K
  - a. Motion passed at 8.2.2023 General Meeting
  - b. Update verbiage to NHAA Bylaws (see last page of agenda)

Jim asked for the Bylaws to be amended as voted upon at the August 2, 2023, General Meeting. Jim asked for this to be done by the next meeting in September. Dave and Melinda were asked to update the file.

- c. Fall Ball for softball
  1. Teams entered into Western Reserve Fast Pitch (WRFP)
  2. \$650 per team (need to pay WRFP)
    - a. Need to register team at WRFP

For Fall Ball, Jim indicated all girls softball teams are entering into Western Reserve Fast Pitch (WRFP). Jim confirmed the cost is \$650 per team. Jim has secured these spots with Mike Smith at WRFP. NHAA will be sending one (1) Girls 10U team, two (2) Girls 12U teams, and one (1) Girls 14U team. Jim indicated there was one (1) player not age appropriate for a league. She was provided contact information to join a different team.

Jerry/Jim will work to register these players/teams on the WRFP website. Payment will

need to be rendered to WRFP for these four (4) NHAA teams.

3. All games at Barlow and Hudson High School

- a. No games at Sagamore Park (lost concession stand revenue)
- b. Estimated \$200 per team in revenue to NHAA with WRFP league at above cost

Jim indicated WRFP is set with play at Barlow Park with more than enough fields. All girls softball games will be played in Hudson. Game play will be double headers. Games will be played at either Barlow fields or Hudson High School. The schedule will be from August 20 through October 1. There will be a week off for Labor Day. There will be playoff match-ups.

Jim indicated a rough estimate of \$200 per team in revenue back to NHAA.

Jim indicated all softball play in Hudson will impact concession stand revenue at Sagamore Park. Jim asked for other games to be scheduled at Sagamore Park to increase traffic to concession stand.

Jim introduced to Board members an email received from a community member regarding new travel teams formed. This community member asked about consideration for a second Boys 10U travel team. The email indicated this community member is willing to work with Board members to gauge interest in starting this second team. Jim indicated the Travel Committee did speak about this topic. The community member indicated to Jim that players are looking elsewhere to play, and asked for Board members to entertain and discuss the possibility for a second team. Jim indicated to the community member the topic would be discussed here.

Jim indicated the topic needs to be entertained to provide feedback. Jim indicated the need for transparency. Jim suggested a new Boys 10U travel tryout to gauge interest. Jim asked for Board comments on the topic.

- \* Chase indicated he has not seen evaluation forms from tryouts held initially. It was confirmed 23 kids went through the tryout process. Eleven (11) kids made the Boys 10U team. Chase did report that a few kids made other teams, and some kids moved out of the area. Chase reported about eight (8) kids remaining. Chase relayed his conversation with Coach Dunn regarding player talent, in which these kids were not ready for travel competition. Chase agreed with entertaining the idea of a second Boys 10U team; however, there would need to be a brand new tryout session. Multiple evaluators will be needed.
- \* Without names, Melinda presented evaluation averages from the initial tryout. She was able to share the information with the Board. This spreadsheet confirmed six (6) players not making the Boys 10U team who had not accepted positions on other Nordonia teams and/or moved out of the area.
- \* Jim suggested a need to gauge interest in this second Boys 10U team with a new tryout. Melinda asked if this might open the need for tryouts for other ages as well. Jim is presenting this information because of the need for transparency with the community. Jim indicated when having multiple travel teams in other age groups, then the topic needs to be entertained. A precedent has been set. This could be the domino effect. Jim pointed out the two (2) new travel teams formed are for Board members. In the eyes of the community, this may not be a good look.
- \* Kyle indicated his belief of two separate scenarios. Players showing up for already scheduled tryouts and having the talent to make a second travel team is different than holding a new, separate tryout.
- \* Jerry indicated on behalf of the Travel Committee three (3) questions:
  - 1) Do we have a sufficient number of players?
  - 2) Can these players compete?
  - 3) Can there be competent coaching?

Jerry further indicated sticking to these questions, a second Boys 10U team does not make sense.

