

# NHAA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.      **Location:** Sagamore Hills Park – Upper Pavilion

**Meeting Call to order:** 8:02 p.m.

## **Board Attendance/Roll Call:**

### Present:

Jim Filisky, President  
Kevin Bilkie, Vice President (in at 8:35 p.m. / out at 9:41 p.m.)  
Chase Senk, VP of Equipment  
Mike Graham, VP of Fields  
Andy Papile, Travel Coordinator  
Dave Hermann, IT and Communications  
Scott Lanzilotta, Treasurer  
Cathy Loya, Secretary  
Chad Akins, Board Member  
Matt Bewley, Board Member (in at 8:54 p.m.)  
Kyle Deininger, Board Member  
Brian James, Board Member (in at 8:06 p.m.)  
Brenda Kovi, Board Member  
Nick Lanese, Board Member  
Jerry Lowery, Board Member  
Melinda Malyuk, Board Member  
Andy Piskula, Board Member  
Bobby Reville, Board Member  
Kenny Sanger, Board Member  
Dustin Wadsworth, Board Member

### Present via Telephone:

### Absent:

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## Agenda:

### I. Review of meeting minutes from August 3, 2022

Jim made the motion to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2022, meeting. Motion first by Dave.  
Motion second by Brenda. A unanimous voice vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

### II. Board of Trustees

Jim gave a welcome and thank you to new Board members for volunteering to be on the NHAA Board and explained the 2-year term commitment. Chase asked for a brief introduction by the new Board members, and so Chad Akins, Jerry Lowery, Andy Piskula, and Dustin Wadsworth did so.

#### 1. Board Member Nominations a. Bobby Reville

Though absent from the August 10, 2022, General Meeting, Bobby indicated that evening that he would like to remain an NHAA Board member.

Motion by Jim:                      Move to retain Bobby Reville to the NHAA Board.  
Motion first by Brenda. Motion second by Mike.

Bobby revealed that he has served on the NHAA Board for 11 years.

Dave indicated written e-mail correspondence with Marc Sprang wishing to step away from the NHAA Board at this time.

Jim explained that this first NHAA Board Meeting is used to nominate and install new Board positions.

2. Board President  
a. Jim Filisky

Motion by Brenda: Move to retain Jim Filisky as NHAA Board President.  
Motion first by Chase. Motion second by Bobby.  
Jim accepted the nomination.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

3. Board Vice President  
a. Kevin Bilkie

Motion by Brenda: Move to nominate Kyle Deininger as NHAA Board Vice President.  
Motion first by Melinda. Motion second by Kenny.

Chase inquired if Kevin expressed any interest in retaining his role as NHAA Board Vice President. In his absence, Jim contacted Kevin via cell phone.

Motion by Jim: Move to retain Kevin Bilkie as NHAA Board Vice President.  
Motion first by Scott. Motion second by Bobby.

Via telephone, Kevin expressed interest in staying on as NHAA Board Vice President; however, he indicated that he will decline the nomination and remain as a Board Member.

With a nomination and first and second for Kyle Deininger for NHAA Board Vice President, a unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

4. VP of Equipment  
a. Chase Senk

Motion by Jim: Move to retain Chase Senk as NHAA Board VP of Equipment.  
Motion first by Dave. Motion second by Cathy.  
Chase accepted the nomination.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

5. VP of Fields  
a. Mike Graham

Motion by Jim: Move to retain Mike Graham as NHAA Board VP of Fields.  
Motion first by Melinda. Motion second by Brenda.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

6. IT and Communications  
a. Dave Hermann

Motion by Jim: Move to retain Dave Hermann as NHAA Board IT and Communications Coordinator.

Motion first by Brenda. Motion second by Bobby.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

7. Board Treasurer  
a. Scott Lanzilotta

Motion by Chase: Move to retain Scott Lanzilotta as NHAA Board Treasurer.  
Motion first by Brenda. Motion second by Mike.  
Scott accepted the nomination.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

8. Board Secretary  
a. Cathy Loya

Motion by Jim: Move to retain Cathy Loya as NHAA Board Secretary.  
Motion first by Brenda. Motion second by Melinda.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

9. Travel Committee

Jim explained to Board members the role of this Travel Committee in terms of communication to participants and community members regarding the Boys Travel Program and the Girls Travel Program. Separate coordinators would streamline the process of this communication.

a. Formation of committee  
1. Boys Baseball Coordinator

Motion by Jim: Move to nominate Andy Papile as NHAA Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner.  
Motion first by Chase. Motion second by Kenny.  
Andy Papile accepted the nomination.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. Girls Softball Coordinator  
a. Jerry Lowery

Motion by Jim: Move to nominate Jerry Lowery as NHAA Girls Travel Softball Commissioner.

