

NHAA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 8:15 p.m.

Location: Zoom (due to weather)

Meeting Call to order: 8:16 p.m.

Board Attendance/Roll Call:

Present via Zoom:

Jim Filisky, President
Kevin Bilkie, Vice President (in at 8:34)
Chase Senk, VP of Equipment
Mike Graham, VP of Fields
Dave Hermann, IT and Communications
Cathy Loya, Secretary
Matt Bewley, Board Member
Kyle Deininger, Board Member (in at 8:22)
Nicole Gvora, Board Member
Brian James, Board Member
Brenda Kovi, Board Member
Nick Lanese, Board Member (in at 8:20)
Bobby Reville, Board Member
Kenny Sanger, Board Member
Marc Sprang, Board Member

Present via Telephone:

Absent:

Andy Papile, Travel Coordinator
Scott Lanzilotta, Treasurer
Melinda Malyuk, Board Member
Julie Moran, Board Member

Agenda:

I. Review of meeting minutes from April 20, 2022

Jim made the motion to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2022, meeting. Motion first by Dave.
Motion second by Mike. A unanimous voice vote was taken to accept the minutes.

II. President's Report

1. Discuss Macedonia SummerFest – Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11, 2022 (Beer Tent)

Jim to meet with Jason Chadock with the City of Macedonia on May 5, 2022, at noon to sign the permit paperwork. NHAA has agreed to run this Beer Tent as a fundraising opportunity.

- a. Discuss Home City Ice possible donation (from Andy)
- b. Primary contact from NHAA to City of Macedonia

Jim asked for an NHAA Board member to volunteer as the primary contact for this event and a discussion was had. Jim will send and receive communication with the City of Macedonia, but Jim asked for Board member volunteers who he can delegate tasks to. Matt volunteered to help. Chase volunteered to help. Jim will reach out to Melinda as well for help. Jim will be in contact with this group.

c. Volunteer schedule

Jim will reach out to Melinda to set up a SignUp Genius for volunteers to work the event. Jim expressed his wish for Brian and his wife to help assist with this event and he appreciates the offer made by Brian and his wife to do so.

2. Discuss Sagamore Hills Park concession stand

Jim indicated the concession stand at Sagamore Park can be discussed with a smaller group. Logistics and access to the concession stand still need to be worked out. Jim wishes to see this concession stand used for the bigger events/weekends right now until we can get a better handle on things (i.e. staffing with volunteers, stocking inventory). Bigger events to include both Bash tournaments, All-Star Weekend, Babe Ruth Day, T-Ball Day. Jim expressed his wish to see a GMP Day at the end of the season as well.

- a. Volunteer schedule
- b. Inventory stock

III. Updates/Feedback on Leagues

Practice games begin week of May 9, 2022

Regular season begins week of May 16, 2022

1. Girls Softball

- a. Girls Manager Pitch (Girls – Grades 2 and 3)
 - 1. Primary: Kevin Back up: Jim
- b. Girls A (Girls – Grades 4 and 5)
 - 1. Primary: Brenda Back up: Julie
- c. Girls AA (Girls – Grade 6, 7 and 8)
 - 1. Primary: Nikki Back up: Kyle
- d. Girls AAA (Girls – Grades 9-12)
 - 1. Primary: Nick Back up: _____

Nick expressed the desire by parties involved for schedules for Girls AAA. Dave indicated that he is working to finalize these schedules, but another team was just added.

2. Boys Baseball

- a. Babe Ruth (Boys – Grades 1 and 2)
 - 1. Primary: Chase Back up: _____
- b. Willie Mays (Boys – Grades 3 and 4)
 - 1. Primary: Melinda Back up: _____
- c. Pee Wee Reese (Boys – Grades 5 and 6)
 - 1. Primary: Kenny Back up: Mike

Kenny indicated a few concerns regarding TBL and fields. Field conditions were discussed regarding use of Ledgeview, which is rough, but it is a decent field when weeded and dry. It was also discussed that coaches can always request additional practices, practice in the parking lot, or practice in the outfield grass. Kenny indicated that the coach has been told to contact Dave for additional practice time at a different field.

Kenny indicated teams are not happy about playing TBL teams, but they understand the situation.

- d. Sandy Koufax (Boys – Grades 7 and 8)
 - 1. Primary: Andy Back up: _____
- e. Colt (Boys – Grades 9-12)
 - 1. Primary: Bobby Back up: _____

3. Co-ed T-Ball (Kindergarten)

- a. Primary: Cathy Back up: Marc

Cathy indicated that T-Ball is going okay. She expressed a message from a coach who has concerns about the wide range of ages on the team. Cathy wishes to discuss registering kids based on age and not necessarily grade. A brief discussion was had. Marc indicated that further discussions with the coach will be had if specific issues come up. A

retrospective look at things at the end of the season is appropriate.