- \* Bobby asked for a definite number of kids. Bobby also indicated for Board members these kids will go elsewhere if the Board says 'no'. The question also is do we want these kids in Nordonia?
- \* After watching Willie Mays play, Melinda did share with Board members the talent is pretty weak. Melinda indicated she would hate to take these kids out of recreational play. These players are not ready for the travel experience.

- \* Cathy shared that Pandora's Box has been opened. She indicated every player is not going to be a travel player. She further indicated appropriateness to keep players in recreational play to develop skills, as well as to keep coaches in rec play to develop coaching skills. Coaches and players can move through the process together. Cathy further indicated, based on average evaluation scores shared, these players will greatly benefit from more play in the rec program. Cathy lastly indicated a travel team cannot be formed for every player.
- \* Jim indicated his belief for one (1) travel team per age group. Again, this needs to be discussed because there is the risk of losing more kids from NHAA in order to play elsewhere. Keeping these kids in the community is important and entertaining a new tryout may reveal the numbers and talent might not be there to warrant forming a new team.
- \* Cathy stated it would be great to boost the rec program and made the rec program competitive for these players. Giving up on the rec program cannot be done. Bobby indicated this simply is not the way it is going. He further indicated travel teams are getting diluted; there are more and more travel teams. Parents are pushing kids into this.
- \* Melinda indicated these players could have tried out for other travel programs and they did not. She also indicated if these players, after trying out for another program, would probably come back to the NHAA rec program anyway.
- \* Brenda indicated the rec program is going by the wayside. It is a shame.
- \* Chase agreed and indicated it is unfortunate the rec program is declining. He indicated NHAA is not unique with this situation. Unless more travel teams are formed, kids are going to leave the rec program regardless. Chase doesn't feel it is anything the Board is doing to cause this. Chase steered the conversation back to what happened at the original tryouts for these players. The players had the opportunity to tryout for various teams. Chase agreed more travel clubs are forming everywhere and teams are becoming watered down and diluted. Everything is a money grab. Chase reiterated the need to look at the original tryout. Chase also expressed the belief that holding a new Boys 10U tryout may cause the community to call for new tryouts for Boys 9U and Boys 8U as well.
- \* Brenda expressed agreeing with Chase's comments. Brenda further indicated it breaks her heart for the rec players.
- \* Cathy, agreeing with Brenda's point, indicated as an NHAA Board we need to be advocating for those rec players more than currently done.
- \* As a positive thing noted with more travel teams, Bobby did indicate Nordonia teams have the opportunity to play other communities in expanded play with Hudson, Twinsburg, Aurora, etc.. Bobby indicated it is a bit of a travel experience for these rec players too. With lower rec numbers for multiple communities, play has expanded to these other areas and this is a good thing.
- \* Jerry shared the idea of a "Rec Plus Team" which can serve as a compromise between rec and travel play. Jerry indicated the community member email reviewed was asking if there is another opportunity for play including a few tournaments. Jerry suggested this may be a way to keep kids in the NHAA Rec Program who want a little more, but not a lot more. Jerry suggested forming a Boys 10U Rec Plus Team where there is a group of Willie Mays All Star players who get together for a few tournaments, but are still active in NHAA rec play. Another tryout could be had and advertised as such. This could be a good compromise.
- \* Kenny expressed liking the "Rec Plus Team"; however, Kenny expressed a problem with rec play is staying within the present written rules. (i.e. every kid plays two innings in the infield, two inning pitchers, etc.) Kenny feels older kids may be looking to play elsewhere based upon current rules. Younger kids are given preference in certain positions and leagues based on rules established. Kenny suggested changing the rules for a "Rec Plus Team". This may be something the "Vision Committee" can look into moving forward.
- \* Chase indicated the "Rec All Stars" may be a perfect way to give kids the opportunity to stay in the rec program but to experience tournament play. Other Board members can guide and help teams to pick appropriate tournaments. Chase indicated this could be a good bridge for players.
- \* Brenda indicated she wishes to do something so as to not lose the rec program. The rec program allows kids to play with friends, and community members love to see and hear cheers from baseball fields.

Jim appreciated the lengthy discussion on the topic and wishes to make motions about how to proceed, as

decisions need to be made quickly.

Motion by Jim: Allow a second Boys 10U travel team for potential tryout.

Motion by Jim: Formulate a Rec Plus Team to enter into tournament play.