Nick sought clarification regarding the number of committee members for this group, and Jim confirmed this would be a 5-member committee.

Motion first by Bobby. Motion second by Andy Papile.  
Jerry accepted the nomination.  
A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

3. Other members  
a. Affiliation with Travel program

Jim detailed for Board members the remaining composition of this Travel Committee. In addition to the Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner and the Girls Travel Softball Commissioner, Jim Filisky would serve on the committee along with two (2) other members. Jim expressed the need for consistency when participants are progressing through the Travel program, including the tryout process where independent evaluators are used. Specific guidelines and expectations will be laid out for coaches. Melinda expressed that already written rules must be adhered to and/or updated where applicable. Chase confirmed writing these Travel By-Laws and Dave confirmed that these are posted on the NHAA website. Jim expressed that these measures will provide more transparency with the program.

Travel Committee members to include:

- 1) Andy Papile – Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner
- 2) Jerry Lowery – Girls Travel Softball Commissioner
- 3) Jim Filisky

At this time, Jim took names of those interested in taking the last two positions of this Travel Committee.

Chase Senk, Dustin Wadsworth, Bobby Reville, and Melinda Malyuk all expressed interest in joining the Travel Committee.

At this point, Andy Papile expressed disagreement with the final nomination made. A discussion was had regarding this volunteer.

Jim indicated to Board members that a vote will need to be taken to fill the remaining two (2) positions on the Travel Committee. Jim also indicated to Board members the agreed upon composition of this Board from the August 3, 2022, minutes. The following text was read aloud from these minutes:

*Move to create a Travel Committee made up of one boys coordinator, one girls coordinator, and three other members – one of these members should not have a child involved in the Travel Program.*

With this information being presented to Board Members, Bobby Reville is the only interested party that does not have a child involved in the Travel Program.

At this point, only one (1) Travel Committee position remains open with the fact that Bobby will be the member on the committee with no child affiliation to the Travel Program.

Jim indicated to Board members that an open vote or a blind vote will need to be taken. The Board decided for a blind vote, and each member submitted to Jim on a piece of paper his/her vote for the final position on the Travel Committee. The votes were accepted and Jim announced that the results would be presented at the end of the meeting.

#### 10. Committee assignments

- a. Reassignment of current members
- b. Assignments for new members

Jim indicated to all Board members the existence of other Board committees. Jim indicated Melinda has set up a SignUp Genius for Board members to sign up for these other committees. Melinda confirmed this and indicated she will send out the link to all members after the meeting. Jim asked Board members to sign up for two (2) committees. Jim indicated that committees will actively work to obtain information on their specific topic and present back to the Board as a whole with a recommendation for said topic.

Discussion was had regarding establishing a lead person for each committee at this meeting and filling in remaining spots via the SignUp Genius. Melinda also indicated the combination of Player Development and Skills Clinic committees, and this was agreed upon to be an appropriate action.

### III. President's Report

#### 1. Board Attendance Review

- a. Article II, Section 2 of Bylaws

*Section 2 – Vacancy & Removal*

*All Trustees shall attend general and Trustees' Meetings. Any Trustee missing three (3) consecutive meetings or more than half of the meetings in a six month period will result in a review and possible*

*removal as a Trustee by a vote of the Trustees. The Trustee review will be completed prior to the next scheduled Trustees' meeting.*

Jim discussed with Board members how attendance was kept by the Board Secretary from the previous session. The Board Secretary was directed to keep these records by the Board President. Jim relayed to all Board members that NHAA is done on a volunteer basis; however, the only way for this program to work is to donate time. Jim discussed the August email sent to all Board members regarding lack of attendance at meetings.

At this time, Jim read aloud Article II, Section 2 as detailed above.

