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Meeting Minutes – July 13th, 2025

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Barkdoll, Zack | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kempen, Cheyenne | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Monn, Dan</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Booher, Ryan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kinback, Bob | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mongan, Doug |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonillas, Chris | <input type="checkbox"/> Kline, Kurt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryder, Mariah |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brashears, Kevin | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lewis, Andy</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rose, Rodney</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cordell, Brad</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowery, Bobby | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleighter, Chelsey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duffey, Holly | <input type="checkbox"/> Luckenbach, Austin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleighter, Irvin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duffey, Jesse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mills, Jason | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sperry, Bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Horst, Derrick</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mills, Josh</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sperry, Stacie |

Resignations: N/A

New Members: N/A: 1 current opening

Quorum: **Yes**

Approval of Agenda:

- Approval of July 13th, 2025, meeting agenda.
 - Jason M motioned, Doug M seconded. All approved.

Approval of Minutes:

- June 8th minutes approval.
 - Cheyenne K motioned, Chelsey S seconded. All approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

- Holly D motioned; Ryan B seconded. All approved

Old Business:

- Updates on Upton Fence
 - Potential split-rail fence along Kuhn Road for approximately \$3,500, with the possibility of a partial donation from the fencing company (A Plus Fencing)
- Fall Ball
 - Registration is open
 - Sandlot Baseball for Intermediate/Junior/Senior divisions.
 - Possibility of running concessions for fall ball, weighing the pros and cons based on the number of games and potential revenue. Suggestion to deciding in August when they have more information about team numbers.

League Reports:

- Recap – District/Sectionals
 - Participants praise Bob for the excellent field conditions and Chris for his successful management of the 50/50 raffle.
 - The group reflects on the varying standards and practices observed at different facilities during the tournament, noting the need for more consistent rules enforcement across the state.
 - Pete, a league official, has provided positive feedback on the tournament's organization, and there is mention of potential interest in hosting a state tournament in the future.
 - The league has also honored scholarship recipients and plans to recognize the high school softball team at an upcoming event.

Committee Reports:

- Project – Doug
 - Wall Ball Court: The committee decides to proceed with MSC Construction's quote for building a concrete wall and pad, using a grant and own funds. They agree to address the flagpole issue separately in the spring, as it requires further consideration. The motion to approve the construction project is made by Chris B, seconded by Jesse D, and passes with a majority vote. Bill suggests temporarily relocating the existing flagpole as a short-term solution.
- Finance: Chelsey
 - Shares a thank you card from the Jerome King Playground Association for GABSA's \$1500 donation after a storm.
- Sponsorship: Mariah
 - Fall Sponsorships: Todd's Auto Body has decided to renew their sponsorship and banner.
 - Five confirmed sponsors and potentially one more pending.
- Concessions: Holly
 - Replenish concession stand supplies for upcoming sectional games
- Tournament: Doug

- September 20-21: 9U, 11U, 13/14U
- September 27-28: 10U, 12U, 15/16U
- Scheduling: Chey
- Facilities and Grounds committee: Doug
 - The group discusses the need for a bullpen on the field, with group suggesting a swinging gate design using existing poles.
 - New mower has arrived, and Bob is pleased with it.
 - Water pump is leaking again, and the group decides to put ordering a replacement on hold for now. Motioned by Doug, seconded by Jesse to purchase new pump.
- Planning Committee: Stacie
 - OHW August 2-9: Home Run Derby for all ages held Tuesday August 5th at Gabsa
- Golf Tournament Committee

New Business:

- Proposal for Capital Campaign
 - **Board Approves Capital Campaign Plan**
 - Introduces a proposal for a capital campaign to fund special projects, explaining that it relies on large, one-time gifts from donors and requires full commitment from the board. He emphasizes the importance of promoting the campaign to the community and securing donors, while noting that it should not interfere with regular fundraising efforts.
 - **Gabsa Facilities Upgrade Plan**
 - Bill outlines a three-phase plan for improving Gabsa's facilities and community impact.
 - The first phase, already completed, involved upgrading the grass infield on Clary Field.
 - The second phase proposes adding artificial turf to Horst and Zeis Fields, which would increase field availability and reduce maintenance costs.
 - The third phase includes updating lighting on all three fields, improving energy efficiency and further expanding usability.
 - Bill emphasizes that these improvements would benefit both baseball and softball programs, potentially attracting more participants and donors. He argues that these upgrades would enhance the community by bringing in more events and traffic, while ensuring the long-term viability of Gabsa in an era when many little league organizations are struggling.
 - **Capital Campaign Planning and Kickoff**
 - Bill presents the capital campaign phases and plans for a kickoff event during Old Home Week in August.
 - The campaign includes establishing a working group, securing resources, and

planning entertainment for the event. They have already obtained aerial photos and are working on renderings of the proposed complex improvements.

- Bill discusses the need for board participation and advertising to ensure community involvement.
 - The campaign will involve different phases, including a quiet phase for soliciting large donors and a public phase for smaller donations. Bill proposes meeting the week of the 21st to finalize details and decide on moving forward, with the goal of announcing the campaign at Old Home Week.
 - He also suggests forming a larger capital campaign committee to handle the increased workload if they decide to proceed.
 - Bill/Committee: Set up separate capital campaign bank account and QR code system for donations
- **Capital Campaign for Field Upgrades**
 - The board discusses moving forward with a capital campaign for field improvements, including turf and lights. While some members express concerns about not having exact cost figures, others argue for proceeding based on estimates.
 - The group debates whether to set a specific fundraising goal or use a more flexible approach.
 - Decision to approve the campaign, with the understanding that exact costs and implementation details will be determined later. The board acknowledges the significant work already done on the project and expresses enthusiasm for acting after years of discussion.
 - **Committee Formation and Leadership Transition**
 - The board discusses forming a committee to lead a project, with Chris suggested as the potential leader.
 - Board votes to move forward with the project, and a committee of eight members is established.
 - The group agrees that the day of the event will require all hands-on deck, and they discuss the need for flexibility in involving additional expertise as needed.

Next Meeting: August 10th, 2025, 6:00 pm

Adjournment: pm

- Irvin S motioned; Jason M seconded. All approved.