Dustin asked for further clarification on the motions. Jim explained the motions.

Chad indicated voting for a motion for either one is not appropriate at this time. Chad indicated the community member email was asking if something could be put together. Chad shared the answer back to this community member should be one of appreciation for reaching out to the NHAA Board, and should encourage the community member to register as a coach. Jim indicated this community member has been a coach in NHAA for years. Chad indicated the involvement with NHAA is appreciated. Jim indicated he is simply wishing to convey to this community member that the NHAA Board is looking to work together on this topic. Chase agreed and said a reply stating the idea of the "Rec Plus Team" tryout in May was discussed. All players can tryout for this 'Rec All Star' team and get to play in tournaments. Dustin asked how these "Rec Plus Teams" could contribute financially to NHAA. Something could be done creatively for these teams.

Jim rescinded both motions.

Jim appreciated the in-depth and lengthy conversation regarding the topic. Jim indicated he will respond to the community member via email. Bobby did ask Jim to see how many players this community member has for such a team. Dave indicated the wording of the community member email does not reveal a full team. Bobby indicated a number of communities do rec tournaments only.

### III. Fall Ball 2023

#### 1. Field Maintenance

- a. No interested contacts at this time
- b. Brian and Mike will take care of fields for local games
- c. Since limited teams, limited game will be help at Sagamore Park

Jim indicated no interested candidates for this fall season. Since there will not be many games (all softball games in Hudson) and only once weekly, field maintenance should be handled by Brian and Mike. Brian indicated he and Mike will take care of things.

#### 2. Umpires (Dan Lingo)

- a. Message sent to Dan for commitment of Fall Ball umpires

Jim confirmed speaking with Dan Lingo and Dan will be taking care of umpires for Fall Ball. Dan will need the schedule for league play and he will make sure umpires are available.

#### 3. Uniforms

- a. Distribution date

Melinda confirmed sending orders to Prime Time for uniforms as teams are now formed. Uniforms should be in right before the start of the season, except for Sandy Koufax and Colt as these leagues start earlier.

#### 4. Equipment

- a. Pick Up date – Saturday, August 12, 2023 (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m at Space Place)

Chase confirmed equipment pick up date. Dave confirmed sending emails to coaches regarding this pick up date. Chase confirmed using the prepared tags for equipment bags. Chase indicated a number of bags are ready to go for Fall Ball.

#### 5. Updates for Girls Softball

- a. Girls Manager Pitch (Girls – Grades 2 and 3)
  1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Kevin

Back up: \_\_\_\_

Melinda indicated GMP has been canceled for Fall Ball because of low registration numbers.

- b. Girls A League (Girls – Grades 4 and 5)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Brenda Back up: Dustin

Melinda indicated one (1) Girls A team.

- c. Girls AA League (Girls – Grade 6, 7 and 8)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Kyle Back up: \_\_\_\_

Melinda indicated two (2) Girls AA teams.

- d. Girls AAA League (Girls – Grades 9-12)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Chad Back up: \_\_\_\_

Melinda indicated one (1) Girls AAA team.

6. Updates from Boys Baseball

- a. Babe Ruth (Boys – Grades 1 and 2)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Chase no back up

Melinda indicated two (2) Babe Ruth teams. Melinda confirmed Babe Ruth will be playing with Hudson. Dave reported Hudson has one (1) team at this age level.

- b. Willie Mays (Boys – Grades 3 and 4)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Brian no back up

Melinda indicated Willie Mays has two (2) teams. Melinda confirmed Willie Mays is also playing with Hudson. Dave reported Hudson has three (3) teams at this age level.

Melinda confirmed the 2023 Fall Ball Trustee is Kenny.

- c. Pee Wee Reese (Boys – Grades 5 and 6)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Kenny Back up: Andy Piskula

Melinda indicated Pee Wee Reese has two (2) teams. Melinda confirmed Pee Wee Reese is also playing with Hudson. Dave reported Hudson has two (2) teams at this age level.

Melinda confirmed the 2023 Fall Ball Trustee is Brian.

- d. Sandy Koufax (Boys – Grades 7 and 8)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Andy Papile Back up: Matt

Melinda indicated Sandy Koufax has two (2) large teams. Melinda confirmed Sandy Koufax will be playing with Hudson and TBL. Melinda indicated three (3) TBL teams and two (2) Hudson teams in this age bracket.