Jim indicated he will try to keep future meetings moving and on-topic, so that they can proceed in an expeditious manner. Jim reminded Board members the first Wednesday of each month is a Board meeting. The location will vary between Sagamore Hills Park, Northfield Library, and Zoom.

Jim asked the Board Secretary to continue to keep attendance records for the coming session. Jim reminded all members that active participation is needed by Board members.

Kyle asked a question regarding arriving to meetings late and/or leaving meetings early. Jim indicated he is purely looking at attendance and if members are actively involved. Scott added some historical perspective regarding Article II, Section 2 and how it came about. Scott indicated that a Member missing a meeting is giving up his/her right to vote at that meeting, and it is that Member's responsibility to catch up on what happened. Jim reminded Members that the minutes provide documentation of what is discussed at each meeting and should be used as a reference point when absent. A vote on the meeting minutes is an acknowledgment that a Member has read the minutes.

Nick also commented about arriving to meetings late and/or leaving meetings early, and brought up a specific example of an extra long meeting that ran very late during the work week. Jim understands and agrees that penalizing for leaving early on these types of meetings will not happen. Jim reiterated his goal to keep meetings to an hour to an hour and 30 minutes in length.

Cathy did express that she keeps these attendance records in an objective manner based on the Call-to Order time and the Adjourned time.

## 2. Field Upgrades – Sagamore Field #4 and Nordonia Middle School (NMS)

### a. Special recognition to Brian and Mike for work done

Jim confirmed upgrade completion to two (2) fields:

- 1) Sagamore Field #4
- 2) Nordonia Middle School field

Jim offered publicly a special thank you and appreciation to Mike and Brian for their work in making these upgrades happen.

### b. Publicize to community

Jim indicated getting positive feedback from several people in the community. Jim indicated the need to now let the community know of these upgrades. Jim thanked Mike and Melinda for posting pictures on social media of these upgrades. Dave will get this field upgrade information on the NHAA website. This is all in an effort to show the community the investment being made by NHAA.

### c. Another field to upgrade at Sagamore Hills Park

A discussion was had regarding Sagamore Soils picking up the Washington Clay Ball Mix,

and using a slinger truck to get this product onto a field. Use of a slinger truck would eliminate the cost of renting a machine to transport the Ball Mix to a field. Also, with the use of a slinger truck, the product can be feathered on the field in more of a level fashion. Brian offered further insight into this, and indicated that Sagamore Soils can sling this product for approximately \$750, while the cost of renting equipment for a week alone was approximately \$1500. Brian indicated that having Sagamore Soils sling the product avoids the cost and logistics of renting equipment. The use of the Toro will be needed in order to mix the product together.

Mike indicated that 98 tons of conditioner product was brought to Sagamore Field #4. Additional product was brought to Field #4 already to level it off. Brian indicated that Sagamore Field #4 received almost 160 yards total of new material.

Brian relayed how Aurora was upgrading their ball fields by trucking in one load per field each year and mixing the new product in slowly. This approach allows for more fields to be upgraded, just not to the extent that Sagamore Field #4 was upgraded. Dave asked the timeline for a completed field/final result following Aurora's approach. Brian explained that the Washington Ball Mix is two steps below the Major League fields. Brian indicated that field completion would vary based on the condition of the field prior to application. Brian pointed to the example of Sagamore Field #4 receiving almost 100 tons of conditioner, while the NMS field received 40 tons of conditioner to get both fields to the same consistency.

Mike indicated his long discussion with Mike Sekula regarding other fields in the area. Mike Sekula expects that other fields at Sagamore Hills Park should require closer to the 40-ton application versus the 100-ton application. Mike Graham reiterated that Field #4 needed more conditioner application due to the water flow, and that other fields at Sagamore Hills Park do not have this significant type of issue. Scott also pointed out that the remaining fields at Sagamore Hills Park have smaller infields.

Jim mentioned the potential for getting another field upgraded at Sagamore Hills Park, and to utilize Sagamore Soils to sling product to the field. Jim indicated his desire to show Sagamore Hills Township Trustees the investment into Field #4 before moving to complete another field. Jim indicated that Bill Cuprak with the Sagamore Hills Service Department was very pleased with the upgrade to Field #4.

Further discussions will be had on upgrading another field; however, Jim indicated the time for this to happen is now so that field work can settle during the wintertime.

