

March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 3/19/2025 (OPEN)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Adam's Township Building

Board Attendees:

Executive Board:

President - Sandy Sanderson (ABSENT)

VP of Baseball Ops – Stan Polivka

Director of Facilities – Mike Sirney

Treasurer – Joe Derouin

Secretary – Andrew Downs

Board of Directors:

Opening Day Chairperson - VACANT

Assistant VP of In-House Ops – Andy Meier

Assistant VP of Travel Ops – Sean Ranson

Assistant VP of Softball Ops – Shane Malone

Community Outreach Coordinator – Dan Demarco

Equipment Manager – Bill Vehovic

Field Maintenance Assistant – Ryan Moore

Umpire Coordinator - VACANT

Assistant Treasurer of Travel – Shane Kampian

Concessions Stand Manager – Christy Wilson

Fundraising, Signs, and Sponsors – Jason Barrett (ABSENT)

Registrar – Matt Gogolin

Uniforms and Spirit Wear Coordinator – Jason Barrett

Assistant Secretary of Social Media – Rebecca Ravenstahl

Assistant Secretary of Website Management – Zach Zollner

Safety/Risk Coordinator – Diana Hasenkopf

Immediate Past President – Larry Fox (ABSENT)

Discussion Items:

Sandy Sanderson: Open Meeting – second Stan Polivka

- Mars School District approved request to rehab Adams Concession Stand and replace Adams Storage Shed (with proper permitting).

- Dan checking with Adams Township on required permits to replace shed
 - Two separate permits – one to remove and one for new shed
- Dan has board approval from both MASD and MBA to begin rehab work on concession stand.
 - Can remove and will add new shed after school
- Still trying to get the district to lift the black out period for field usage during spring break. No official updates yet.
 - Black out lifted
- Todd Wearing has confirmed with the VFW that we are good to use the field whenever we want.
 - No formal requests or documentation needed.
 - Respect the memorial and take care of field

Stan Polivka:

- General Baseball and Softball updates
- AEDs at Adams Park
 - One in Park near playground
 - If needed, 911 operator gives code to caller
 - No additional plans to add more
 - We can add more if needed
 - Checking with MASD on AEDs at Adams 1 & 2
- Good to use Kiwanis pavilion for pictures Opening Day
- Wasp/hornet issue at T-Ball field
 - Park has plan to spray daily
- Field capacity issues
 - User agreement between MBA and Adams Park being developed
 - MBA currently has first rights to fields
 - Any issues – direct to Stan Polivka
 - Restrooms at fields need to be kept clean
- Plan to discuss in fall for future 5-10 year plan to develop Adams Park
 - Potentially multi-use field with other sports
- Maintenance
 - Batting cages are MBA item
 - Storage situation discussed with Adams Park
 - Could be item to be added in the discussion in fall for long term plan
- Need 80 foot bases at Vet field
- Talks with current 12U travel teams about interest in 13U travel next season
- Softball tournament team evals coming up
 - Looking to host tournament in summer

Joe Derouin (Finances):

- Monthly Treasurer Update
- New accounts at CFS Bank

- Softball
- Retained Earnings
- **\$10k for each account**
- **Executive Board vote required. Unanimously approved.**
- 2025 Financials through 2/28/2025
 - **MBA Account - \$127,856.15**
 - **MBA Travel - \$35,048.26**
 - **MBA Business Premium - \$134,998.14**
- Purchase of laptop for Safety & Risk Director
 - **Look to use cloud using Grant money**
 - **Give access to others to use**
- Call with Jack Owen, Esq.
 - General Counsel
 - Article of incorporation
 - By-laws
 - Policies
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Whistleblower policy
 - Confidentiality agreement
 - Example of proposal for new complex

Shane Kampian (Travel Finances):

- Update on Travel Budgets
 - Working with Joe on issues with Shane's billing email access
 - Once above issue is resolved, will update the next round of travel budget items that were received and update will be sent to head coaches

Andrew Downs (Secretary):

Mike Sirney (Fields):

- All equipment will be serviced by the end of this weekend.
 - All equipment fueled
 - Itemized bill will be sent after completion
- Need announcements to go out through email and social media about Field Day scheduled for April 5
 - Announcement is for 8AM start
- No update on field leveling
- 12 new ground anchors and 36 new base plugs ordered
- Request to purchase five bundles of fence guards to replace corrugated fence guards at T-Ball fields
 - Link provided to board