Melinda confirmed the 2023 Fall Ball Trustee is Andy Piskula.

- e. Boys Colt (Boys – Grades 9-12)  
1. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Bobby Back up: Mike

Bobby indicated three (3) teams are participating in Colt league play. Melinda indicated three (3) kids wish to join the league. Bobby asked for these players to be added to Colt. These players will be added to make teams as even as possible. This will allow for approximately 13-14 kids per team. Jim asked for the league to be capped here. Melinda confirmed Colt will be playing with Hudson and TBL. Melinda confirmed three (3) TBL teams and two (2) Hudson teams for this age level.

7. Co-ed T-Ball (Kindergarten)

- a. 2023 Trustee Assignment: Cathy no back up

Melinda indicated only six (6) kids registered for T-Ball this fall. Melinda confirmed canceling the league and refunding registration fees.

## 8. Dates for league play

Melinda confirmed practices will begin the week of August 14 and league play will begin August 20 for most leagues except Colt and Sandy Koufax which are starting earlier. Melinda indicated having these schedules already built in Sports Engine. She will complete the schedules for the other leagues and have Dave review.

## IV. 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. Transition to new treasurer and new president

###### a. Bank account

In Scott's absence, Jim read the motion Scott sent to the Board via email.

Motion by Jim:

Issue payment to Dan Lingo for an extra \$420 to cover taxes incurred from the NHAA 1099 issued.

Kenny asked if Dan Lingo is begin paid or if there is a company run by Dan Lingo. Jim confirmed there is no company involved; payment would go to Dan Lingo.

First by Brenda. Second by Dave.  
No objections were heard.

A unanimous voice vote was taken.

The motion passed.

### 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 he is waiting for information back from Walker Supply. Jim suggested maybe contacting a different company if they are not timely with responses. Brian indicated he may inquire with Sagamore Soils to see if they can get the conditioner because of their timeliness with turning around a quote. Mike indicated there is a quote in hand from Walker Supply. Mike further explained he is waiting for a call back regarding the 2-inch depth conversation.

With girls softball being played in Hudson, Brian feels confident about getting a field done this year. Brian indicated the plan is to focus on Sagamore Field A (Veterans Field) first. Clarification is needed on a few things first. Jim indicated any/all work to be done at the fields at Sagamore Park must be first approved by Sagamore Hills Township. Presentation to Sagamore Hills Township of this strict plan is needed first so insurance information can be taken care of. Brian confirmed this will be done.

Cathy asked if a retrospective look at Sagamore #4 (Peters Field) and Nordon Middle School (NMS) field has been done. It has been one year since the applications were done to these fields. She further asked if anything can be learned from the application of product last year to help with application of product this year. Brian indicated he found two (2) different ways to build these fields last year. He further explained the NMS field was done one way and Sagamore #4 (Peters) was done a different way. Brian indicated less trouble has been had with NMS Field than Peters Field. Brian indicated the NMS field gets lots of rain runoff from the road and he reported this field is ready to play on after a couple hours. Brian indicated this is not the same for Peters Field. Brian further explained a lot more material was added to Peters Field and it was dug up more. This field settled very badly over the winter. Going forward, Brian concluded by stating field application in the future will be modeled how NMS field was done. Cathy thanked Brian for the explanation.

A brief discussion was had particularly about Peters Field. Brian indicated lifting and making Peters Field bigger, as well as creating a dam in the shortstop position. This has helped to stop some of the water flowing to the infield from the outfield. Brian reiterated the settling over the winter is still an issue with Peters Field. This just hasn't been able to be fixed yet. Jim further indicated Peters Field is uneven and he did a lot of work on Peters Field to fill in areas (i.e. pitcher's mound, second base). More work needs to be done to help to level areas on Peters Field. Jim believes there is still quite a bit of product on the field, but needs to be added to. Product from Nordonia Landscaping can be used for this job.

Chad indicated being at Sagamore Park this evening and Peters Field was a mess. A huge puddle was still on Peters Field, first base side. Jim indicated this puddle is in foul territory. Chad confirmed the rest of the field looked perfect.