Scott asked for a formal quote from Sagamore Soils for review and so that Board members can also review and vote to proceed with another field upgrade. Jim will also provide quoted information to the Sagamore Hills Township Trustees and Bill Cuprak so possibly an additional field can be upgraded at Sagamore Hills Park this year.

Scott reminded the Board that when seeking quotes, all vendors should note NHAA is a 501(c)3 IRS-approved organization and no tax should be presented on any quote or invoice.

Jim asked Mike and/or Brian to secure a quote from Sagamore Soils to sling Washington Ball Mix product to an additional field at Sagamore Hills Park. An electronic vote can be taken.

### 3. Premier Fitness and Performance proposal with NHAA

Jim indicated email receipt from Mike Caza at Premier Fitness and Performance in Twinsburg regarding a potential fundraising opportunity. Premiere Fitness and Performance specializes in instruction, strength training, speed, and agility classes. Dave indicated that Mike Caza said NHAA can receive a \$500 donation for sending out three (3) email blast advertisements created by Premiere Fitness and Performance to all NHAA contacts. A discussion was had regarding this

opportunity. Dave indicated this could be a turn-off for some NHAA contacts who would receive unsolicited emails. Melinda suggested this would be a great topic for Skills and Player Development Committee members to discuss and present back to the Board as a whole.

Dustin asked how many contacts NHAA has and Dave indicated over 2,000 contacts. Dustin would like to look at this further. Jim indicated the clinics that Premiere Fitness and Performance is offering, including Coach's Clinics. Jim indicated that NHAA has talked about offering Coach's Clinics in the past, but have not done so to date. Bobby indicated the offering of free clinics for children as well.

4. Sagamore Hills Park concession stand – calendar year 2023

a. Business plan/cost analysis (Marketing and Fundraising committee / Nick)

Nick presented his business plan/cost analysis for the Sagamore Hills Park concession stand to the Board. Nick offered a brief summary of his findings and suggested further communication and voting to occur electronically. Nick indicated the only real investment to be made right now would be the purchase of a commercial-grade cooler/refrigerator. He reported seeing used coolers for a price of \$800 - \$1200 online. Other equipment was noted to possibly need replacing in the future. Nick indicated looking at pricing of pre-packaged product to sell (i.e. drinks, candy, chips, gum, etc) from various vendors.

Nick indicated potentially 65 dates to run the concession stand during both the summer ball and fall ball season. He indicated a possible net of \$6,000.

Nick indicated his concerns, which include: (1) staffing the concession stand; (2) rules for the cash box; (3) taking a weekly inventory and shopping for replacement product. Nick suggested hiring someone to run this venture because it is a big job for volunteers. A slice of the profit would come out by hiring someone.

Scott offered insight from use of the concession stand at the 2022 Boys Bash, and indicated it was a big moneymaker. Andy Papile suggested paying umpires to work the stand, but it was indicated it is difficult to keep umpires already. Bobby relayed his experience with Travel parents working the stand in the past, and they would make \$200 a night.

Jim reminded the Board that without a food license, only pre-packaged items can be sold. A special food license would be needed for the sale of hot food products. Jim also indicated the individual holding the food license would need to be in attendance at all times for these hot food products to be sold.

A discussion was had regarding experiences at a weekend daylong tournament versus weeknight evening game play.

Jerry shared his past experience with running concessions and indicated the difficulty with getting volunteers to work and the need for foot traffic. Jerry suggested focusing on weekend play, weekend tournaments, etc.

Scott suggested vending machines and a discussion was had regarding this topic. Kyle discussed a company handling the inventory side of the concession stand. Chad indicated a company like Aramark keeps inventory and brings product in as needed. Chad indicated the difficulty with this process as well.

Melinda inquired about Sagamore Hills' desire to see the concession stand open all the time or can it just be open some of the time. Jim indicated that to his knowledge, there is no other organization looking to use the concession stand. Jim suggested discussing with Sagamore Hills the use of the concession stand during big events – tournaments, All-Star weekend, end-of-season play.

Jim thanked Nick for this presentation. Nick suggested running a pilot program with the

concession stand by picking a few dates with three (3) games being played at Sagamore Park during the week. It was also suggested to assign a team who is not playing to volunteer time to run the concession stand. Chad echoed the idea of letting coaches know ahead of time the need to volunteer time to work the concession stand. This is how community members can support NHAA.

