

## HSSA Board February Board Meeting Agenda

February 18th 2026 6:00 PM Skyline

Members Present: J. Keuttel, J. Bakker, S. Connor, M. Hanson, J. Kalm, C. Kjoberg, C. Miller, K. Noldin, B. Unzen, R. Unzen, A. Wargin, S. Turcotte, B. Beranek

Members Absent: B. Besserud, L. Giesen, N.Strapple

Visitors:

**Call meeting to order: Kuettel at 6:00**

Reading of Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Hermantown Summer Softball Association to encourage, promote, and teach the game of softball to school age girls living in or around the Hermantown area or attending Hermantown schools. Qualities of sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, fair play and fun will be the primary focus of the program.

Minutes

-  **January 14th HSSA Board Meeting Agenda - Minutes Final**
- **Motion made by Beranek 2nd Connor Motion Passes**

Financials

- Treasurer's Report - Kimberly
  - Statements of Position and Activity- **update coming after registration**
  - **We budgeted \$40,000 for registration and we are at \$39,000**
  - **Refunds will be made to people who paid extra for jerseys**

Committee Reports

- Fund Raising - **Reports will be coming when registration is completed-**
  - **Action Kalm - reaching out to families who bypassed the fundraiser**
  - **Action Strapple - Order Bags**
- Field (Tom Bang / Dugouts / Equipment / Wish List)
- Tournament (2026 Home Tournaments 10U-12U)
  - **Spreadsheet is updated**
  - **10u and 12u has a conflict with the travel team tournament Hibbing vs rec tournament at Esko. Waiting for conformation with Hibbing**
  - **Proctor tournament is probably going to be cancelled**
- **Looking to join our 4 16/18U players with Proctor?**
- Bylaw / Policy
- Coach Committee ( Need to establish this committee for 2026)
  - Review 2026 coach applications
  - **Circle back to this**
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- Wish List Items
  - Another batting cage
    -  260113 Hermantown Softball Cage 9276.pdf

- Finish netting around the concessions
  -  260113 Hermantown Softball Rose Netting 9277.pdf
  - Estimated cost is \$20,000 (will high school help with this cost?) It will take 4 weeks to set up. Maybe Minnesota Power will work for this grant because it is more focused on safety?
    - Action - Strapple check on grants**
  - **Ordering a new Pitching Machine was discussed and selling the older ones?**
  - **Action Beranek will price out machines**
- Open Gym Dates
  - March 15, 29, April 5, 19, 26 - 3-9 p.m.
  - **Jersey try on March 15th**
    - **Action - Turcotte - Send out info to parents**
    - **Action - Unzen - Check on pants at Dicks and get sample jerseys**
    - **Action - Keuttel - Reach out to play it again**
    - **Action - Kjoberg - Reach out to Ali to sell shirts**
    - **Times are on website**
    - **B. Beranek will get 12 inch balls and Tees**
    - **Note: March 29 - 5-9 p.m.**
- Field 3 Scheduling (Practice field and makeup games only?)
  - 8U games would be on field 1 or 2 Mondays
  - 6U games would be on field 1 or 2 on Thursdays
  - Send Arrowhead our field availability - Tell them we have 2 fields available when we put our teams in for registration
  - Keep field 3 open on Monday and Tuesday from June 22nd just for make up games and keep it out of the Arrowhead league schedule except for playoffs
  - **Talk about practice schedules when Arrowhead comes out with schedule**
- Tournament Team Coaches (10U-12U)
  - 10U (No commitments yet)
    - **One non-parent coach applied Kaitlyn Limatta**
    - **Coach committee will reach out to her**
  - 12U Sarah Turcotte

## New Business

- 2026 Registration Numbers
  - 6U-22 **Updated 23** -
    - **Keep open until April?**
  - 8U-39 **Updated 41** -
  - 10U-39 **Updated 38** -
  - 12U-25 **Updated 26** -
  - 14U-22 **Updated 19** -
  - 16U-4 **Updated 4**
  - Total-148 **Updated total 151**
  - **We are down about 30 registrations from last year**
  - Request 8U - 10U players moving to the next level ?
    - 8U players shouldn't be moved up to the tournament team
    - Will the 8u players be moved up to 10u?
      - **Action - wait for registration numbers**
    - **Should there be an evaluation for 2nd or 3rd year 10u players who want to move to 12U? We are looking to move up 4 players**
    - **Action - Turcotte/Wargin/Kalm - Send email to 10U players who are 3rd year to see who would like to try out to move up?**
    - Jayla Parpala 10-12
    - Brae Wargin 10-12
    - Aydenn Flaherty 10-12
    - Posey Graves 10-12 -
    - Others
- Last Chance Registration - **When will late registration close? 3/1/26**
- **6U and 8U will stay open until later**
  - **Arrowhead registration will close March 22nd**
    - **Action - Kalm and Noldin will register with Arrowhead**
- 2026 Coaches
  - Coach Interest survey in registration
    - 6U -
    - 8U- 4 Teams -
    - 10U- 3 Teams -
    - 12U - 3 Teams - 6 Coaches
    - 14u - 2 teams -1 Coach
    - **Action - Coaches Committee -All coordinators will be on the committee.**
- Tryouts for 10U-12U
  - April 26th
  - Tryouts won't be necessary if there isn't enough interest
- U8 and U6 shifts/coaches shirts.
  - Cotton shirts for \$20/piece or \$22/piece for the polyester

- Cotton for the kids and better options for the coaches
- **Action - Wargin will order**

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New Business -

**Action J. Baker - Will work with Proctor (who is going to have 1 6U team) that will play with our three 6U teams**

Concession Stand - Next Steps

**Action - Need to adapt the concession stand policy - Committee will meet**

**Action - Coordinators should send out email to people who said they want to coach to fill out a form by March 1st.**

**Teams should be made by the meeting on the 18th.**

**Action - Kalm and Noldin - Refund the Little Family due to medical family**

**Action - J. Baker - Reach out to family about a fundraiser**

**Motion made by Connor 2nd by Unzen motion approved**

**Action - Coordinators need to send out surveys to see who can make it to the rec tournaments**

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 18th 6:00 Skyline**  
**Sunday, April 12th 5:00 Skyline**

Meeting Adjourned: **Motion made by Kalm 2nd Beranek Motion passes unanimously**