IV. Umpires

1. Feedback on umpire classes

Dave indicated that he attended the classes. The sessions have finished with a few new umpires.

V. Committee Reports

(Committee members names indicated below – chair is marked with a star *)

1. Finance Committee

(Scott *, Matt, Kyle)

a. Treasurer/Chair Report

1. Current financial report
2. Open invoices

No report was given in Scott's absence.

2. Skills Clinic Committee

(Kenny, Kevin, Scott, Marc)

a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

3. Fields Committee

(Mike *, Brian, Kevin)

a. VP of Fields/Chair Report

1. Combined effort with Strategic Planning Committee – Status on written field conditioning proposal for Sagamore Hills Park Field #4
 - a. Presentation to Sagamore Hills Trustees on Monday, May 9, 2022

A discussion was had regarding the need for the members of the Fields Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee to meet together to write a specific proposal to present to the Trustees of Sagamore Hills Township. Nick indicated that a specific proposal is written regarding Sagamore Field #4. Nick will be able to forward that written specific proposal to committee members upon return from his business trip.

Jim indicated that in the presentation to Sagamore Hills Township it will be asked that they waive some of the fees and/or deposits charged for hosting tournaments at Sagamore Park if NHAA will be investing in Township fields. Marc indicated that if discussions will be had with Sagamore Hills Township regarding reduced costs for tournaments, then discussions should be had about some of the Bash Tournament money going back to NHAA. Currently all benefits go to the Travel program. Further discussions can be had on this after the tournaments and/or in the postseason.

2. Discuss developments with field maintenance project (Brian)

a. Revised quotation from 4.27.2022 Board correspondence

Brian gave an update regarding the approved \$3,000.00 for field maintenance. Brian confirmed that pricing sent out was for a week's total. A discussion was had regarding the rental of a dump truck and how to minimize the rental fee by using the truck for only a day or two by dumping product where it is needed. Brian indicated that extra items were quoted (i.e. delivery fee, trucking fee, hourly rate for the rental truck). Brian indicated that when broken down, the quoted price is below the \$3,000.00 threshold. Brian indicated that a slinger truck will be utilized when appropriate and then the rental dump truck will be utilized for a day or two to dump dirt where needed.

Brian reiterated that everything is under the \$3,000.00 threshold. A discussion was had regarding dumping dirt at Sagamore Park and/or Northfield Village. Jim will contact Chris or Jason at Northfield Village regarding this for Smith Park and Magnolia Park.

A discussion was had regarding the Nordonia Middle School field and the water drainage. Jim indicated that there is a need to get enough product to that field to level it out before further upgrades are made. It was discussed to sling 20 tons at NMS and 15 tons at Northfield. Jim indicated the need for this work to be done on a weekend so as not to interfere with school. Brian will reach out to Sagamore Soils regarding getting a slinger truck for NMS and Northfield.

3. Review of final quote from Mike Sekula at Walker Supply

Mike will follow up with Mike Sekula regarding conditioner availability. Jim indicated that once the NMS field is leveled off, conditioner application can begin. Approval from Nordonia Schools has already been obtained to proceed with upgrading this field.

A discussion was had regarding water drainage at NMS. It was discussed to add sandbags behind the backstop to slow down the flow of water as a temporary fix versus planning on building a flower bed as suggested. Nick indicated his concern for spending money on upgrading the NMS field until there is a fairly permanent solution to the water drainage/runoff issue. Brian indicated that adding sandbags now can be used to see if water will slow down.

- 4. Review soil samples taken
- 5. Update on TruGreen (Weed Pro) work
 - a. Cost at \$85 per field

TruGreen has been contacted to get in touch with Mike and/or Brian to schedule a time to come out. Specifics on the application were discussed (i.e. above 50 degrees, two-hour wait time). Fields are getting sprayed Friday, May 6, 2022, after 4:00 p.m.

Mike indicated that TruGreen will be out early on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for application. Jim indicated that fields are booked with practices and games on Saturday and a 2-hour dry time is needed. Dave reiterated that every field will be in use by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Mike will communicate with Dwayne at TruGreen to be done by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.

6. Update on removing orange marker ribbons on fences at all area fields

Jim inquired about bases and anchors at Lee Eaton. Mike indicated that they are not there, but he can get these items to Lee Eaton. It was indicated that these fields may be in use as extra practice space. Dave indicated that these fields may not be needed.

Matt indicated that Smith Field had the holes for the feathers filled in and cannot be found. Mike will address this issue tomorrow.

Kevin indicated the backstops curling up at Sagamore Park. A discussion was had about properly fixing the issue with heavy fence wire being sunken below the grade of the ground to anchor those in place. It was noted that this has been a longstanding issue and a difficult one to solve.

