

February 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Garry Remsberg, Myria Shakespeare, Toi Gile, Tanya Lewis, Dave Hayes, Tim Wilson, Stephen Sartain, Megan Wallace & Ginny Martin (by phone)

Board Members Absent: Brodie Anderson, Beau Damian, Nick Garza, Jodi Garza, Katie Damian

JSA Members Present: Karsun Newport-ED, Dave Pusich (CBJ)

Meeting called to order at 9:41 am

Garry proposed and Tim seconded the approval of the January minutes. All in favor. Karsun will post minutes to the JSA web site.

Committee Reports:

Rules: Katie has stepped down as the chair of the committee. Dave wanted to be the new chair. He will get all the information from Katie and he is getting a meeting scheduled ASAP since we need to have the updated rules by the registration on March 1st.

Bylaws: Megan is still working on the Bylaws and has made some progress. We will have her put in the Nepotism Waiver in the Bylaws.

Concessions: no report

Marketing/PR: no report-hope to meet soon specially to start to talk about Rainball.

Finance: Jodi was absent

Improvements: Steve is still waiting to hear back from Lance in regards to fields. Both Steve and Karsun has reached out to him. Will wait another week and then Steve will contact the owner of the land and cc Lance on the email to set up a time to talk.

Hiring Committee: The committee wants to have the Nepotism Waiver on file. Garry will do a blurb about Karsun being voted in as the new ED and it will be added to both the website and the Facebook.

Polling: The poll was sent out and we have received a lot of good feedback on it. Report will be under the ED report.

Scheduling: The JSA schedule have been posted on the website and will be put on FB.

It was discussed that we do not need to have a specific Classifications committee. The board members and any other members are welcome to attend. We will make sure to let the members know when we are doing the classification, which will be April 1st.

Special reports:

CBJ Report: Dave Pusich was at the meeting to answer all the questions we had this year. He has gotten most of the field requests and he is still waiting to hear back from TMHS/JDHS which hopefully will be in the next week. He is not sure if little league is wanting any Saturday games. But they do have many other fields they can use for them. JSA is still concerned that they will start taking over our times. Dave said that will not happen.

TMHS will be keeping the DP4 field the month of May due to the lights and fences. CBJ does not want to have to move the fences. JSA mentioned the pitching or warming up by TMHS on the fields before the league uses them and it messes up the pitcher's area. Dave will again make sure to let the schools know not to do that. CBJ will consider maybe adding some pitching rubber on the side of the fields to use.

The target date for the restrooms and concession building is end of February. The board will be notified when we can tour the buildings. There will be covered stalls in the restrooms and not open like Savikko.

The CBJ director said we can get a container to put onsite to use. It needs to match the current ones (brown) and it will be either 20 or 40 ft. He will send all the information to JSA to review.

Myiia is still the person to contact for the vending permits and we will get the access codes to the buildings.

Savikko fields are a bit messed up due to the winds we have been having but CBJ will be getting them up to use. Dave wanted to know if we will be using them this year and it will depend on the number of umpires we have since we seem to have a shortage. If we will not be using them, CBJ is talking about putting grass on it and turning it into a park with maybe a few minimum games on it if needed. We will get back to him on it but we have reserved the fields for the month of May and the tournaments.

It was discussed that due to the umpire shortage that we might get the strike mats to use if there is no umpire and that teams would have to regulate the outs. If the ball hits the mat it is a strike. We have tabled that until another time.

Dave wanted to know if we wanted to have Jox boxes for the batting box. We said we would like to try them on the DP2 field to see how it works. They only need to be buried ½ in down with topsoil over it. But once they are in they need to stay that way, they cannot be pulled back up.

It was mentioned if we can get a Jox box for the pitching area since that seems to flood a lot with the rains. He was going to check on the cost and send to JSA. We might want to try it for one of the fields to start with and see how it goes. It will depend on the price and JSA might split the cost with CBJ.

We asked about the covered area at Riverbend who we would contact to reserve it and was told Mimi from Community School. We wanted to know about having teams from out of town use the area behind the DP4 field to camp during tournaments. Dave was not sure and Karsun was to follow up with CBJ on that.

