

# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



<b>Mar 10th, 2024</b>		<b>7:02pm</b>	<b>Legion &amp; Zoom</b>
<b>Meeting called by</b>	Jerry Orcutt		
<b>Type of meeting</b>	CAA Diamond Sports Monthly Board Meeting		
<b>Note taker</b>	Sara Staloch		
<b>Members present</b>	Dwayne Archuleta, Matt Birkenholtz, Ryan Check, Kim Flottmier, Nick Hansgen, Ryan Herdrich, Alicia Kockler, Amanda McGibbon, Jerry Orcutt, Darek Schwarz, Sara Staloch, Kelli Strauss Brett Sween, Julie Vasatka, Shane Wasserman		
<b>Members absent</b>	Derek Gunderson, Pat Kasid, Jeff Kraemer, Tom O'Neil		
<b>Attendees</b>			
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>			
<b>Previous Month Meeting Minutes</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Sara Staloch</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	Feb Meeting Minutes Approved		
<b>President's Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Jerry Orcutt</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	No updates		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Alicia Kockler</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Just sent out financials. Alica walked us through a powerpoint on where we are at. On the full P&amp;L for 2023 there were some misallocations. Also sent out the P&amp;L thru February. Transactions column has notes that Alicia has questions on. Please circle back with her if these are your programs and you can answer these.</p> <p>Hurting for boys community registration, behind last year's numbers. Need to advertise! Use the signs.</p>		
<b>BOC Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Just had parent meeting for community and in-house teams. 20 in person 75 online.</li> <li>-Travel coaches meeting this week to update them on changes to rules from MBL.</li> <li>-7-8 year old group, changing bat rules. Will be using 9 year old bats instead of t-ball bats.</li> <li>-Moving towards using different evaluators at tryouts, High school coaches, will save money and will hopefully build a better relationship between CAA and the high school. Updating some drills to be more current and fair (i.e. leftys won't take grounders from shortstop).</li> <li>-Team composition changes: most were balanced before, BOC voted and we will now ages 12 and up will be stacked if more than one team at a level. MBL does not have a stance on this so it is up to associations to decide on this.</li> <li>-Player Waiver, more formal process/policy is in process.</li> <li>-Player commitment policy is being revised. Causing HUGE issues with teams in the off season. (make sure to share with softball, they are having issues as well)</li> </ul>		
<b>SOC Report</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Brett Sween</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wrapping up registration: we are down in the 12s and 14s but up in the younger groups.</li> <li>-will not have a 14u team, will Co-Op with Chaska</li> <li>-no rec at 10 or 12, not enough players, we are offering players to play with Chaska or C level travel in CAA</li> <li>-have coaches for all team!</li> <li>-player development clinics with mission happening this spring</li> <li>-umpire training is tomorrow</li> <li>-finalizing coaches meeting and clinic after spring break</li> <li>-the partnership with mission we have had needs some rework to continue moving forward</li> <li>-Matt working to strengthen the relationship between HS and CAA programs.</li> <li>-12A qualifier week got shifted and Lake Ann was unavailable so we are using Chaska Community Park</li> </ul>		

<b>Golf Tournament Update</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Nick Hansgen</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Tim Graft stepped up to help (has a softball player 8U)</li> <li>-Date is Monday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024</li> <li>-Need points of contact from BB and SB.</li> <li>-Need partnerships with Marketing, need sponsorship for holes, and silent auctions.</li> <li>-Ask for more volunteers for hours, or specific duties like getting the silent auction items?</li> <li>-Do we still do the event? Nets about 6K for one day.</li> <li>-Brett mentions CCHA does a raffle event, which would be a lot less work for more \$\$\$. He will find out more and circle back.</li> </ul>
<b>Vote for new SB Player Agent</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Brett Sween</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Julie Vastka application for SB agent. Has coached softball before and also does softball uniforms. Has daughters in 10U and 12U.</li> <li>-<i>Motion made, Second and approved. Welcome Julie!</i></li> </ul>
<b>Vote to remove VP of Scholarship board position</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Sara Staloch</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Last month I made the recommendation to move the duties of managing scholarships and stipends to the Treasurer as having the person who understand the overall financial picture of Diamond Sports makes a lot more sense. Alicia said that is how the basketball side does it and she did it for them so she already knows how.</li> <li>-Without those duties, Sara suggests that the role be eliminated as it is no longer necessary. VP of Baseball and Softball will step in to help President as needed (instead of this VP).</li> <li>-<i>Motion made to remove the VP Diamond Sports of Scholarship as the duties for scholarships and stipends have been moved to Treasurer. Seconded and approved.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Stipend Discussion/Policy Updates</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Sara Staloch</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sara presented ideas that she received over email</li> <li>-Alicia recommends to leave 2024 as is. Already half processed. So changes go into effect for the 2025 season. Refunds are easy to do.</li> <li>Other comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A flat stipend amount is easier to budget for</li> <li>-We are in it to improve the program, not get the stipend amounts.</li> <li>-percentage of volunteer checks cleared? Half of volunteer checks?</li> </ul> </li> <li><i>Motion made to keep Stipend policy as is for 2024 season. Second and approved.</i></li> <li>Sign the form in yes or no and sign away the liability in the November meeting after the new board is elected.</li> <li><i>Motion made to make timing for stipends in November, after a year served. Second and approved.</i></li> <li>Aug or September make a decision on stipend max amount after we see what the amount of volunteer checks cashed total? Checks are cashed in September.</li> <li><i>Motion made to make the maximum amount of total board stipends not to exceed 50% of the volunteer checks cashed. Second and approved.</i></li> <li>Motion made to make the individual max amount equal to the highest Diamond Sports Registration amount (in 2024 it is \$600). No second.</li> <li><i>Motion made to make the individual max stipend amount equal to the volunteer check amount (currently \$400). Second and approved.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Other Items</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jerry – think about skipping meetings in May/June/July. Too hard to do during the season. We are still doing our jobs behind the scenes and getting things done while coaching and attending games.</li> </ul>

	Kim is on the CAA High School youth night committee, she will get us info when she has it.
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Jerry Orcutt</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	-adjourned 8:28pm