Dave indicated that coaches should be reminded to fill in divots in the field, especially in the batter's boxes and at the pitcher's mound. Water will pool here if not done. No tools are

needed; use your foot to fill in divots and step it down.

4. Strategic Planning Committee

(Jim *, Bobby, Kevin, Scott, Nick, Mike)

- a. Chair Report
- b. Update on written future strategic plan to guide focused fundraising efforts

See Fields Committee report.

5. Equipment Committee

(Chase *, Mike, Dave)

- a. VP of Equipment/Chair Report

Chase indicated that all equipment has been passed out.

Matt asked about ice packs and it was indicated that these are in the First Aid Kits that were donated by Chevy Youth Sports.

Nick indicated a coach needing to switch out catcher's gear and Chase will meet with this coach for the exchange.

6. Uniform Committee

(Julie *, Brenda, Cathy)

- a. Chair Report
 1. Update on uniform order with RDP
 - a. Delivery date of Saturday, May 7, 2022

Dave indicated that RDP is expected to deliver completed uniforms to Dave on Thursday, May 5, 2022. An inventory will be taken of the items received and then prepared for distribution.

2. Uniform Distribution Day: Sunday, May 8, 2022
 - a. Coordination and distribution details

Sagamore Park will be the location for Uniform Distribution Day on Sunday, May 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Cathy and Brenda volunteered to be there to help. Dave will communicate pick-up information to all coaches once the uniforms are received from RDP. A brief description of the distribution process was discussed.

7. Discipline Committee

(Nick *, Bobby, Marc)

- a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

8. Player Development Committee

(Andy, Nikki, Kenny)

- a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

9. Marketing and Fundraising Committee

(Melinda *, Nick, Matt)

- a. Chair Report
 1. Update on fundraiser opportunities
 - a. Golf outing
 1. Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Roses Run in Stow

2. Sponsorship
3. Advertisement to community

Matt will meet with Melinda next week to put together a flier for distribution. Matt indicated Board members will be sent fliers to sign up for the outing. The golf outing will be a shot gun start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 31, 2022.

b. Restaurants

1. Feedback on Culver's event (Monday, April 25, 2022)

Nick indicated a successful fundraiser/Share Night at Culver's. Nick expressed thanks to Mike, Melinda, Dave, and any other coaches or Board members who supported the event. Nick reported raising approximately \$250.00 from this event. Once the check is received, Nick will present it to the Board in person.

2. Chipotle – Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Nick indicated this event has already been email blasted to registrants. Melinda will work to get this posted on social media for advertisement. No volunteers are needed for the event. All are asked to support the fundraiser. Nick indicated that NHAA is to receive 33% as long as the customer mentions NHAA. Nick indicated this has traditionally been a good fundraiser.

2. Update regarding team/league sponsorship
 - a. Discuss tiered sponsorship
 - b. Discuss combined team/league sponsorship with golf outing sponsorship
3. Discuss format and display of sponsor banners
 - a. Kimpton Printing

A discussion was had regarding the number of banners needed. It was discussed to have one banner at NMS, and then three banners at Sagamore Park (Field #1, Field #3, Field A). High-traffic areas should be targeted to display these sponsor banners. It was determined that four (4) sponsor banners will be needed.

10. Technology Committee

(Dave *, Melinda, Mike)

- a. IT and Communications/Chair Report

Dave indicated a small number of new registrants and this will end once games begin.

VI. Travel Update

1. Travel Coordinator Report
 - a. League updates

No report in Andy's absence.

- b. Additional Bash updates

1. Girls Bash: May 20 – 22, 2022

- a. Reported 10 teams (full) in 10U, 12 teams (full) in 12U, and 4 teams in 14U.

Jim updated the Girls Bash: The Girls Bash is full with a total of 28 teams total – 12 teams in 10U, 12 teams in 12U, and 4 teams in 14U.

2. Boys Bash: June 3 – 5, 2022
 - a. Reported 19 teams throughout divisions

Chase gave a brief update in Scott's absence and indicated that all but one division is close to capacity. Further clarification will be needed about combining 11U and 12U play.

3. Volunteers

VII. Calendar Review

1. Uniform Distribution – Sunday, May 8, 2022
2. Preseason begins – Week of May 9, 2022
3. Regular season begins – Week of May 16, 2022
4. Picture Day – Saturday, May 21, 2022

Jim indicated sending an email late today to Venditti regarding Picture Day. A brief discussion was had regarding the location of Picture Day as being either at Nordonia Middle School or Lee Eaton. Picture Day does fall on the Saturday of the Girls Bash. Weather will of course play a part in the location decision.

5. Discuss date of May general meeting

VIII. Open Discussion

Discussions regarding preparations for the Beer Tent at Macedonia SummerFest will be had via email.

Date of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 **Time:** 8:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:14 p.m.