



**2020 Gopher State Baseball League**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 19, 2020      Zoom Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Patrick Reese at 6:00pm on November 19, 2020 over Zoom.

**MYAS Staff Present:**                      **Pat Reese and Bobby Strickland**

**Associations Present:**                      Big Lake Baseball, Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Association, Elk River Youth Baseball, Forest Lake Baseball Association, Mahtomedi Youth Baseball, North Branch Area Athletic Association, North St. Paul Athletic Association, Roseville Area Youth Baseball, Shoreview Area Youth Baseball, St. Francis Youth Baseball Association, Saint Michael Albertville Youth Baseball Association, White Bear Lake Baseball Association, and Woodbury Athletic Association.

**2020 Review:**                                      The traditional Gopher State Baseball League and tournaments were cancelled due to Covid-19. The MYAS Baseball Staff along with the Metro Baseball League and USA Softball created the Safe Play: Back to the Diamond guidelines to get kids back on the field. After working with many groups around the state, we were able to return to the diamond again safely in July. The Gopher State Summer League was created to allow for a 12-game season through July 6 to August 14. This league had 383. An additional 31 teams signed up for the Baseball Alliance of Minnesota League. The Gopher State All-Star Series was able to take place at 13u in Blaine with 129 of the top players from around the league.

**Items Discussed:**                                      **There were no action items discussed or voted on at this year's meeting.**

**It was discussed that the 2021 season would be planned as normal at this point. Important dates have already been added to the resource center. Rules and League Fees will be added within the coming weeks. We will not know the Covid-19 restrictions on the league at this point. If we must change start dates to league lengths like last season, that will be done closer to the start of the season.**

**It was discussed that we still have a good working relationship with the Metro Baseball League that was started from this last summer. We will continue to work together with them to bring together the state of baseball anyway that benefits association baseball and both leagues.**

**Bat Standards were discussed that USSSA bats are still preferred by Gopher State League teams.**

Minutes Submitted by Pat Reese