## 2. Receipt and storage of bulk product from Nordonia Landscaping (Jim/Brian)

Brian indicated payment will need to be submitted to Nordonia Landscaping for the pallets of product. Payment is \$500. Brian indicated storage has been secured by Jerry. Brian indicated the plan is to take the crushed brick conditioner and take it right to the fields. Other pallets will be taken to a storage facility secured by Jerry in Solon. Brian indicated he is looking for a trailer to use to move the product because his trailer will not fit all four (4) pallets. Brian asked for anyone with hints on where to borrow a trailer to contact him after the meeting.

## 3. Rental option of pulverizer (BEI) (Bobby)

Bobby indicated the estimate received on equipment was between \$1,000 and \$1,200 to rent equipment for a weekend. It will be a track-style Skid Steer and a pulverizer. Bobby indicated a trailer will need to be rented because of the weight (between 7,000 and 10,000 pounds) of the equipment. Jim asked Bobby to get this information to Brian.

## 3. Equipment Committee

(Chase \*, Mike, Dave, Cathy)

### a. VP of Equipment/Chair Report

Chase indicated all is good with equipment.

## 4. Uniform/Awards Committee

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

### a. Chair Report

#### 1. Prime Time Spirit Wear Shop

##### a. Communicate to community – shop open until August 27, 2023

Cathy asked for league trustees and coaches to communicate with parents regarding the Spirit Wear Shop. Cathy confirmed the link is posted on the NHAA website and has been posted to social media.

## 5. Technology Committee

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

### a. IT and Communications/Chair Report

Dave had nothing to report. All updates were given with league reports.

### b. Total registration

### c. Total teams

#### 1. Each age division

## 6. Travel Committee

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

### a. Amendments to Travel Program Rules & Regulations

### b. Girls Travel Softball Commissioner Report

#### 1. USA Softball age requirements – new

#### 2. Girls Travel Softball

##### a. Girls 10U

##### 1. Team 1 (Coach Heather Rink)

##### 2. Team 2 (Coach Kyle Deininger)

Jerry clarified Coach Heather Rink and Coach Kyle Deininger will be coaching together the Girls 10U White Team, which are the younger players. The Girls 10U Green Team, which are the older players, is in need of a head coach still. Jerry indicated four (4) different parents are interested in serving as assistant coaches. Jerry indicated they are working on naming a head coach. Eleven (11) girls are on the roster for this Green Team, so there is space for one (1) more girl. Jerry asked for assistance with finding the right head coach, because it will be a very good competitive team with good assistant coaches.

- b. Girls 12U (Coach Dustin Wadsworth)
- c. Girls 14U (Coach Jerry Lowery)
- d. Girls 18U (Coach TBD)

Jerry indicated a Girls 18U travel team tryout is scheduled for tomorrow night. Jerry asked for volunteers to evaluate the tryouts.

Jerry asked that all coaches – travel and rec – schedule a practice through proper channels. All practices need to be on the master schedule. Melinda indicated she will communicate via email with coaches to contact her now for field scheduling. Jim indicated this is a good idea because some travel teams like to hold practices in the fall in addition to Fall Ball practices. Field scheduling needs to happen through Melinda. Jerry indicated the purpose of this process is to allow only Melinda to assign the field for the date requested and for the coach not to worry.

Chad asked the preference for field scheduling be given to Fall Ball teams who are preparing for games. Jim indicated there are plenty of fields, and Melinda will schedule accordingly. On behalf of Travel Ball, Chase indicated his support for Chad's statement.

- c. Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner Report
  - 1. Boys Travel Baseball
    - a. Boys 8U (Coach Amato)
    - b. Boys 9U (Coach Brumfield)
    - c. Boys 10U (Coach Dunn)
    - d. Boys 11U
      - 1. Team 1 (Coach Senk)
      - 2. Team 2 (Coach Sanger)
    - e. Boys 12U (Coach Brumfield)
    - f. Boys 13U (Coach May)

Matt asked about an emergency Boys 8U travel team tryout that was held to finalize the roster. A brief discussion was had and no one spoke of knowing anything about this tryout. Chase indicated he will follow up with Andy Papile.

