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Board Update by Scott Morris

Another season flies by and it's already time to start a new school year. The end of each season comes the new Youth Baseball Board election. Please take a look inside the newsletter at each of the candidates and vote for up to three candidates that you feel will continue to help make our association even stronger for the upcoming years.

We have so many activities happening within our association it is difficult to keep it all straight at times, but collectively our volunteer parents continue to make our program a success. Even though it may not appear to be the case at all times, the players, parents, and Board members greatly appreciate their efforts and realize this couldn't happen without their help.

Next season some of the pressures for baseball field space should be relieved for a little while with the new fields at the Senior High School and the return of the two fields at the St. Michael Elementary School. We are not quite sure why the new high school was built without dugouts or benches but will be following up with the Athletic Director to find out what their game plan is in regards to completing the construction.

When possible, the Youth Baseball Association looks for opportunities to invest in baseball

throughout our community. Investments made by the association are funded with proceeds from our Youth Baseball Tournaments. This year we had our most successful tournament with 59 teams playing in 6 different

Annual Meeting for Monday, October 12th at 7:30 pm at the Frankfort Fire Station (12239 42nd St. NE, St. Michael) across from Sports Diamond. This is a chance for anybody from our association to have an open forum with the Youth Baseball Board members. More information on the meeting is inside this newsletter.

I want to wish everybody the best during the upcoming school year and we hope to see you all back again next season. Keep an eye out for our clinics and other opportunities that we plan to offer during the winter months.

THANK YOU!!!



Time to Vote
Official Ballot Inside
— Postmarked by October 7th —

age levels over two weekends. This is our one attempt at fundraising and are always happy when the whether cooperates and everything runs smooth. Some examples of our investments include the twin batting cages added to the Recreation Center, benches on the Big Woods baseball fields, as well as pitching machines and other

equipment used throughout our program. If you would like to volunteer to help us out in the future simply contact our Tournament Director and we will be sure to put you to work.

Finally, we have planned our



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Board Candidates:

Candidate	Interested in volunteering because....
<p>Paul Berning</p>	<p>I have 3 sons in baseball and have served on the board for the past 3 years. I have been involved with the player development for STMA baseball all 3 years. My first year we set up the American and National leagues for our in house, my second year we changed to our present league of Gopher State, and last year we hired an outside umpire group for our travel teams home games. I think all these moves have made our baseball program stronger. If elected for 3 more years I would like to tier the major and minor program more and try to have more support for our coaches.</p> <p>It would be my pleasure to work with the STMA baseball board for 3 more years and keep developing our program. We have had alot of success with our teams in the Gopher State league and at the State level. Thanks to the hard work of all the parents, coaches, and board members in our community.</p>
<p>Brent Bjorlin</p>	<p>I've loved baseball ever since I can remember. And now as a parent I feel I owe it to the game to give back by volunteering to help our community pass that passion onto our youth. Over the past 6 years in STMA baseball, I've been head coach for 2 traveling teams and an assistant coach for 4 other teams and have watched our program grow in both size and player development. And now as our program is expecting an influx of young players reaching the age of eligibility, I feel my experience and love of the game can help this association tackle many of the tough challenges that lie ahead.</p> <p>I'm proud to be apart of this community and the STMA baseball association and if you want a board member who will stand up and fight for all ages and skill levels of athletes, I'm happy to volunteer my time to make that happen.</p>
<p>Amy Dinkel</p>	<p>I have lived in Albertville with my husband Chad for 12 years. We have 2 boys named Nicholas and Jacob, who both love to play baseball. While living in Albertville I have witnessed how important sports are to this community. I also believe that sports are good for kids as they keep them out of trouble and help them to feel a part of something. For the past 2 years I have been an assistant coach for my youngest son's baseball teams. I have also helped in whatever capacity with my older son's baseball teams. I have a great love of baseball and I would like to serve on the board to help give back to the community and to the program.</p>
<p>Kevin Hardesty</p>	<p>Along with my wife, Shirley and our two children, I have been a resident and business owner in St. Michael for the past 14 years. I have been involved with STMA youth Baseball as a head coach for the past 5 years. As a business owner of All Insurance Services, we have been a proud sponsor of this program over the past years. I am very committed to kids and the healthy lifestyle that sports brings to them. I feel that I would be an asset to the board in assisting with the large task of organizing over 1000 kids involved in our summer baseball program. I feel that my business experience, dedication to the kids of our community, and my direct involvement as a coach and sponsor lends me good insight and allows me to bring some of my ideas to the table. It would be my honor and pleasure to continue to serve our kids and their families as a member of the STMA Youth Baseball Association Board.</p>
<p>Chris Miller</p>	<p>My name is Chris Miller and I live in St. Michael with my wife and family. As a parent of two children currently involved in the STMA baseball summer programs, it would be my goal to help with the continued improvement of the summer programs (both in house and traveling). Over the past 13 years, I have been actively involved in all levels of coaching ranging from community education programs (Southwest Minnesota and STMA) up to the high school level (SW MN and most recently in the Anoka-Hennepin School District). For this reason, I feel that with my experience and passion working with the youth, I could be a vital part of the continued positive growth of the STMA summer baseball programs and the overall development of our young ball players.</p>
<p>Craig Wilcox</p>	<p>My name is Craig Wilcox and I've lived in St. Michael for 10 years. I have 2 boys in the association, I a 2nd year Pee Wee Reese and another going into Majors. I've been involved as either a coach or manager now for the past 6 years. I want to join the baseball board to help our kids/association grow and to try to make baseball in the STMA association an experience that will last forever with the kids. That being said, I want our teams also to be as competitive as they can be while still enjoying the game of baseball...</p>

Annual Meeting

The Youth Baseball Annual Meeting coincides with the introduction of our new Board for the upcoming year. Each year we take the time to reflect on the season. We like to discuss what we feel is working and what we feel is not working as well as opportunities we have identified for the upcoming seasons. It also serves as an OPEN FORUM

for members of the association to share ideas, ask questions, or discuss items of concern. We want this to continue to be a great program. We receive feedback through the tryout process, the regular season, the playoffs as well as the offseason. We would like to hear from you if you have suggestions to improve the program for all of our players.

Annual Meeting

— October 12th —

7:30 pm

Frankfort

Fire station

Sponsorship

The sponsorship provided by many of our community businesses and civic organizations are extremely important in helping us maintain costs. With their assistance we are able to offer a great sport at a very reasonable price to a large volume of ball players. The funds received from our sponsors are used to pay down the uniform costs of our teams.

We are always looking for more sponsors and new ideas. If you or somebody you know would be interested in sponsoring a team in the future or giving a donation to the association, please contact our **Sponsorship Director** for more information or e-mail us at main@stmabaseball.com.

The generous donations of our local businesses are always appreciated by the Youth Baseball Association, the players, and their parents.



Official Ballot



RULES:

1. Review candidate information listed on page 2
2. Select 1 to 3 candidates from the list to the right by checking the voting box to the left of the candidate



3. Cut out Official Ballot, place in envelope, add a stamp and mail to the following address:

STMA Youth Baseball Association
P.O. Box 217
Albertville, MN 55301

4. **RETURN BY OCTOBER 7th**

* Select up to 3 Board Candidates:

- Paul Berning**
- Brent Bjorlin**
- Kevin Hardesty**
- Amy Dinkel**
- Chris Miller**
- Craig Wilcox**



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