



## Baseball Association Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: May 22, 2022

### Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Robert Hoekstra	President	Present
James Markfort	Vice President	Present
Jaclyn Van Horrick	Treasurer	Present
Giselle Hattesohl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Present
Terra Bruns	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	Present
Brian Goedker	Member At Large	Absent
Steve Skoglund	Member At Large	Absent
Guests		

### Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion

### Minutes:

Motion by Jackie to approve meeting minutes from April meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James

\*Discussed Treasurer's Report, uniforms were over by around \$6,000. Figured out the overage was a miscommunication about the hats being included in cost or not from distributor. Hats were not included in the quoted price so that is where our overage was.

Jackie brought up looking at food costs for tournament concessions. We are going to figure how much to add per item to account for raising prices on supplies/groceries to make up for raised pricing on all of that from stores.



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Jackie also went over budget so far for the year, it looks to be on track/close to expectations aside from the uniform mishap, however we had some spare funds to cover the overage.

Paypal account has roughly \$17,000 from volunteer payments, we are leaving it there to dish back out to people who have completed volunteer hours by end of season.

\*Discussed tournaments, softball is cleared out of the concessions stand so now we do have the ability to purchase and store supplies when we are ready. Soda, water, gatorades we are planning to purchase this week and have stored and ready for tournament weekend. Perishable foods (burgers/hot dogs) will be purchased next week, closer to tournament weekend.

Robert & James were going to work together to get a plan for a Sam's club run to gather drink supplies.

Robert was able to get us each binders made up with information needed for all tournament questions/tasks, handed those out. For weekend of the tournament you as a board member are working, we should plan to be there around 7 am – 9 pm.

Trophies/awards have all been ordered for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for tournament weekends.

Robert would like to look into getting a plan together to have the National Anthem played each morning of the tournaments before games start. We can get access to a P.A. system so he will look into getting a recording to play each morning.

Water hookups at each field need specific hose couplings on them, we will look into whether we need to order them this week.

Fire Department will be used to gathering drinking water for large water dispensers, plan on connecting with Mark Hedstrom to verify.

Volunteer spots for the tournament are all almost filled, as of the meeting there were only 7 spots left to be filled. We will likely look at sending out one last mass email to remind people to sign up for volunteer hours, must sign up by Wednesday.



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Umpire spots as well are all filled and taken care of.

\*Discussion about how TBall, Majors, Minors is going what can change for years to come to have it move smoother.

Ashley brought up hosting a meeting roughly 2 weeks prior to start of season. At this meeting we would like to physically volunteer checks from parents and in return hand over a Tee/Jersey. Essentially consider it as a jersey hand out/parent meeting to entice parents to actually come to us so we can field as many questions in person and make sure we get volunteer checks in one timeframe. Maybe make it into a fun Meet the Coach night and include some skills learned from Clinics, make it a fun event for kids while parents are able to ask and answer questions with us.

Ashley also brought up changing volunteer check rules for Tball/M&M teams to allow for checks still being allowed even beyond the typical deadlines to be able to use a check or have to pay online past the set date. She would like for us to allow them to still pay by check in the future, will be something to discuss at a future meeting.

Also about Clinics, perhaps in the next years we will put a cap of maybe 50 kids allowed to sign up, or raise it more based on how much help is available. Maybe even add a cost to sign up of \$5/\$10.

Lions Park : it is owned by the township and not maintained much them. We would like to try to approach the township to see if we can set up someone on our own for maintaining the fields. Perhaps contact the city to see about the grounds maintenance going out to Lions to handle the fields. Something to start trying to look into for the future to keep Lions fields usable for us.

On the topic of the city and fields we would like to contact the city/parks and rec or start attending their meetings and see about bringing up building more fields for the city.

Ashley brought up looking into the site Team Snap for consolidating everything we do onto the site. Check into pricing to see how much it would cost for the items we would want to have access to. Registration, fee collections, emails, schedules, handbooks, etc. all on the same site.

On the topic of websites, our website got a make over, Robert has changed things around. We got to look that over. Ashley would like to see if a tab or possibly a sidebar specifically for Tball/M&M can get added onto the site. Something to make it an easier way to find where they need to go.



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Ashley brought up renaming the Registration guide in the future to be called the Season guide, or something similar. In this way it makes it clear that you should refer to the guide for seasonal questions, not just useful during the registration process.

We talked about adding a Communications/Social Media Manager, perhaps use their time spent as their volunteer hours. Have them attend a few meetings, but wouldn't necessarily have to attend all meetings year round.

\*Tryouts discussion, this year is going to be more of a transitional year for our future plans for tryouts. This year we will have tryouts at end of season in August then another tryout in February sometime. This would allow for kids to try out while skills are fresh after a summer of playing OR allow for new kids to try out in February. Everyone would attend only one tryout, and that's what your scoring would be for the next season. We are aiming to change it to a single tryout beginning in 2024. Jackie also suggested implementing game play into the tryout to allow for evaluators to see kids in a game setting vs. just skills on the spot. We will have a lot of ideas and changes to discuss at future meetings for the coming years of tryouts.

\*Spudfest, the papers for Spudfest and the money have been submitted, we will be in the parade there. Jackie will be in charge of ordering candy/treats for the parade.

### \*OPEN FORUM\*

Steve, Brian, Jackie, and Robert's terms are all ending this year. Jackie will not be renewing her position so we will need to look into filling her spot. Robert as well will need a replacement. We will likely want to send an email out to do a sort of head hunting for more people to join the board/be up for election on spots.

Cheerleading booster club is disbanding and has spots for their concession tent open for volunteering. If another association fills their spots they will cut us a check to pay for the time. Something to think about before Spudfest comes.

James and Terra brought up the BSN funds and wanting to know where to place them or what to do with them. We have profit from the fan store, upwards of \$600 sitting there for now, something to put on the agenda for next meeting.

Motion by Robert at 8:24, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James and Jackie to adjourn meeting.



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