Jim suggested this topic continue to be explored by the Fundraising Committee.

b. Present to Sagamore Hills Township Trustees

The Board discussed and agrees that NHAA would like access to the concession stand at Sagamore Hills Park; however, the details of what things will look like need further discussion. Jim will relay this information to Sagamore Hills Township and seek to secure the concession stand for future use.

5. Golf Outing

a. Planning for 2023

1. Possible dates

- a. Monday, June 19, 2023
- b. Sunday, June 25, 2023
- c. Sunday, July 9, 2023
- d. Saturday, July 15, 2023

2. Possible courses

- a. Roses Run (Matt to confirm availability)
- b. Hudson Country Club
- c. Lake Forrest Country Club
- d. Glen Eagles
- e. Silver Lake Country Club
- f. Valleaire Golf Course (catering services would need to be brought in)
- g. Ellsworth Meadows
- h. Briarwood
- i. Boulder Creek

Jim went over the above information with Board members regarding possible 2023 dates and possible locations for a golf outing. Jim indicated that within the next month more planning on the 2023 Golf Outing will take place. Jim is hopeful to secure a date next month.

IV. 2022 Fall Ball

Dave indicated hearing no complaints, except about the rain.

1. Feedback on start of Fall Ball season

- a. Equipment distribution
- b. Uniform distribution
- c. Umpire availability

2. League Discussions

- a. T-Ball (co-ed)
  - 1. Trustee – Cathy Loya
- b. Baseball Updates
  - 1. Babe Ruth
    - a. Trustee – Chase Senk

Chase indicated all is good.

2. Willie Mays

- a. Trustee – Melinda Malyuk

Melinda indicated all is good.

3. Pee Wee Reese
  - a. Trustee – Kenny Sanger

Kenny indicated all is good.

4. Sandy Koufax
  - a. Trustee – Andy Papile

Andy Papile indicated all is good. Andy Papile did indicate having a few questions from one coach.

5. Colt
  - a. Trustee – Bobby Reville

Bobby indicated all is good.

- c. Softball Updates
  1. A League (Grades 3-6)
    - a. Trustee – Brenda Kovi

Brenda indicated she has not heard any complaints. Dustin indicated it is good to play with the older league rules. He discussed talking with other coaches to agree upon stealing rules prior to game play.

2. AA League (Grades 7-9)
  - a. Trustee – ~~Nikki Gvera~~ Kyle Deininger

Kyle indicated no complaints.

## 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

Current Balance: \$45,887.67

Scott also sent out to all Board members a year-to-date detailed activity report. Dave asked if a monthly financial report can be sent in addition to the year-to-date report. This monthly report is easier to read and see what has happened. Scott indicated he will send out both reports going forward.

Scott indicated he is building a list of duties performed by the treasurer. He indicated he is wishing to work with someone on the financial side so that treasurer duties can be passed on to someone different at this time next year.

Scott highlighted big expenses as being umpires, uniforms, field maintenance work (approximately \$10,000), Toro payment, Space Place.

Scott indicated picking up two (2) checks from Chevrolet; there was a \$500 initial check and a \$50 check for the Test Drive Program.

Scott indicated all Travel fees have been paid except for two (2) teams, both coached by Mike Brumfield. All other Travel invoices have been paid. This is shown as Travel income on the report. It was discussed how Travel teams are able to

transfer payment internally with Huntington. Jim indicated Jerry and Dustin will need to be set up with accounts as well.

Scott reminded Board members of the PayPal account and it is running successfully. This PayPal account can be used at Bash tournaments as well as any concession stand payment.

Scott indicated that the accountant, Chad Lahrmer, CPA, will begin working on the books so that taxes can be filed.

## 2. Open invoices

Scott indicated just receiving the Fall Ball uniform invoice from Prime Time Sporting Goods with an approximate total being \$4,000.

## 3. Total cost per field upgrade

### a. Sagamore Hills Park – Field #4

#### 1. Present information to Sagamore Hills Township Trustees

Brian will submit the financial information for Sagamore Field #4 to Scott. Jim wishes to present this information to the Sagamore Hills Trustees at a Township Trustee meeting.

