

# Osseo Baseball Booster Club

## AUGUST 2018 MEETING MINUTES

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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, August 20, 2018 (7:00pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tom Doubler, Kurt Kisch, Tony Olson, Joe Lavin, Amy Lee Olson,

John Partanen, Brenda Doubler, Tim Kulla, Jodie Kulla, Pam Holien, Deidre Hultgren

Katie Bindewald, Mark Azure, Michelle Azure, Joe Klein, Jeff Wolff and Craig Thompson

1. Meeting Called to Order—7:03
  - a. Announcements by the President
2. Consent Business
  - a. Treasurers Report—none given
  - b. Approval of June 2018 Minutes
  - c. Approval of July 2018 Minutes
  - d. Motion to approve by Joe Lavin and second by Kurt Kisch—all approve and consent business is approved unanimously
3. COMMITTEE UPDATES
  - a. BANNERS (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
    - i. Combining into fundraising
    - ii. Mark and Michelle Azure agreed to be the banner chairs
  - b. FIELD MAINTENANCE (Coach Lavin, Jeff Wolff-10)--Joe Lavin spoke at meeting
    - i. Just mowing and keeping it look good
  - c. FUNDRAISING (John Partanen-10, Jeff Wolff-10)—John Partanen spoke at meeting
    - i. New idea—will have a committee meeting and discuss
    - ii. Tom reiterated about having a committee—looking for a six person committee. Can put out an email to request help.
    - iii. Have sources ready to help out...waiting to have meetings.
    - iv. Ideas—bag bingo, Schwan's, flowers sales
  - d. CONCESSIONS & APPAREL (Brenda Doubler-9, Jodi Kulla-10, Pam Holien-9)
    - i. Need to close it up.
    - ii. Look at selling extra items, maybe at clean-up day
    - iii. Great job to Pam, Jodie and Brenda
  - e. MARKETING & NETWORKING (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
    - i. No report—need someone
  - f. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT (Coach Lavin)
    - i. Nothing to report, still in the works
    - ii. Will have Sunday night Dome sessions
    - iii. Lots of things coming together right now...scheduling the make-up sessions on the field this fall
  - g. OSSEO GIVEBACK OMGAA and BPA NIGHTS (Coach Lavin)
    - i. Coach Lavin wants to make sure this happens next fall
  - h. SENIOR NIGHT (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
    - i. Looking for help—need a point person.
    - ii. Junior parents lead

- iii. Coach Lavin supports other nights as well—Teacher night, OMGHAA, BPYB night?
- iv. Tom chimed in that these are important nights that we need to build-up, and get going!
- v.
- i. SPONSOR NIGHT (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)
  - i. Looking for help
- j. BANQUET NIGHT (Deirdre Hultgren-10)
  - i. Date set for May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday at Edinborough
  - ii. Deidra looking for input and feedback
  - iii. Tom asking about recognition of players, because the season is still happening. Do a better job of social media to get the word out, or move banquet to end of season. But need to do a better job of recognizing the players. One aspect coach addressed was naming captains, and making the banquet more player focused. Look for feedback from players as well...lots a great ideas were shared
  - iv. Ideas for guest speaker would be welcomed
- k. ALUMNI NIGHT/STRIKE OUT CANCER (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2018 Tournament Wrap Up—
  - i. Tom wants say thank you to everyone who helped out...received amazing compliments. Have great things going, hoping to get the tournaments back.
  - ii. VFW—no gate, gave us \$1,500. Very thankful for all we did. Jerry donated a new flag. Announcers were great. Very positive feedback
  - iii. A gentleman who lives in the apartments by the fields. Gave us \$500.00. They like watching baseball and appreciate how we keep up the field.
  - iv. Joe suggested adding a Neighbor night to the list of special events
- b. Field Improvements—Tom Doubler
  - i. Looking for next steps at the field.
  - ii. Requesting to spend \$2,000 to create a plan for the field...grandstand, turf on field, new concessions, bathrooms. Big wish list, but if we create a plan, we can figure out how to pay for each piece. Won't all get done at once, but if there is a plan, we can get it all done. Want to get the field to the next step. Need all the families to get involved. Priority is to develop the players, but part of that is having a great field to play on and creating a great fan experience as well
  - iii. Coach Lavin—expressed that is all about the kids. Coach listed other places that they are not games, they are events—New Ulm, Dundas, etc.
  - iv. Tom opened up to the field for discussion Changes last year were a leap of faith...people are noticing in a big/positive way. Turning point was when neighbor gave us money because he likes what we doing. Imperative that we keep moving forward. Others are looking at us like trailblazers
    - 1. Power lines will be a big concern—Joe Klein. Tom will make sure that is part of the design
    - 2. Tony asked for what the ask if for...
    - 3. Jeff Wolff—how much would be plan be? Would plan be in phases. Tom went to Dundas (south of Northfield) and looked at their complex, It was recommended to use ISG for the plans as that is who Dundas, Thinking plans will be around \$2,000

4. Deidre Hultgren—so important to have plans. Our footprint will dictate what we can or cannot do. Can take ideas to a point and then need a plan
  5. Pam Holien—if we had a plan, might get some money from the district
  6. Craig Thompson—make sure it is a 2-D or 3-D plan, many cannot envision the
  7. John Partanen—first on the record thanking Tom for all his hard work at the tournaments. It was also great, to have a coach visible at the tournaments as well. John asked what this plan will enhance for players—Joe doesn't remember scores of a lot of the games, but remembers the ballparks. Boys will remember playing at a great ballpark. John mentioned a club tournament the boys played at Century Community College...nice field, coach was very proud, but John had a hard time holding back, as that field still didn't hold a candle to ours
  8. Tim Kulla—keep talking about field improvements, what is plan making for kids better. Joe agrees...and working on the plan. Last year, kids didn't want to play, first step is making it a positive experience for the players. Need to keep it simple.
  9. Pam Holien—will \$3,000 help with player improvement, Joe, no...Kurt added a comment—he think it does and will—players are seeing what leadership is doing and see it as positive reinforcement. Field development shows the players they have the support of the leadership and parents.
  10. Motion to approve up to \$3,000 for field improvement plans, once budget commitments have been confirmed---motion by Kurt Kisch, second by Tony Olson...no discussion, all approved
- c. Field Clean-up Day—Date is September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>th</sup>.
- i. A little later as there will be some work done on the mound. We thought it was 7" too high. Meeting was held last week—and confirmed 7" too high. The company realized it was their fault and is coming out in September to fix. Keifer will cover costs. So waiting on field up day until that is completed.
- d. 2018-2019 Budget—will table until September meeting
- e. Question about how Barb and AJ were doing...do they need anything asked John Klein...Coach acknowledged they received the card with contributions and were over whelmed.

## 5. Old Business

- a. 2019 Spring Trip—
  - i. We have been registered and accepted
  - ii. Next step is Coach Lavin to reach out to the coordinator and make any special requests. We will request not to play any teams from MN
  - iii. Currently 20 players and two coaches will be attending
  - iv. March-24-30<sup>th</sup>
  - v. Question from John Partenan—asked Coach if he wants parents there. Tom has a list of hotels for families. Question by Amy Olson—date for players chosen. Seniors will go, then Varsity players and then bubble kids. Most of 20 spots will be seniors and juniors...but not making any guarantees. Coach is still working it out. Question about players flying or busing—flying. Tim Kulla brought up baggage charges. John Partenan—equipment bags, check the

policies of that airline

6. Meeting Adjourned-- Motion by Kurt Kisch, second by Tony Olson, all approve and meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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