

HSSA Board July Board Meeting Agenda

June 29th 6:30 PM Rose Fields

Members Present: R. Unzen, J. Kuettel, M. Hanson, N. Strapple, J. Nicksich, J. Baker.C. Kjoberg

Members Absent: J. Kalm, S. Turcotte, C. Miller, A. Wargin, B. Besserud, L. Giesen, B. Unzen

Visitors: N/A

Meeting called to order: By J. Kuettel @6:37pm

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

- Review, approve previous minutes
 - Approve June meeting Minutes
 - **Motion by R. Unzen, 2nd N. Strapple**
 - **Motion Approved**
 -  June 1st 2025 Board Meeting Agenda -Notes

Financials

- Treasurer's Report -Kimberly
 - Statements of Position and Activity
 -  StatementofFinancialPosition 3.31.25.pdf
 -  StatementofFinancialPosition as of June 27, 2025.pdf
 - **Motion by C.Kjoberg to approve financial as is, 2nd R. Unzen**
 - **Motion Approved**
 - Fundraising Update (Nikki)
 - **Having some problems with Bill Pay for umps**
 - **Action - Kim will look into this**

Old Business

- Sams club business account (Kim)
- Equipment
 - Pitching Screens and Sock Net Screens need to be assembled
 - **Action - any board member with tools can assemble!**
- Concession Stand
 - Concession concerns
 - Need to be open for all home games

- How can we address these concerns for the last month of the season?
- What is the plan for closing the stand each night? Where is the money being brought to?
- Schedule of workers for each night
- Need to be following cleaning procedures after each shift
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tzcVetTjAdbfVg-Y2ryifUQyJQEjPNWI/view?usp=drive_link
- Need a finalized list of prices
 -  Concessions Inventory.xlsx
 - **Nikki is talking with Pespi on prices for chips, candy and pop**
 - **Action - Concession sub-committee needs to meet again to finalize the concession plan that will be brought to board. Jason will reach out with meeting times. Audra will be invited to give insight from last year.**
 - **Action - Who will check with Alex on buying out the inventory from the stand when the season is over? Should we save any for fall ball?**

- Hermantown Parade Participation/ HR Derby Bob Morgan
 - Most travel teams will be gone / participation ideas
 - **Discussion was had, nothing was decided.**
 - Update Kjoberg and Wargin will work out logistics
 - **Action - Sarah or Jordan will send out this google doc to families for parade interest (please do not send it out until you check with Courtney about parade registration!)**
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfr97pmBM1CXa-3qfN2ZTfrKKWbLcNSXkHUHji1cjL_e9FpYg/viewform?usp=header
 - **Action - N. Strapple with order another banner and get the softballs to Courtney to pass out**

- Tournament of Roses Recap
 - Discussion was had about renaming the Tournament of Roses next year
 - **Lots of good feedback from other teams, thank you to Rob and the volunteers for all their work on this tournament!**
 - **Order more balls for the field toss for next year**
 - **Declare it a rec tournament in the registration**

- **Maybe increase price?**
- Renaming of Rose Fields (Tom Bang)
 - Resolution of support to rename Rose Fields
 - **BOARD RESOLUTION**
 - **Motion made by R. Unzen 2nd by J. Nicksich**
 - **Motion passes unanimously**
 - **Action - Jason will bring the board resolution to the meeting**
 - Next city council meeting is July 17th

New Business

- Fall Ball
 - Move ahead with 10U
 - **Birthdates need to match new Arrowhead rules**
 - **Should 10U just play other Hermantown Teams or open it up to other teams?**
 - **Action - Megan will send a survey to 8u and 10u families and coaches about interest in fall ball?**
 - Check with Cloquet about 12U and 14U (Rob)
 - **Cloquet hasn't set up registration yet**
 - **Action - Rob will continue to reach out to Cloquet**
- August tryouts for 2026 travel teams
 - Keep 10u and 12U as is
 - **The board agreed that 10U and 12U should stay the same as previous years**
 - 14U Travel Team Feedback Meeting (Schedule)
 - Discuss 14U and up tryouts in August
 - **Discussion was had**
 - **Try to match club teams tryouts**
 - **We want to keep these girls in Hermantown and continue to have a strong program**
 - **Sarah H will coach 14 U**
 - **When in August should we set up tryouts?**
 - **We need policies in place for:**
 - **What happens if girls are cut from the travel team?**
 - **What happens if players develop over the winter and missed out on a chance to play?**
 - **How do we keep the teams strong for the following years if girls are being cut?**
 - **After Tryouts some girls could move up levels?**
 - **The girls could play together in fall ball in Forest Lake**

