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MEETING TITLE

DATE	Monday January 8th, 2024	TIME	605PM to 748PM
LOCATION	Don Chuy- Sauk Rapids, MN		
PURPOSE	Monthly Meeting		
ATTENDEES	<p>Board Members:</p> <p>Whitney Kelm - Secretary</p> <p>Kelly Travis - Treasurer</p> <p>Kara Barry - Player Coordinator</p> <p>Sarah Bialke - League Coordinator</p> <p>Steve Wolford - Equipment Manager</p> <p>Amanda Carlson - Website Director/ Registration Manager</p> <p>Brandon Carlson - Field Coordinator</p> <p>Theresa Stang - Apparel Coordinator</p> <p>Melissa Rowe - Social Media Coordinator</p> <p>Jenica Cmelik - Concession Coordinator</p> <p>Guests:</p> <p>Emily McEwan</p> <p>Ruthie Meyer- Schlieff</p>		

TOPICS	MEETING NOTES
1. Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve minutes
2. Treasurer's Report	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a Menards rebate-<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items we could use are some cones, buckets, and possibly food.• Proposed bylaw change: August 1st to July 31st will be our new fiscal year to mirror IRS fiscal year. Kelly will request a motion to approve this at the February meeting.• Extension for our 2023 taxes has been granted until June 2024.
3. Follow Up Items	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity to the Shed - Brandon - No update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debit Cards for Jenica and Brandon - No debit cards have been issued. Kelly will talk with Wendy at the bank to get this coordinated before January 29th. On/ Off boarding Committee - Jenica. - Forwarded document to all board members to see if they agree. Looking for feedback on a few areas. This will be followed up on at the February meeting. Player movement follow up - Kara. This has been completed. There was an even switch between a player from the 12U Green team and a player from the 12U Gold team, based on evaluation scores and willingness to commit to the Big West League time and travel commitment. Registration post date - Amanda. Waiting on Jim and Mel to ensure the link works, codes work, and the prices are correct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa and Jenica are willing to test the link so we can get it live. Registration will open January 10th and close January 22nd. To secure your rostered players spot register, by January 22nd. Kara will be following up with players who are rostered but not registered, after the January 22nd deadline. Next year we need to have the girls register at the time of tryouts to help smooth out the registration process. Mash registration numbers - 14U / HS is almost full. 8U-12U has many open slots.
4. Coaches for the 2024 Season	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email will be sent out to the individuals who coached last year asking if they would be interested in being a head coach for the 2024 season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah will be sending an email to these individuals tonight 1/8/24. Friday January 12th is the deadline for them to respond with their decision. Emily will reach out to the Saint Ben's girls to see if they are still interested. Head coach needs to be determined by Friday January 12th. The assistant coaches can be discussed at the next meeting along with the possibility of a team manager. Coaches confirmed so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily HS school Green coach Mike Meyer 12U Green coach David Kelm 14U Green coach Jim and Mel are tasked to fill the open coach spots. If we are unable to find coaches by the tournament drafting meeting on January 29th, the group of coaches that attend that meeting will choose for the teams without a coach.
5. Jerseys	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordering from BSN again as we had good luck and the quality was nice Have to be ordered by April 1st. Looking into different colors. We would like the Strom decal on the front. Warm up jackets were done through a different company. These would be offered to all players to purchase. Theresa will be looking into this further. We will only have one jersey per player. We can offer the option to purchase a second jersey if players / parents are interested.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thersea will be opening up an apparel order through Henry's.
6. 2024 Tournament Selection	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournaments have been posted and are open for registration. Tournaments are chosen by the coaches of each team. We will have a draft night for tournaments with the coaches. This will be January 29th at 6pm at the High School. Emily will lead this meeting.
7. Community Ed Ad	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenica will be checking on cost of softball add in community ed
8. Meat Raffles	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to clarify we can go above and beyond selling or Is there a max? Meat raffles- under 18 years old cannot touch the money. Amanda will be monitoring the sign up weekly to ensure workers are 18 years or older. We only need four spots on DIBS We will have a meat raffle on Super Bowl Sunday
9. Tournament Hosting	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association plans for hosting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Summer State 2024 - Willing to host only if we can get Bob Cross. Jenica will be emailing Jim and Mel about hosting. Sarah will talk with Mel about Bob Cross. * Fall State 2024 - Possibly willing to host * Fall Ball 2024 - No * We will follow up with this topic at the February meeting.
10. Social Media Accounts	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twitter- We will be deleting this TikTok - Melissa will be creating an association account
11. Player Interviews	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial Interviews- starting at MASH. Melissa has a mic that she will use. We will trial this and see how it goes. There will be a disclaimer at the time of registration for parents to give the okay to have videos/ pictures of their child posted to social media sites. Amanda will complete this and it will be a part of the registration process.
12. Winter Softball Clinic	<p>Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members (Sarah and Jenica) will be there during the younger age group time slot to help promote registration for the association.



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