Chase asked about his Boys 11U travel team having the opportunity to play informal games. Chase asked about the process he should follow to reserve a field and secure umpires. Jim indicated he can reach out to Melinda to secure a field and then communicate with Dan Lingo for umpires. Jim confirmed if a game is on the schedule through Sports Engine then the field will be prepped for game play. Dave asked about Sunday play and Chase confirmed he is planning for Sunday games.

## V. Open Discussion

Chase asked about compensation for Dave as the scheduler. Chase asked if this should be entertained by the Board.

Jerry asked about entertaining the idea of compensation for Jim for the time spent maintaining fields this past season. Jim indicated he is working on compiling an invoice for these efforts.

Jerry suggested both items be discussed at the September meeting. Jim suggested asking Scott about 2022 payments.

Kyle asked if Jim and/or Dave have had the opportunity of updating Google Drive with documents, and both indicated they have not.

1. Thank you for service to community

Cathy wished to thank and show appreciation for the Board members leaving – Andy Papile, Scott, Kevin, Dave, Nick, and Jim. She expressed appreciation for their work done for the community. Cathy added the Board needs to continue to serve the community and not just personal intentions and goals. Cathy went on to say the goal is to make this community program stand out. Cathy thanked those Board members again for their time, work, and guidance.

Jim indicated terms for these Board members will be officially ending at the September 2023 meeting. Jim will be at the September meeting for elections of new Board positions. Once positions are voted upon, Jim will be stepping away.

Jim wished to also thank the other Board members who are leaving at the end of the term. A lot of effort was put into the program by these individuals.

VI. Calendar Review

1. September meeting

a. New Board members

While in discussion, Brenda indicated she wishes to remain on the NHAA Board. Upon being asked by Jim, Brenda confirmed she no longer wishes to resign from the Board.

Motion by Jim:

Move to have Brenda Kovi remain on the NHAA Board.

First by Cathy. Second by Chad.

No objections were heard.

A unanimous voice vote was taken.

The motion passed.

Cathy asked about community members who may wish to become apart of the NHAA Board but were unable to attend the August 2, 2023, General Meeting. Jim indicated typically community members need to be present at the General Meeting; however, in the past, an interested community member can send an email with a letter of intent as to why he/she wishes to join the NHAA Board. This email is then presented at the September meeting and a motion is made. A vote is then taken after the motion. If approved, that interested community member would be able to join the Board at the next meeting. The process of writing a letter of intention including background information and vision is the proper way to proceed.

b. Elect Board positions

Kyle asked who might be interested in running for NHAA Board President. Jim indicated nominations are made at the September meeting. Jim reminded the Board there are five (5) new Board members beginning in September. Kyle asked Jim regarding an exit strategy, and Jim indicated he is still working on this. He will present this in September.

**Date of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting:**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

**Location of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting:**

Sagamore Hills Park – Upper Pavilion

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:54 p.m.

## NHAA Constitution / Bylaws

### Article II, Section 3, Line K

#### **Free Registration / Credit for the following positions that are voted upon:**

1. President
2. VP
3. Treasurer
4. Fields VP
5. Secretary
6. IT / Communications
7. Head Umpire – if they have someone that plays
8. Concessions

All other Trustees can earn a reimbursement of registration fees if there is participation and completion of the following: (must participate in a minimum of 3)

- Meeting all meeting requirements and participation in the BOT monthly meeting and Attendance at all General Meetings with the public (mandatory, not included in participation of events).
- Attending NHAA Sponsored Clinics: minimum of 1 day 4 hours
- Attending All Star Day (3 hrs)
- GMP, BR, and Tee Ball Day (help with running the events, 3 hrs)
- Assistance with Travel Try outs, evaluation, running the try out, etc (2-4 hrs)
- Championship weekend (3 hrs)
- Concessions (minimum of 3 hrs)

\* There will be a primary person (coordinator) for each event to take an attendance of who is there and who has signed up.

\* Will then be presented at the following board meeting to be noted in the meeting minutes for documentation of the participation.

\* If Board members participate per these requirements, registration fees will be returned at the close of season, must complete a minimum of 9 hours.

Being a trustee is more than coming to meetings, and should be looked upon as an honor to provide youth sports to the community in which we live. NHAA functions as a group of individuals with the same vision to provide memories to our children that will last a lifetime and each of us can be a part of that memory.