

Minnetonka Girls Softball Board Meeting

Meeting Notes

Website: www.mtkagirlssoftball.org

Date: October 9, 2013
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Room: District Service Center – Community Room

Attendees:

Name	Position	Email	Attendance
MGSA Board Members			
Rich Baker	President	rich@rcbaker.com	X
OPEN	Vice-President		
Jean McGann	Treasurer	jmcgann94@gmail.com	X
Maja Engeman	Secretary	mengeman@earthlink.net	X
Brad Hurley	Past President, MDC/District/Bennett Liaison (Legacy, Dome etc), Registration Director	bhurley@blackhawkinc.com	X
Paul Oehme	Equipment Director	poehme@ci.chanhassen.mn.us	X
Rich Baker	Field/Dome Director & Webmaster	rich@rcbaker.com	X
Beth Homeister	Practice Field Director	bhomeister@aol.com	
Chris Gabler	Player and Coach Development	cgabler@wwdb.org	X
OPEN	Sponsorship Director		
Molly Goodyear	Concessions Coordinator	mmgoodyear@mindspring.com	X
Terry Larkin	At-large	Lfors70294@aol.com	
Slowpitch			
Pat Slator	Slowpitch Director	patslator@hotmail.com	X
Kristen Greene	T-Ball/Machine Pitch	kgreene91467@yahoo.com	
Jim Zuehlke	10U Slowpitch	jimz@cardinalmark.com	
Jim Zuehlke	12U Slowpitch	jimz@cardinalmark.com	
Craig Bakken	14U Slowpitch	cbakken2@q.com	
Craig Rossebo	High School Slowpitch, Slowpitch Clinics Coordinator	crossebo@comcast.net	X
Bill Egar	Umpire Director (In House)	wtegar@mchsi.com	
Peggy Ekstrum	Uniforms, Coach Shirts	pekstrum@hotmail.com	
Bob Lietzke	Slowpitch Game Scheduler	r_lietzke@msn.com	X
Fastpitch			
Geoff Schrof	Fastpitch Director	gjschrof@dow.com	X
Kristen Greene	8U League Director	kgreene91467@yahoo.com	
Darren McGann	10U Fastpitch League Director	darrenjmcgann@gmail.com	X

OPEN	12U Fastpitch League Director		
OPEN	14U/16U Fastpitch		
Paul Oehme	Legacy Tournament Director	poehme@ci.chanhassen.mn.us	X
Chris Gramentz	Tryout/Evaluations Director	cgramentz@aol.com	
Mike Peka	Pitching/Catching Clinics Coordinator	mike.peka@iwco.com	X
OPEN	FP Dome Clinics Coordinator		
Karen Murray	Fastpitch Uniforms/Coach Shirts/Fall Shirts	karen.murray@mchsi.com	
Rachel Barrett	Fastpitch Umpire Coordinator	pwbarrett07@msn.com	
Rich Baker	Fastpitch Game Scheduler	rich@rcbaker.com	X
Janelle Schrof	Legacy Tournament Volunteer Director	schrofs@msn.com	X
Additional Attendees			
Kelly Wischmeier		kgwisch@hotmail.com	X

Discussion Items:

Call to order and Introduction of Attendees

Rich Baker called the meeting to order at 6:38pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

Secretary Report

Minutes from July 16th meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Recent Board Membership changes

- Secretary: Maja Engeman
- Concession Coordinator: Molly Goodyear
- Still need Sponsorship director and VP (if possible) if you know of someone that would be good at either of these positions please encourage them to get involved. Sponsorship director responsibilities include calling and emailing potential sponsors. Most sponsors continue year after year, so mainly this position will following up with the group that already supports. Brad Hurley will hand off once this position is filled.
- Website Content – Kelly Wischmeier has volunteered for this spot, an actual position title will be determined.

Treasurer’s Report –Jean McGann

- Tax Returns – all past filings are up to date, our fiscal year ended Sept 30th, all documents will be to the accountant by the end of the month.
- Financial Statements:
 - \$20K in a savings account that we should move to an investment (CD). This will be revisited at the next meeting.
 - Fee Structure
 - Slowpitch
 - Current fees range from \$100-\$225. A \$10 off coupon has been offered in recent years.

