



Baseball Association Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: October 17, 2022

Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Mike Smith	President	Present
James Markfort	Vice President	Present
Dan Grove	Treasurer	Present
Giselle Hattesoehl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Present
Terra Bruns	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	Absent
Jason Reimringer	Member At Large – Webmaster	Present
Loren Holthaus	Associate Director	Present
Guests		

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion
Bank Transition		Dan to meet Jackie & Robert at bank to change accounts
Fall Ball		Cover field costs for teams from Fall ball
Website		Figure out a new site to use in the future
Majors/Minors		Ashley has notes for changing things for M&M this year

Minutes:

8:30 pm Mike calls meeting to order

Board goes over minutes from previous meeting, motion by Mike to approve minutes, 2nd by Giselle, motion approved. 8-0

Side note: we will need to figure out how to work minutes out to being posted on the website. Or posting them on a public media space.



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Uniforms:

The group went over jersey designs presented by Terra via Email. We would like to narrow down our top choices so we can get samples ordered as soon as possible. Group has decided hats would be better with a dry-fit material, not such a thick fitted cap as last year's design.

- Mike has screenshot of the preferred jersey styles to send to the group/Terra so we know which ones are being ordered for sample

Pants would be changed to white pants with the new uniform tops. James would like to connect with a friend of Joe Bruns – Management at Dick's sporting goods – to attempt working on a team bundle deal through the store that families can easily purchase the items needed for the remainder of the uniform (pants, belt, etc.).

Possibly look at just upping registration cost a little bit to add pants into registration uniform that gets ordered for the team. So jersey, hat, pants would all be ordered by association and paid for by registration.

Bank Transition:

Dan, Mike & Jackie to meet at the bank together most likely on Monday 10/24 to change accounts over to the new members' names. Will also be removing names of Robert Hoekstra and Jackie Van Horrick (replacing them with Mike Smith and Dan Grove) from the bank and paypal accounts.

Dan will also get the email and password for the google drive for the association and Mike will work on removing Robert from the Facebook page as an admin.

Fall ball:

As of right now the association does not work hand in hand with the fall ball team. Fall ball teams are responsible for paying their own community ed costs (practice time on fields, game time on fields, cost for reserving a field, etc.). James brought up presenting to Community Ed. a plan for us to help lower the cost for the fall ball team – added costs for the team means higher registration fees for the parents so in turn we will be helping the families as well. James motions to approve covering the field costs for each team from this past season (approximately \$500+/- per team so \$1,500+/- in total). 2nd by Ashley, approved by all 8-0.

Email from parent volunteer about refunding the cashed volunteer check – Parent was not able to attend volunteer hours due to being sick however she was a parent rep for the team so volunteer hours are not required anyway. Ashley motions to approve the refund, 2nd by Giselle, approved by all 8-0. Check will be issued within a month.



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As a group we discussed coach amounts per team and possibly looking at how many coaches we have per team. Maybe looking into adding one additional coaching position for each team. Also take a look at updating or defining the job description a bit more for the Parent Rep. position.

Website:

Mike can log in to the website but he's not fully confident on navigating it and managing it. We may look into a new platform (hopefully to decide on a new platform by end of November). Options to compare back and forth on are Sports Connect and Team Snap. Team Snap can do all team related things including background checks, registration, communication, etc. Price for that with website included is around \$1830/year. James is going to dig deeper into Sports Connect information and get as much info as he can on what that site can offer and pricing. Ashley plans to gather all information and create a comparison chart for us to go over before making a decision as a group.

Registration:

James would like to do 2 events around registration/fitting for gear. Also would like to open registration a bit earlier than previous years, maybe open sometime in December.

- Mike not sure we will need to hold 2 separate events if we have a new site put into place that is running smoothly with easier communication with parents.

Ashley brought up a few notes from Majors/Minors registration last year :

- She would like to have 2 separate registration events one for M&M and one for 9U+
- She would like to hold an informational meeting for parents of the M&M kids, meet the coach night and hand in volunteer money and grab jerseys. Something that would happen after registration and after teams are already placed with coaches.
- She would like for there to be a rule where if your child is trying out for 2 teams, one being higher registration and one lower then you pay up front for the higher cost team, then if your child does not make that team and they go down to the lower cost team you would get a refund for the difference.
- She thinks we should come up with a solid calendar online somewhere that everyone can access it with every single event on it for the whole year.

Group discussed the future of tryouts and going down from 2 tryout sessions to 1 for the year. We will look into this and discuss pros/cons further at a future meeting.

Mike will be going over all parent/coach feedback from last season so we will be aware of the major topics of discussion that may come up at the parent meeting we are hosting in November. We will be discussing the bullet points to prepare for at the next meeting.



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Mike is also going to request to have the Tryout numbers/results given to him ASAP from Robert.

We discussed as a group changing the way tryouts, coach hiring decisions, and parent feedback are handled in the future. We would like for all of these topics to be transparent to the full board in the future so we can make decisions as a group. Possibly add it in where we would go through teams and approve them as a group before they are handed over to coaches.

We will also be looking at rewriting our bylaws in the future, we should all prepare some notes for this and be ready by December meeting to discuss changes here.

9:59 Mike motions to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Ashley, approved by all and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is set for November 7th at 6:30 pm and the following one would be a parent feedback meeting set for November 21st at 6:30 pm.