### b. Nordonia Middle School

#### 1. Present information to Nordonia School Board

Brian will submit the financial information for Nordonia Middle School to Scott. Jim wishes to present this information to the Nordonia School Board.

## 4. Compensation for scheduling work (summer 2022 season and fall 2022 season)

Scott indicated that typically a fee is paid for all of the field scheduling work done throughout both seasons.

Motion by Scott: Compensate the field scheduler, Dave Hermann, with a \$1,500 fee for the scheduling work done for Summer Ball and Fall Ball 2022.

Motion first by Andy Papile. Motion second by Bobby.

A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jim highlighted all of the field work that Mike Graham does for NHAA.

Motion by Jim: Compensate Mike Graham a \$1,000 fee for 2-weeks of work on upgrading the fields, as well as summertime seasonal work. Motion first by Melinda. Motion second by Brian.

A unanimous voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Scott indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Finance Committee.

## 2. Skills Clinic Committee

(Kenny, Kevin, Scott, ~~Mare~~)

### a. Chair Report

### b. Off season clinics

Nothing to report.

Kenny indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Skills Committee.

## 3. Fields Committee

(Mike \*, Brian, Kevin)

a. VP of Fields/Chair Report

1. Fall Ball 2022 field maintenance contract – bid process

Nothing to report.

Mike indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Fields Committee.

4. Strategic Planning Committee

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

a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

Jim indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Strategic Planning Committee.

5. Equipment Committee

(Chase \*, Mike, Dave)

a. VP of Equipment/Chair Report

1. Update on equipment return from spring/summer season

Chase indicated that a few people have not responded when asking for summer equipment back. Jim indicated that the Bylaws state a \$300 fine can be charged if equipment is not returned. Chase indicated a GMP coach has yet to return summer equipment, as well as two (2) Girls AAA coaches. Chase indicated there is one more outstanding.

Kyle asked if there is an easier process of returning equipment, and Kyle suggested having coaches return equipment at the fields after playoffs or GMP Day, etc. Cathy confirmed picking up all T-Ball equipment from coaches at the conclusion of T-Ball Day. Jim indicated that coaches do sign off on equipment at the storage unit and these forms need to be checked off when returning equipment.

Chase indicated he is ok with the current procedures in place. Jim asked Chase to email the coaches with outstanding equipment once more indicating a \$300 fine can be imposed.

Chase indicated he will be getting quotes now for equipment needed for next season. Orders will need to be placed soon.

Chase indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Equipment Committee.

6. Uniform/Awards Committee

(~~Julie~~ \*, Brenda, Cathy)

a. Chair Report

1. Feedback on uniforms from Prime Time Sporting Goods

Dave indicated that things were fantastic with working with Prime Time Sporting Goods for Fall Ball uniforms. Dave indicated that late registrants were not going to get shirts. Dave contacted the parents about this, but will be sure to communicate this information to coaches as well.

Brian indicated complaints from girls regarding T-shirt style uniforms for Fall Ball. A discussion was had on this topic.

Melinda indicated a social media request for all girls to have socks versus hats. A discussion was had on this topic and going forward all girls softball players (including GMP) will receive socks and a uniform shirt – no hats.

Brenda asked that coaches receive hats as well.

2. Feedback on Uniform Distribution Day for Fall Ball

Cathy indicated she will be the lead contact for the Uniform Committee. Brenda expressed wishes to stay on this committee as well.

Cathy indicated that no follow up communication has been had with RDP Sports.

7. Discipline Committee

(Nick \*, Bobby, Mare)

a. Chair Report

Nothing to report.

Nick indicated the Discipline Committee had no contact even though some situations occurred during the summer season. Nick asked if more involvement is needed with this committee. A specific example was discussed regarding Independence and a girls softball issue.

Jim

indicated that Board members were contacted and handled the situation with TBL. Nick asked to be kept apprised of situations like this going forward. Anything involving discipline should have Nick copied on correspondence so Board members are aware of situations and what is being discussed.

Nick indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Discipline Committee.

8. Player Development Committee

(Andy, ~~Nikki~~, Kenny)

a. Chair Report

This committee will be combined with the Skills Committee going forward.

