

# MGSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2003

6:30 pm @ Old Chicago Restaurant

**Members present:** Jeff Bailey, Pam Goon, Linda Margl, Mike Harter, Ann Bailey, Bill Egar, Bob Lietzke, Bruce Brunner, Cheryl Hillstrom, Craig Bakken, Greg Towne, Jeff Schierman, Jeff Lang, Lee Nystrom, Leon Narem, Scott Youngstrom, Terry Larkin, Terry Trickett, Therese Douglass, Tom Mott, Tony Livorsi, Vicky Painter, Diane Pulling.

**Members absent:** Jim Kertzman, Julie Deitering.

**Next full Board meeting:** Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at Bennett Park.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:** October 19<sup>th</sup> at time and place TBA

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. The minutes from the May 18, 2003 board meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Treasurer's report:** Scott Y. emailed everyone the Treasurer's Statement on 9-19-03. We have \$9,055.66 cash-on-hand, \$10,172.66 CD, and approximately \$1700-\$1800 in fastpitch deposits with a few checks to write against fastpitch.
3. **Bennett report:** See handout re: Field 3 Fall soccer lease.
  - a. Financial situation: Bennett currently finds itself roughly \$70,000 in debt (including anticipated sewer costs). It is taking out a loan to consolidate its debts. The primary cause of the debt is a shortfall in fund raising of about \$50k for the new pavilion.
  - d. Discussion re field use charges at Bennett: pay per kid vs. pay per game. See the "Operating Cost Allocation by League" handout.
4. **Season wrap-up**
  - a. **Fields:** Practice field availability may become an issue. We lost the use of the GroTonka field.
  - b. **Equipment:** we bought a lot in the past year, and will need to buy more in the next year. Please email any suggestions for equipment purchases to Jeff B. / Leon N.
  - c. **Umpires:** several issues and possible solutions were discussed. We need better incentives, and better communications for improved umpire performance next year. Several girls quit because of difficult situations involving coaches.
  - d. **Communications:** The MGSA website is <http://www.mtkagirlssoftball.org/> and the BFP web site <http://bennettfamilypark.org/>.
5. **Fall programs**
  - a. **Fastpitch:** 9 total teams. State Qualifiers tournament this week.
  - b. **High School Slowpitch:** new in-house Fall HSSP program. Small numbers, but a good start.
6. **Recognize departing board members:** Ann Bailey, Julie Deitering, Tom Mott, and Greg Towne are departing the MGSA Board. To all: THANK YOU for all of your time and your many contributions!!
7. **Elect new board:** see the "Board of Directors Nominations" handout.
8. **Open positions:** The VP and T-Ball Director positions are open.
9. **Gym times:** we will set up the open gym dates and times earlier this year.
10. **2004 registration:** set for Thursday, 1/29/2004 and Tuesday, 2/3/2004 from 5:30-9:00 at the MHS Cafeteria. MGSA will try to obtain a time on Saturday, 1/31/2004 at Minnewashta Elementary for west side sign ups.
11. **Discussions with Minnetonka HS softball coaching staff:**
  - a. Discussion re: the "rule" restricting HS players from practicing with HS and MGSA teams at the same time. It was noted that this is NOT an MSHL rule, just a particular coaches' rule. The MSHL Athletic Rules and Policy Manual at <http://www.mshsl.org/mshsl/publications.asp> - BYLAW 514.00 does not seem to mention any rule about this.
  - b. The MGSA voted unanimously to support the rules of the MSHL.