

## HSSA Board January Board Meeting Agenda

January 14th 2026 6:00 PM Skyline

Members Present: **Kuttel, Kjoberg, Glesen, Strapple, Hanson, B.Unzen, R. Unzen, Kalm, B.Barenek, Turcotte, Wargin, Conor, B. Besserude, Miller**

Members Absent: Noldin, Baaker

Visitors: **Sarah H.**

**Call meeting to order: Keuttel at 6:01**

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

-  HSSA Board December Board Meeting Agenda - Notes
- **Motion to approve Turcotte. Second Wargin**

Financials

- Treasurer's Report - Kimberly
  - Statements of Position and Activity
  -  Jan. Statement of Financial Position as of 1.12.26.pdf
  -  Jan. Statement of Activity by Class as of 1.12.26.pdf
  - **See attached statement**
  - **Action - Work on concession stand payment/registration**
  - **Motion to approve Strapple, 2nd by Connor. Motion Approved**

Committee Reports

- Fund Raising
  - Donation - CN Railway \$1,650
  - Motion to use the CN money for family registration made by Strapple 2nd by Connor. Motion passes
  - Fundraising Incentive Prizes
    - **Same as last year? Information is already on the website**
    - **Should we add catcher bags to the incentives?**
      - **We need to buy 10 at a time and could keep them until needed.**
      - **Action - Turcotte - Kalm - Please add interest about catcher bags to the registration (Strapple please get prices to Kalm)**
  - Grants - Need help! Due Feb 15
    - Twins 2026 Fields for Kids [Fields for Kids Grant Application | Twins Community Fund | Minnesota Twins](#)

- **Action - Strapple and Noldin will work on these grants (see quotes below)**
  - Can we use the CN money for the match?
  - Twins Youth Coaching Grant [Coaching Grants | Twins Community Fund | Minnesota Twins](#)
  - WM
  - MN Power
  - Hermantown Legacy Fund? Once every so often?
- **Action - Turcotte will check to see how often we can apply or be part of the Twins match?**
- Field (Tom Bang / Dugouts / Equipment / Wish List)
  - See below
- Tournament (2026 Home Tournaments 10U-12U)
  - R. Unzen - choose 3-4 for each age for travel
  - 12u and 14u could go to one tournament together
  - **Action - R. Unzen will work on renaming tournament**
  - 12U tournaments - Bemidji, Rock Ridge, Hibbing, Duluth
  - 10u tournaments - Aitkin, Virginia, Hibbing, maybe Duluth
  - Rec tournaments - see attached link: ?????
    - Add Zenith/Duluth to 14U rec
  - **Action - Kalm dates for travel tournaments**
  - **Action - R. Unzen - send tournament link to HSSA email and get dates to Kalm before Feb 2nd**
- Bylaw / Policy
- **Replace cooler? \$1,000 in the budget**

Old Business

- Wish List Items (Park Board: Eric Johnson contact)
  - Another batting cage
    -  260113 Hermantown Softball Cage 9276.pdf
    - Estimated cost netting \$2,000 (between field 2 and 3 or in left field) Twins grant will not work for batting cages
    - **Action - Keuttel will get an estimated cost for posts and cement**
  - Finish netting around the concessions
    -  260113 Hermantown Softball Rose Netting 9277.pdf
    -  WP Netting.jpg
    -  WP Netting DUGO.jpg
    - The netting that is already there will be deducted out of this quote and we will be able to use some of the existing posts and concession stand
    - 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?

- Dugout improvements
- Lights
- Open Gym Dates
  - March 15, 29, April 5, 19, 26 - 3-9 p.m.
    - Note: March 29 - 5-9 p.m.
    - Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 15 - 8am-12pm are open 9-10am (6U-10U)
    - Bumped by basketball tournament on Feb 1. Were offered to reschedule to later in the day. Do we want to do this? Or just cancel? Or could do 7-8am.
    - **Action - Cancel open gym this day**
- Arrowhead League Meeting February 15th 6PM Buffalo House
  - Who can Attend this meeting?
    - **Sarah and Lydia? Shane?**

#### New Business

- 2026 Registration Fees
  - 6U-\$85
  - 8U-\$120
  - 10U-\$175
  - 12U-\$200
  - 14U-\$250
  - 16U-\$300
- 2026 Coaches
  - Coach Interest survey in registration
- Tryouts for 10U-12U
  - Proposed dates
  - **Action - Set dates - April 26th? Kalm - add dates to registration (subject to change). Location to be announced**
  - **Action - Turcotte cancel open gym that day**
  - **Tryouts won't be necessary if there isn't enough interest**
  - 10U Tournament Team \$50 try out fee \$75 team fee (\$125 Total)
  - 12U Tournament Team \$50 try out fee \$250 team fee (\$300 Total Plus Assessments)
  - Policy-needed or not-refunds yes or no
  - **Action - Kalm - f they don't make the team send a refund (no refund if they choose not to play)**
- Tournament Team Coaches (10U-12U)
  - 10U **Checked with Tyler and Maddison**
  - 12U **Sarah Turcotte**
- Proposed Tournament Team tournaments
  - 10U
  - 12U

- 14U
- **See notes above**
- 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
  - **Action - Kalm - We send Arrowhead our field availability - We will tell them we have 2 fields available when we put our teams in for registration**
  - **Should we 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**
- Third-year 10U players moving to 12U
  - **Consistent message that will be said: Please register for the level that your child is eligible for and we will see how numbers turn out when registration is complete.**
  - **Action - Kalm - Add info to registration about registering for the level you are eligible for**
- Other **Action - Turcotte - Send an mass email to direct people to donate to families on our website**

Next Meeting: **February 18th Time TBD**  
**March 18th**

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Kalm, 2nd by B. Unzen. Motion passes