

EYBA Annual Meeting + Coaches Meeting

10/16/24 | 8:00 PM | Buffalo House

Attendees: Amy Feely, John Feeley, Rob Parrot, Samantha Martin, Ryan Pierce, Jared Anderson, Reid Smith, Kristin Piontek, Matt Hayes **Open Forum Guests and Coaches from Various Levels**

Rob motions to begin meeting at 8:00 , Sam Seconds

Open Forum Discussion: Parent concerns about Freeze Evaluations and how teams were picked. Jared and John explained the Freeze committee and the usage of outside evaluators and coaches input for picking teams. Another family also brought up concerns on how the board handles complaints against coaches. Discussion of the need for a formal complaint policy to address concerns to avoid confusion. Matt offers to create a policy for the 2025 season. Policy will be tabled at a later meeting for final approval.

1. **Treasurer/Registrar Updates:** Amy printed year end financials and those were reviewed by the board. Jared makes a motion to approve, Matt seconds all in favor - motion carries. Amy also gave updates on the move to crossbar and how it may be a benefit to us. It is more user friendly, less costly and many organizations have switched over. Hoping to make the switch near the end of October so we can have it live before next year's registration.
2. **President Updates:** Level updates listed below
3. **Officer Elections:** The following board members have chosen to not run again for another term: Dave Furcht, John Feely, and Jed Frederickson. The following members expressed interest in filling the vacant board positions. Mark Lewis, Adam Upton, and Kirk Luense. Amy makes a motion to vote in new members, John Seconds all in favor - motion carries. *Further discussion is needed on defined roles for each board position. This will be tabled for a later time.*
4. **Level Updates - Feedback from coaches and parents at each level**
 - Modified - Season went well for first year with the AAA, AA, and A format. Next year Travel teams will be picked before league teams. The new improvements to the upper field was very appreciated by this group to have their own field space.
 - Majors - mixed reviews with in house format with Hermantown. Will revisit quad cities participation next year. May look into dividing teams into AA and A next year depending on what others do.
 - Rookies -Mixed reviews on this level. Concern for developing more pitching and increasing their baseball IQ. The in house format offers more practice time but the games take long as pitchers are still wild and hitters will wait for coaches to come in. Some ideas to increase development include: using a pitching machine for a few innings, more coach pitching, and Sunday pitching lessons. The main goal of this group

is to get as many defensive touches and at bats as possible. Will continue to evolve as the season gets closer.

- Developmental - field space is always an issue for this level. It would be beneficial to be internal if we could secure field space. Also need to determine the right number of kids on each team.
- Fun League - Jordan Walling willing to coordinate again. Positive feedback with the station style practices and utilizing the turf space.
- Bantams- No Updates

5. Miscellaneous:

Facilities Maintenance:

Needs to be addressed before next year. Many times the fields had garbage that was overflowing and spaces not maintained. Amy plans to meet with the school about this. Who's job is it? We also need to consider the improvements that need to be made at memorial fields including the concession stand. We will need to purchase additional chalk and chalk box, ag lime and some other tools to help with maintenance, these can be stored in the shed near the upper field. Further discussion will also need to happen with softball about the batting cage near the upper field. It is in rough shape, but would be a nice addition to both baseball and softball.

Meeting times: Moving forward we will try to keep meetings to the 2nd sunday of each month at 8:00 PM

Umping Coordinator: Ben no longer has the capacity for this position. We will need to find someone to take on this roll. Does not have to be a board member and it is a paid position.

Ryan P. motions to end meeting at 10:37 pm, Matt seconds - meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting date: Sunday December 8th @ Esko Trails 8:00PM