

OSA Board Meeting

November 11, 2025

6:33 pm call to order

Present: Matt P, Nila, Tom, Matt K, Brette, Jaime, Brandon, Chris, Pat, Margaret. Nila left early after Important Dates discussion.

Oct. Minute approval - Will approve at the December Meeting

New Board member approval – Chris Koning

Interested in equipment coordinator, but know that is Matt P's position

If app is instituted, then Ump coordinator would be easier. Davita was going to look into app. Matt K is currently ump person can work together.

Matt K moved to accept Chris K as board member at large. Vote – all approved. 2 year term for at large member. Can determine if do a position later.

Nila – Travel Update + DIBS Discussion

DIBS – We do a lot of work as a board and don't share the load with the parents. 171 players in spring. Remove coaches and first year req people from being required to do it. If you have 2 kids you'd have 2 hours. Sent google sheet with group text. The board should add in things to that sheet.

Suggestions:

- Uniform sorting and hand out
- packing equipment and handing out bags
- monster tourney for costumes, gifts
- pulling weeds at DC – can we do that? Baseball has field cleanup day, but they have their own fields.
- Spring kickoff meeting – 1 hour is attending the meeting if require 2 hours per kid
- Scoring on game changer
- walkup songs?
- winter clinic check in, clean up at end of winter clinic, winter clinic pay on demand/collect money, winter clinic bathroom runner,
- try out help
- uniforms at tryouts,
- picture day free donation table,
- opening day donation gear table
- TC fastpitch clinic
- field prep in the summer,
- fundraising gala help

Propose give a full year to fulfill, rather than a season. DIBS can be run through Sports Engine. Add a schedule and people claim it so you determine who has done theirs. Sports engine can bill \$100 up front – keep card on file and determine if they don't do their DIBS then charge the card.

What was the driver for doing dibs?- all the things on the list the board members do, always the same parents that do volunteer. Some parents will gladly pay to not have to do it. Some organizations don't make first year parents do it.

This will have to be a board role to manage.

Discount for coaches' kids at younger level. Older levels not as much of an issue.
Westonka hockey gives their 6U first year free. Ask someone to sponsor the whole 6U group.

Important dates – don't have the whole list. Jaime has a sheet we can look at. Have big west tournament dates. Need all the rest. Can create a shared doc for everyone to add. Nila will create. Tryouts March 8. Team formation, Monday Mar 9, Nila start that day and have stuff for the board that week. Team formation meetings Mar 10 (8U), 11(10U), 12(12U). Board members can attend all or just the ones that are relevant to girls you know.
Teams will be released on the 20th at 4 p.m. right before spring break.
Practice starting on Mar 30th will give 3 weeks of practice.
Equipment pickup Mar 29.
Coaches meeting Apr 4 morning, Matt K to reserve AC. Jaime email coaches Craig and Hartnick to see if they're available to help.
Nila will look at dates for registration open. Usually do last week of Jan—1/26. Try to close just before tryouts. Have to sign up for tryouts so they can put people in groups. Close registration 3/1. Talk at January meeting about fees and cost structure.

Matt K reserved Iron Exchange for **Christmas Party** – do white elephant \$20 & under. Dec 9.

Met with coach Craig – Jaime sent minutes. Discussed summary.

Try Halloween tournament as fundraiser?

Tom – Finance Update

Will run a surplus this year. Won't have to do too much with fees next year but may need to look at 14U. 8U/10U/coach pitch subsidizes 14U. Reduction in field fees will help. Jaime has access to bank accounts now.

Fields are in a separate account. Checking, savings (receives interest) – OSA. Joint savings accounts with Orono softball and Orono baseball for fields.

Jaime – Uniforms Update Sent Brette link for holiday gift shop – open 5 days only. Opens tomorrow morning. Will work on spring uniforms over winter break

Brandon - Player Development Update

Fall clinics with Hit Dawg (running right now), numbers are very low.

Other options for pitching other than hit dawg – TC Fastpitch, E bat, Wind up fast pitch (Edina)

Good to get something going with Coach Craig.

Fall training is maxed out with the space we have. Didn't have huge enrollment until open to 8U. then maxed out. Sharing the dome with soccer. It's not perfect but working. Shows people like to keep training in house.

Discussed other options for in house training. Table this for now.

Sara - 14U Update – Not Present. No updates for 14U. Will meet next week

Brette – Tech Update

Changed emails on common spots of web site. If you can't get in and need help, work with Brette. Can set up forwarding so don't have to check all the time.

Do have a calendar at oronofastpitch.com can be open to public. Update in google then sends to sports engine. Need Headshots: Margaret, Matt, Brandon, Patrick.

If you see something that needs to be updated on web site, get a screen grab and send to Brette.

Jaime and Brette have update rights, can grant to everyone who wants it. Everyone look at their own tab and see if there is anything to add or take off.

Matt K - Field Update

None. Supposed to work on discovery but haven't started yet. Matt needs to check on that. Got new bases and mounds.

Matt P - Equipment Update

Twins community fund equipment grant to just purchase equipment on our own is no longer available. Now it is just an equipment kit grant you apply for--get a kit and no choice on what you get in it. Tom gave Matt budget for what he spent this year. Next spring we have some money for equipment but less than what we need for pitching gear, balls, etc. All out of 12" practice balls. Matt goes through all the balls and throws the bad ones away.

Patrick – Fundraising Update

Need to update sponsorship levels on web site to what we are currently doing. Tom sent Partrick the updated sponsor list. Tom updates the list with who has to pay yet. Tom has final version from last year.

Have flyer to send out to past sponsors on what we did this year. Sent via text; please review. Will start to contact sponsors for next year. Will compose email and flyer and send to Brette to tell him who to send to. Then Patrick will send communication from there.

End of the year messaging for company matches for 2025 donations. Company reimbursement for volunteer dollars. Communication to players families about donating and their companies that would potentially donate. Also include company match/volunteer hours etc reminder.

We can currently email to people within the organization (athletes); would need to use something like mail chimp to blast outside the org.

Margaret to ask Eric Schultz if he's interested in the Req Board position.

Move to adjourn – Tom

Second – Matt K.