

OSA Board Meeting
July 9, 2024

Attendees

Davida Suiter
Erik Lillejord
Cami Dahlstrom
Anne Hess
Sara Clausen
Cale Johnston
Jamie Bishop
Matt Palm
Matt Katterhagen
Toby Tyler

Not in Attendance

Matt Palm

Anne begins the meeting by drawing attention to each member's unique board roles. She asks members to review their responsibilities to make sure there is an equitable amount of work being done.

Amendments to the meeting minutes from June:

- Decision was made to pause any play up opportunities for Fall 2025 Season to create a process for Spring 2025.
- We also need to edit the price increase for fall registration.

Sara motions to approve the June meeting minutes. Davida seconds.

Toby- Finance Update

- We are still in the process of switching banks. Currently we have 120K in our platinum savings account. Our checking account has 24k. In total our checking is 61k and our savings is 150k. Total 212k which includes our 100k Twins grant. Not much has changed from last month. Our surplus is at 52k.
- We are expecting more revenue from fall ball registrations. Projected expenses are 44k. Toby broke down the budget between fields, umpires, league fees, coaching budget equipment, uniforms etc. He estimates our surplus for the year to be 2k-10k, and concludes that we have a pretty balanced budget. With that, Toby estimates we could safely put 100-150K towards the new fields.
- We are keeping some money in our old bank in LL. The checking has 37k in it, but the savings has been cleared out.
- Anne is going to provide Toby with a list of umpires so we can pay them.

Cami- Coach Development

- Feedback from the coaches survey was great and coaches really appreciated the beginning of the season workshop. There was feedback that people wished it was

recorded. 8U also needs modified throwing progression and beginning of the season instruction.

- Cami suggested a mid-season check in. The survey feedback also indicated that older ages requested more specific feedback for players. Do we have specific expectations and guidelines for teaching advanced game situations like covering a bunt and delayed steals? We need to streamline these procedures with the high school coaching staff.

Davida and Sara- Travel Updates

- We need a team formation meeting after registration closes. We currently have 64 registered. The goal for fall ball is to keep teams together and make sure each team has adequate pitching and catching.
- Fall registration closes on the 17th. Toby brings up what is the best scenario for creating teams and uses the past few years as reference. We are going to plan on having a board meeting on July 23rd. Toby has offered to host. We will also offer a Zoom link.
- Davida goes through 8U season recap. MN State softball divides the state tournament into A,B,C, and REC leagues.
- Coaches feedback is overwhelmingly that we need to do something differently at 8U. Davida proposes forming a subcommittee of community members. There is a conversation about whether that is a good idea. We want the board to be open to community member feedback. We are going to table this conversation and continue it next month.
- Davida is going to communicate with the families that reached out about playing fall ball that we are sticking with our decision to pause 6U families from enrolling in fall ball until we can come up with a plan as an organization.
- Other relevant feedback includes comments about having multiple pitchers on each team and a minimum number of players.
- Davida is going to email Cami and Matt Palm the list of equipment requests.
- Cami brings up again that we need more support in field maintenance and we need to present a service agreement to Orono Schools. Their new budget was effective July 1, and we need to reach out to Deb and see who we can talk to about a better partnership on field maintenance and prep. Matt K is going to run point on finding who we can talk to about following up on the conversation and agreement Anne had with Orono Schools.
- Davida is working on a family feedback survey and coach feedback survey on player development.

Sara- 14U Update

- We will have a 14U team. The survey came back stating that girls want to play, and they want separate fall and winter options. We could potentially have 14 girls on a team, but it is dependent on club tryouts etc. If those girls do not make club tryouts, we could potentially have a larger team.
- Wayzata is going to field a year round competitive team. We have two that would be interested in that. Keep Minnetonka open. We are going to hire a paid coach. Sara has one that she is working on finding someone. No tryouts, B team.
- Brette is going to work with Sara to send out a 14U registration.

Cale- Fields Update

- Fields are booked for fall ball. We do not need umpires for the fall because we don't host. No pressing issues at the moment.

Erik- Fundraising Updates

- We have messaging and marketing surrounding the Pioneer Creek Field updates. Erik is going to share the information with the board. He brings up the idea of having a shared Venmo account to fundraise for fields. If the fields don't happen, all the money has to be returned to those who have donated. Venmo would be a great way to return the money, if necessary. Toby is going to work on the joint bank account as well.
- Erin Tyler is going to help us on the corporate side. Jamie is going to ask Sarah Meier if she would be willing to work with Erik. Erik wants to have a kickoff event. Next steps are to get the committee together and potentially meet for the first time in August. We are looking at a tiered donation ability to incentivize. Erik can answer all questions and conversation regarding the fields.

Jamie- Uniforms Update

- Jamie is working on a fall store that would have an estimated delivery date of September 1. There will be a separate link for swag and jerseys. Direct all families that need a jersey to her.
- She is also working with teams to get national pin orders. Jamie and Toby will work together to audit the Venmo to ensure all families paid for their orders.

Brandon- Player Development

- Feedback from the Twins Game was really positive.
- TC Fastpitch camp started today. About 30 girls, which is similar to last year, and the amount they want.
- Roving Pitching Instruction- Feedback on HD was mixed. Could we develop a curriculum to work on with the teams? There is an agreement that we need more specific instruction for Lisa to work with our teams.
- We are looking at how much and when we can use the soccer dome for the upcoming winter season. We need to know how much time we can get at the dome. Sara is going to put a proposal together about what she wants for the winter, and we can send that to the dome and see what is available. There needs to be a sub committee to work on winter scheduling. Cale, Brandon, Sara, and Erik can start there.

Brette- Communications Update

- Brette set up a Mail Chimp account, and we now have a debit card. We are moving all documents and communications to google work spaces.
- Brette is working on updating the website. He does not need help.

Anne- Miscellaneous

- We are doing an Audrey Crawford press release.

- Slate for 2025- The only open position is Brette, and he plans to return. We will need to look for an accountant, but Erik thinks he might know a guy.
- Anne proposed that Matt move into a new role in field maintenance.

Sara motions to adjourn the meeting. Davida seconds.