- T-ball and Machine Pitch fees haven't been raised in 7 years, so a recommendation was made to raise t-ball to \$115 (currently \$100) and machine pitch to \$125 (currently \$110) and keep the \$10 off coupon. Currently take a \$10 loss on these two levels.
- Recommend a \$10 increase on 10U, 12U, and 14U
- High School stay at \$225
- Fastpitch
 - Current fees range from \$325-\$360
 - 10U fees barely cover expenses for this level, but 12U and 14U fees are appropriate based on expenses. This is based on Rich's model.
- Rich will review the cost/fee model with Geoff and Pat to make a final decision on fees for next year – must be finalized by early December to support the due date for printing the flyer.

Minnetonka Diamond Club Update -- Brad Hurley and Rich Baker

- Field Payment update
 - Legacy portion of MDC debt is \$460,000, financed for 10 years
 - MDC billed MGSA \$90,000 for 2013. MGSA disputed and paid \$35,000
 - Tentative agreement reached 9/16/13
 - MGSA will pay \$40,000 field rental for 8 years, beginning 2014 (due by July 1 each year)
 - MGSA supplies volunteers for Fall event, Spring Breakfast, Legacy Concession stand (as usual)
 - MDC keeps Legacy Concession Stand profits (to use to make entire payment as they are required to). The profit numbers for the concessions have not been communicated, so we are not sure what this number is.
 - Advantage to the agreement is that it is in writing and MGSA shouldn't run into issues over what is required to pay.
 - We tried to take on the \$460K debt, take over the concessions, but this was turned down and the above agreement was offered.
 - Field Maintenance: School district has agreed to pay for Legacy maintenance since it's their property. Our four open items have been communicated to the district and we have agreement from them that they will get these done and pay for them:
 - Field 2 – puddles up behind 2nd base, lip needs to be fixed
 - Field 3 gets lots of drainage, requesting drain tiles be added
 - Cage netting needs to be replaced
 - Electricity needed for hot dog warmer
 - Future Thoughts: To keep the lips from forming, different equipment would be very helpful, for example Dolphins were discussed (cost about \$700 each). Also need training for how to drag the fields properly.
 - Rich Baker made a motion to approve agreement with MDC as follows:
 - MGSA will pay \$40,000 field rental for 8 years, beginning 2014
 - MGSA supplies volunteers for Fall event, Spring Breakfast, Legacy Concession stand
 - Second by Bob Lietzke
 - Motion passes by a vote of 13 in favor and 0 opposed.
- Fall Classic moved to Maynards Bingo Night, Saturday Oct 19, 2pm-9pm
 - Rich Baker to send out another email blast to encourage attendance

Dome

- Time is booked for next winter. Fastpitch and slowpitch directors will work out how to use the time
- If we are not using it, we need to give it back (\$375/hr)
 - Prefer to do this back in at one time. Timing will be late November/early December.

Director Reports

- Slowpitch – Pat (GAL)
 - GAL continue so don't just play in-house teams
 - Experiment with high school – Due to declining numbers, sign up will change to be similar to high school rec basketball, so sign up will happen as a team..
- Fastpitch – Geoff (8U, Winter pitching)
 - Two teams at the 8U level were started this fall and were successful. Discussion in fast pitch meeting to determine if 8U teams will be offered going forward.
 - Discussion if we want to have a machine pitch option for younger fastpitch players.
 - Need to talk through how to ensure the right girls are signing up to ensure commitment and desire to be competitive.
- Equipment - Paul
 - Looking for input if there is anything needed. Contact Paul with any items.
 - Focus bats on t-ball and machine pitch as older girls have their own bats.
 - Vast majority of equipment has been returned, so just cleaning up the sheds.
- Sponsorship - TBD
- Practice Fields - Beth

Marketing

- Desire to gain more interest in signups. Some ideas include yard signs, direct contact via school district, mailings, visit elementary schools.
 - No discussion

Major Events in 2014

- April HS JV tournament (possibly)
- May Minnetonka 10U/12U Fastpitch Tournament (May 17-18)
- June Slowpitch End of Season Tournament (June 27-29)
- July Fastpitch State Tournament (10U/12U/14U/16U , July 12-13 and/or 19-20)
- September Fastpitch Fall State Tournament (10U/12U/14U/16U, September 27 and/or 28)
- USSSA Slowpitch Tournament (TBD)

Proposed MGSA Board Meetings

- December 11th 2013 - 6:30 – 8pm for joint meeting, 8pm for fastpitch meeting
- February 2014: Rough idea of teams and coaches
- July 2014: Board elections, season recap

Meeting Adjournment

Chris Gabler motions to adjourn, second by Brad Hurley. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.