

Osseo Baseball Booster Club

JANUARY 2018 MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: Monday, January 8, 2017 (7:00pm) Osseo Legion
NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 5 & March 5 (7:00pm) Room 129

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT
Chris Olson	President	X	
Kurt Kisch	Vice President	X	
John Groebner	Head Coach	X	
Barb Valeri	Treasurer	X	
Joe Lavin	Secretary	X	
Heidi Lavin (non-voting)	Asst. Secretary	X	

ATTENDEES: see attached

January meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Joe Lavin, second by Kurt Kisch. Motion was made to approve November 2017 minutes by Joe Lavin, second by John Groebner. Approved 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS

BACKSTOP & BATTER'S EYE (Marc Valeri-11)

- The backstop is 95% complete! Cabling for netting will be set up in the spring in time for the season.
- Advertising on the spectator side of the backstop is available.
- A huge thank you to Marc Valeri for the immense amount of work on this project.

TURF PROJECT (Tom Doubler-9)

- The turf company was able to dig out pitcher's mound and home plate this fall. Concrete will be poured when we get 5-6 days of good weather. We hope to have ready in time for the start of the season.
- We were able to cover the initial payment with funds in our bank account so we did not yet need to borrow from the bank.

OPEN COMMITTEE HELP & VOLUNTEERS (Chris Olson-12)

- Booster Secretaries and President positions will be open at the end of this season. If you may be interested in shadowing or taking over this role, please contact a booster board member.
- Need Committee Leads for **Apparel, Marketing & Events** (including Senior Night, Alumni Night & Banquet.) Please consider how you can be involved in one of these roles!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BANNERS (Lisa Lanners-12)

- Renewal letters have been sent out to our banner sponsors.
- Now is a great time to ask local businesses to support our program. Many businesses are planning now for their charitable contributions for the next fiscal year. A donor letter for banners is available on the website.
- Booster members securing a new banner sponsor will receive a reward of a free Osseo Baseball jacket/sweatshirt, or \$45 credit toward their player pack. Up to 2 rewards may be applied to a player pack, any rewards over that may go toward apparel.

FIELD MAINTENANCE (Coach Groebner, Joe Lavin-12, Jeff Wolff-10)

- The backstop installation is complete.
- Turf project is underway and awaiting concrete pour in early spring.
- Additional sod project down the third base line. The dirt from the turf project was used to level out behind third base. We will need to sod in the spring.
- Equipment has been winterized, batteries are out and gas drained from everything.

APPAREL (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)

- We need a volunteer to coordinate inventory as well as apparel sales at the concession stand.

FUNDRAISING (John Partanen-10, Jeff Wolff-10)

- ADDITIONAL Cub Bagging: Saturday, February 3 at Brooklyn Park Cub. This is the Saturday before Super Bowl and is a "makeup" for Cub's snafu with our Thanksgiving event. Sign up on DIBS.
- Spring Pizza and Salt Sales: we will do these again, but we need to have a good plan for salt pickup and having the players help.
- Steak Fry and/or Burger Bash: both were discussed and will be investigated further.

CONCESSIONS (Brenda Doubler-9, Jodi Kulla-10, Kristen Theisen-9, Pam Holien-9)

- Nothing to report.

MARKETING & NETWORKING (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**, Coach Groebner)

- Need to find someone to promote Osseo Baseball program and events in the community.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Barb Valeri-11)

- Not much activity now. Large donation from Twin Cities Orthopedics helped cover the fall turf expenses.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT (Coach Groebner, Joe Lavin-12)

- Hitting league is in session and will conclude with a playoff.
- In February, we'll transition to more skills, station work and reps to get ready for tryouts.
- Sunday night dome started this week. The cost is \$75. Registration is available [online](#).
- There will NOT be Friday morning dome time due to player participation and changing schedules.
- Conditioning week begins on Monday, March 12. Coaches were allowed an extra week with players. This is for conditioning only and not for evaluations.
- Tryouts will begin Monday, March 19.
- Practices will be held for all teams during spring break.

OSSEO GIVEBACK OMGAA and BPA NIGHTS (Coach Groebner)

- Nothing to report.

SENIOR NIGHT (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)

- Nothing to report.

SPONSOR NIGHT (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)

- We would like to try again this year to get our sponsors to come out to a game.

BANQUET NIGHT (Deirdre Hultgren-10)

- Next year's banquet reserved for Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Edinburgh.

ALUMNI NIGHT/STRIKE OUT CANCER (**NEED COMMITTEE LEAD**)

- Next year's date set for Sunday, June 24, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES

- FEBRUARY 3: Cub Bagging at Cub in Brooklyn Park
- FEBRUARY 5: Booster Meeting, 7:00pm
- FEBRUARY 13: Parent/Player Preseason Meeting, 7:00pm, Forum Room
- MARCH 5: Player Meeting, 4:00pm
- MARCH 5: Booster Meeting, 7:00pm
- MARCH 12: Conditioning Week (must be registered through Osseo to participate)
- MARCH 19: Tryouts Begin
- APRIL 3: Opening Night, 7:00pm
- MAY 20: Baseball Banquet at Edinburgh, 6:00-8:00pm
- JUNE 24: Osseo Alumni & Strikeout Cancer Night at Osseo Memorial Field, 6:30 & 8:00pm

Move to adjourn at 7:46pm made by Joe Lavin, second by John Groebner. Approved 5/0.

Submitted by Heidi Lavin
Assistant Booster Club Secretary