9. Marketing and Fundraising Committee

(Melinda \*, Nick, Matt)

a. Chair Report

1. Update on fundraiser opportunities

a. Chevy Test Drive program (ended August 31, 2022)

Jim indicated the Chevy Test Drive program is complete, and \$550 was received from Chevrolet. Scott clarified that the Chevy Test Drive program did not yield the maximum amount possible for NHAA. Jim suggested contacting the local Chevy dealership to see about doing the Test Drive program during All-Star weekend. Chad indicated from experience that car dealerships are changing their connection with local communities. Jim indicated continued support through the Chevy Youth Sports Program, and NHAA will continue working with this local dealership while the support lasts.

Melinda indicated that the Marketing and Fundraising Committee works all together and each member worked on various areas.

10. Technology Committee

(Dave \*, Melinda, Mike)

a. IT and Communications/Chair Report

Nothing to report.

Dave indicated he will stay on as the lead contact for the Technology Committee.

VI. Travel Update

1. Travel Report

a. League updates

1. Recap on finances from 2022 Boys Bash

- a. Email from June 7, 2022 – Net about \$4,500 for 12U Boys

Scott indicated this email went to all Board Members for review just a few days after the completion of the Boys Bash in June.

2. Finalize Travel bank accounts

b. News for 2023

Kevin indicated reserving fields at D-BAT on Sundays – Girls Softball 10U and 12U from noon – 2:00 p.m and Girls Softball 14U and 18U from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Kevin indicated nothing is finalized as of yet, but the slots are blocked for NHAA. Kevin suggested each individual Girls Travel Softball coach should contact D-BAT to confirm slot.

Kevin indicated talking with a number of people regarding Ambassador Soccer, and it was discovered this facility would be suitable for practice, but not scrimmage games. There is no right field. Kevin confirmed difficulty with general communication with Ambassador Soccer, as well as receiving pricing information.

Andy Papile indicated that Boys Travel teams are all formed. Andy Papile did indicate that Bradley is leaving Strike Force, and Andy Papile will begin off-season contracts for the Boys Baseball teams real soon. Andy Papile did confirm that teams can look at other facilities; practice does not need to happen at Strike Force. Andy Papile did indicate the longstanding relationship with Strike Force staff and the Nordonia community.

1. Parent letter regarding Girls 12U tryout results

Jim indicated receiving a letter from a parent regarding how Girls 12U tryouts were held. A meeting was held with the parent so that concerns could be expressed. Jim indicated nothing is coming out of this right now. Chase, Kevin, Andy Papile, Dave, Jim, and Jerry were on the call with the parent. The parent was concerned about how the tryout was run, as well as questioned the use of an independent evaluator. Clarification was given. A response letter has been drafted and Chase will send it.

VII. Open Discussion

1. Stream-line process for registration, uniforms, coaching certificates, etc. (Kyle)

Kyle asked if there is a way to stream-line processes and to see if email traffic can be cut down. Kyle suggested using Google Drive to use one standard form for all to use. Kyle asked if a standard roster form can be created for league trustees to submit information. Dave indicated he doesn't have a problem with the format that league trustees currently use. Dave indicated a standard format may be easier, but the current reporting works fine. A discussion was had on this topic and can be revisited.

Mike asked that Chase order additional feathers for fields. Chase and Mike will work on any other additional items needed. Jim advised if less than \$500 then an order can go through without Board approval. The quote can then be sent to Scott and the order can be placed and paid.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Jim refocused attention to the earlier discussion of the creation of the 5-member Travel Committee. The four (4) members to this committee determined earlier in the meeting are as follows:

- 1) Andy Papile – Boys Travel Baseball Commissioner
- 2) Jerry Lowery – Girls Travel Softball Commissioner
- 3) Jim Filisky
- 4) Bobby Reville (no child affiliation to Travel Program)

Jim announced the results of the blind vote taken for the final position on the Travel Committee. The votes

were announced for the following interested candidates:

Dustin – 3 votes  
Melinda – 3 votes  
Chase – 11 votes

There was one (1) abstention in voting.

At this time, Jim announced that Chase Senk would be the fifth member of the Travel Committee.

**Date of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting:**                      **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**  
**Location of next NHAA Board of Trustees meeting:**                      **Northfield Library or Zoom (TBD)**  
**Meeting adjourned:**                      **9:43 p.m.**