ED Report: Karsun reviewed the polling results and said there was a lot of good feedback and members

stated it was a step in the right direction. There was 111 members who responded. He will post the results (not the comments) on the web page, have Katie post on FB and will send out an email to the members. He wanted to maybe purchase Survey Money for \$385 per year in case we decide to continue the surveys and then they will export it for us. We will discuss later.

He has signed up at the bank for his debit card and to be on the account and at Schmidt's and Buck. He has fixed the loose doorknob and will need to get a new deadbolt.

Karsun wanted to know what he can purchase without board approval and up to what amount. We think it was \$500 but would check with the bylaws and finance.

Karsun called a company in Seattle about the containers and left a message but on their website it looks like they are about \$1800-2800 for a 40ft. The drop fee from Lynden will be about \$104-144. Colby gave us a different company that Karsun will consider.

In regards to new umpires we are trying to work with JDOA on uniforms and gear and maybe umpires who are no longer using them to donate to the new umps. Karsun gave the names of the members who are interested in becoming umps to Jack.

IN regards to having people switch teams mid-season or if they are done a couple of weeks before the end of the season can they move to another team. This was an issue last year. There need to be a cutoff date to be able to move teams. We will need to have permission from the new team and notification to the old team. We are sending to the rules committee to put a date to be able to switch teams.

Was brought up maybe we can have a sub list where if a team needs a sub they can go to the list. Hockey does this. But it would be only used if you cannot field a team for a game.

Karsun has reserved all the fields at Savikko, Dimond and some at Melvin for games and tournaments. Once we have the schedules we can release fields we do not want.

Traci has 100 scorebooks and wanted to send 75 to Sitka. JSA has 158 at the office and we might only need 80. Toi proposed and Tanya seconded it to send to Sitka.

Karsun will post the survey results and the registration information soon. We amended the registration dates to March 1-31st. Dave proposed and Tim seconded it. all in favor to amend the dates.

We will give 2 new women's balls at registration to women's teams and coed. Steve proposed and Tim seconded it. All in favor.

Karsun wanted to know about maybe seeing about discounts for the airlines, ferry, hotels and camping for the tournaments. Was sent over to the PR committee.

We need to get photos of the illegal bats on the website so there is no confusion. Some members inquired about having nets between fields fly balls and there are several members willing to help to improve the dugouts. Another member requested the scorekeeper's boxes have covering for the rain. These were all sent to the Improvements Committee.

In regards to the tourney games we had faster runner and home run derby. Can we add cornhole and maybe disc golf? In regards to the Championship shirts, TMHS has a printer they use as a fundraiser. Maybe we can use it for the Championship, All Tourney and MVP shirts and just to sell tourney shirts. We will send to the PR committee.

Unfinished Business: The 2017 schedule has been posted.

Still waiting to hear back from Sitka if they are going forward with transferring to the NSA. Traci will reach out to the ASA to see what the difference is and how it will work. No updated information.

It was proposed by Dave and seconded by Tim to increase the player fees to \$50. We have been having a problem since some pay online with credit cards and with that fee of \$3.50 JSA is absorbing that cost. Registrations not filled out online have to be manually entered into the site as well as payments submitted to the bank. This would also level out the fees across the board and not have a discrepancy from online and via check\cash. If we just increase to \$50 that cost will not be put on JSA. We also discussed that JSA has not been making any money for future planning and increased costs of new balls, filed/dugout. It has been at least 4 years or so since the last increase. All in favor and was passed.

We are waiting on the blurb from Traci on the State Hall of Fame. We will discuss the newsletter item at the next meeting since we are running low on time.

We went into Executive Session at 12:11 pm and were out at 12:20pm

New Business: The GCI payments and plan went to finance committee.

Tasks:

We need to order Line up sheets, stamps, first aid kits, score books and the women's balls. Karsun will get the women's balls ordered. Karsun will get line up cards from Alaska Litho but would like to deal with Capitol Copy for the Rainball booklets.

Next meeting will be March 11th at 9:30 am, in the old library.

Adjourned at 12:35 pm Tim proposed/Dave seconded