

Osseo Baseball Booster Club

JULY 2018 MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2018 (7:00pm)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 20, 2018 (7:00pm) Room 129

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT
Joe Lavin	Head Coach	X	
Tom Doubler	President	X	
Kurt Kisch	Vice President	X	
Barb Valeri	Treasurer		X
Tony (or Amy) Olson	Secretary	X	
Olson (non-voting)	Asst. Secretary	X	

ATTENDEES: John Partanen, Katie Bindewald, Jane Larson, Neil Lynch, Jodie Kulla, Tim Kulla, Pam Holien, Jeff Wolff and Brad Kitzman

July meeting called to order at 7:04, President Tom Doubler thanks everyone for coming. Introductions were done.

President Announcements: Tom officially introduces new head coach—Joe Lavin. Coach Lavin spoke, very excited to me new head coach, will have an all parent meeting this fall. Overall objective is “what experience are we giving the boys” want to make sure they have a good experience, because 95% will not play after HS. Doing by changing culture, building relationships, streamline communication, build the pride. Not worried about on field, has a different philosophy than previous staff, will work to get boys to buy in. Coach has high expectations.

Tom welcomes Tony and Amy Olson to Board as new Secretary

Tom reviews voting process...only Board members vote, but opinions will be heard. Just wanted to make it clear. Discussion opened to everyone in the room, vote by Board only.

Osseo lost a big part of Osseo baseball, in Marc Valeri. Marc was a big part of back stop, and lots of things seen and unseen. Appreciate support to Barb and AJ---thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection. Visitation and Funeral info given out at meeting and was sent in an email. Link for obit: <https://www.evansnordby.com/obituaries/marc-valeri>

VFW and Legion Tournaments—Will need lots of help, please sign up on DIBS. DIBs are all posted and looking for each family to work at least 4-5 shifts. These are fundraisers for Osseo Baseball, it's not just about the VFW or Legion team, the money benefits all of Osseo baseball. Tom mentioned a conversation with the Mounds View head coach, and they are working to copy what Osseo does. He called Tom for advice--out all the programs they go to, Osseo is what they want to copy.

Fundraising—Looking at possibilities of doing Pull Tabs, don't want to name establishment, but we could look at an opportunity in late fall. Owner of establishment has offered to help us with fundraising—has a group that can help us. Need to come up with a list of things we want to do--vision for Osseo Baseball. Below is a “wish list” of items Coach Lavin and those in attendance came

up with to start:

“Wish List”—

- Grand stand
- Bathrooms
- Observation deck
- Batters eye
- Turf infield
- Baseballs
- Uniforms—5 teams
- Indoor pitching mound
- Apparel
- Catching gear
- L screens
- Coaches (2 Coaches per team, Hitting Coach?)
- More Dome time
- Supporting Spring Trip
- Off season training programs
- JV field Upgrades

Much discussion was involved in this wish list and everyone shared great ideas and had a great discussion about the wish list and also wishes for the program.

Another idea is selling bricks to be put in front of concessions. Tom received a quote from Polar engraving--\$17.50, sell \$100... if we sell 100, just over \$8,000.00. The space would be 28x28—back stop to concession, between pole. Can put in blanks, so future families can purchase as well. Life time warranty for bricks and engraving. We can move if we decide to build a grandstand. To save some costs, we could prep the site.

Jeff Wolff and John Partanen—agreed to be fundraising chairs again

Tom mentioned that he wants committees to be a group, not just one or two people doing everything...goal to get committees set up. Giving everyone more support. It was also mentioned that banners committee will be absorbed into fundraising.

Spring Trip---Tom has done some research---every other year event. Looking to go to FLA for trip. Team bonding, and more structure for the players. Families can come as well. Tampa Bay spring training program— <http://tampabaysspringtraining.com/> Registration \$750.00, \$500 reserves spot. Need to get application in soon, better chance of getting picked August 15th. they release airfare and hotel information. \$21, 580. Feedback—is KC currently in the budget, yes...Tom proposes that we do additional fundraising to help the boys pay for more, booster club raises more. Brad Kitzman—who goes? Answer--20 players chosen by Coach Lavin, per Tom, accountability will be a big part of this. Don't follow the rules, they will be sent home. Looking to hopefully doing annually. Jodie—timeframe? Answer--spring break time. Brad--if player is selected to go, parent is optional. Tony Olson---reserve a spot \$750.00... final payment due? Tom will find out more information. Question, Tim Kulla, when will kids know they are coming, so parents make decision to come— Answer—still being worked out.

Tony Olson makes a motion to submit \$750.00 to reserve a spot, second by Joe Lavin. Motion passes unanimously.

Concession—Pam Holien---did not have a report but asked questions about the tournaments, looking to possibly add more to concessions staff, especially during the Legion Sub-State

Meeting adjourned---motion to adjourn Kurt Kisch and second Tony Olson...all approve. Motion adjourned at 8:44pm

***Please note this meeting did not have a formal agenda and we spent a lot of time in open discussion with the new Head Coach Joe Lavin, High level details were included in the minutes, but not full discussion.

Submitted by Amy Lee Olson
Assistant Booster Club Secretary