- Total to replace is \$720.95 before tax and shipping. This would cover the 384 linear feet of fencing for T-Ball fields.
- This option would potentially reduce the amount of bees around the fields as it does not give them an area to easily access and create nests.
- Mike will handle install on Field Day or when the parts arrive
- **Need to review equipment use instructions in the sheds**
 - **Send email to Andy Meier to send to all commissioners and coaches**
 - **Add mound and base distances and which age groups they are for**

Bill Vehovic (Equipment):

- Equipment Distribution Update
- **Equipment Distribution at the Veterans Field**
 - **3/25 – 6-8PM – T-Ball and 5/6**
 - **3/27 – 6-8PM – 7/8**
 - **3/29 – 9AM – 9/10 and 11/12**
 - **Softball equipment arriving Friday 3/21**
- **Submitting request for additional baseballs for travel and to replace Bronco and Minor catcher equipment. Request includes storage unit rental.**
- **Mizuno catchers gear**
 - **Internal foam falling out of inside of new helmets purchased last year**
 - **Known issue with these masks**
- **Two dozen baseballs for each team available for the season**

Jason Barrett (Fundraising/Sponsors):

Rebecca Ravenstahl (Website/Social Media):

Sean Ranson (Travel Baseball):

- **7U evaluations coming up**
 - **Need volunteers to help with evaluations**
 - **Currently 20 kids signed up**
- **Uniforms being done now**
 - **Hats done and distributed**

Softball – Shane Malone

- Registration numbers
 - 8U – 39 girls
 - 10U – 38 girls

- 12U – 22 girls
- \$9,300
- 15U – 16 girls (registration still open)
- Costs
 - \$80 registration fee for each team 10U and above
 - \$86 per dozen game balls
 - 10U – 3 teams (\$240 + \$258 = \$498)
 - 12U – 2 teams (\$160 + \$172 = \$332)
 - 15U – 2 teams (\$160 + \$172 = \$332)
 - \$1,162
 - 8U balls - \$350
 - Equipment cost - \$980.94
 - Umpire estimations based off of usual 7 home games per team
 - 10U - \$945
 - 12U - \$700
 - 15U - \$910
 - \$2,555 estimated
- Seven travel first aid kits needed
- One stationary first aid kit needed for Centennial Field
- Tractor at Centennial
 - Does it work? Do we have key?
 - **Key in lockbox on third base side**
 - **Does not work. Mechanic to look at it this week.**
- April 28 – High School Boosters hosting Youth Night

Matt Gogolin – Registrar

- **7U travel 20 players – 2 HC, 7 Assistant**
- **Registration closes March 31**

Zach Zollner – Website

Dan Demarco – Community Outreach Coordinator

- Potential use of Valencia Boro Field
 - **Boro would allow us to use field**
 - **Would need to fix field up and maintain**
 - **Could start having access early May at earliest and get field ready for later summer and fall**

Andy Meier – In-House Coordinator

- General Overview of sign-up totals
 - T-Ball – 102 kids – 10 Teams
 - 5/6U – 93 kids – 8 Teams

- 7U – 90 kids – 8 Teams
- 8U – 63 kids – 6 Teams
- Minor – 103 kids – 8 Teams
- Bronco – 86 kids – 7 Teams
- Pony – Currently 17-18 kids signed up on interested-based registration
- TOTAL – 554 kids
- Jerseys are all on order except Pony (13/14)
- Still looking for 13/14u volunteers to attend scheduling meeting on Saturday morning at North Allegheny at 9AM
- Practice schedules are out (3/31 start), Game schedules are out
- Opening Day set but want to review with Board before publishing to commissioners
- Working with 5/6U and Softball to get Saturday night games scheduled
- Review Play-up Policy and get Board feedback/approval
 - To be reviewed and approved before fall season

Christy Wilson – Concessions

- Need to create a sign-up for volunteer spots
- Need game and activity schedule to create sign-ups
 - Christy needs updated when times change or are canceled.
 - Track times and ensure volunteers do what they signed up for
- Update on fridge freezer acquisition
 - To purchase through appliance store
- Request to purchase a cabinet for the concession stand to keep items stored in off-season
 - Approximately \$500
- Request feedback
 - Any changes?

Diana Hasenkopf – Risk/Safety Coordinator

- To order first aid kits and ice packs for all equipment bags

Open Items

- Russ Ford from Township (chairman of Board) at meeting
 - Sending over agreement and ask for any items needed by MBA from the Township
 - Expect cost for new field similar to Vet field to be \$2.5-3 million range
 - Emphasis on taking care of the fields
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Next Meeting: APRIL 16 (OPEN)

Minutes Submitted by: Andrew Downs – Secretary