

# **Minnetonka Girls Softball Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 15, 2004 at 7:00 pm at Bennett Family Park Pavilion  
Attendees: Jeff Bailey, Bob Lietzke, Tony Livorsi, Mike Harter, Jeff Schierman, Diane Pulling, Scott Youngstrom, Jeff Lang, Bill Egar, Therese Douglas, Terry Trickett, Terry Larkin, Lee Nystrom.  
Not attending: Bruce Brunner, Pam Goon, Don Goon, Linda Margl, Jim Kertzman, Leon Narem, Vicki Painter.  
Next meeting: **March 21<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**  
Handouts: Agenda, Jan. 18 Minutes, Registration results, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit/equipment inventory, Field schedule, MGSA Rules.

- 1. Treasurer's report** –taxes were completed for the Feb. 15 due date. Some small expenses were paid since the last meeting.
- 2. Bennett report** – Dave K. was installed as the BFP President, replacing Chris G. Discussed the need for a full time maintenance person for BFP. Some concession stand issues remain largely unresolved. Nancy C. will be meeting with league team parents to coordinate concession stand coverage. The sewer project is done at a cost of about \$16K.
- 3. Registration**
  - a. Registration numbers to date – at 528 with late registrations still coming in. See handout.
  - b. Registration review – ideas for next year: ad signs specific to MGSA Girls signups, as well as to differentiate between FP and SP tables. Maybe have a map, and/or a “greeter”.
  - c. Last registration promotion: info is on the website.
- 4. Sponsors**
  - a. Twins Night – see handout. Last year ETLT raised \$21K.
  - b. Additional fund raising ideas – Great Harvest Bakery,...
  - c. Coordination with Bennett fundraising – Jeff B. proposed to ETLT that any funds raised by MGSA and ETLT through the Twins night be at least matched by ETLT and donated to Bennett.
- 5. Fields**
  - a. Open gym update: Excellent attendance. See handout for new Open Gym assignments schedule.
  - b. Jurisdictions update: OK for T-ball / Coach Pitch. MCES will get back to us. We will need the HS fields for Tuesdays / Thursdays. Discussion re: practice field scheduling ideas.
  - c. MGSA participation in the Dome: discussion held after the meeting was adjourned. This discussion will be continued ...
  - d. Coaches Clinic – date TBD, possibly April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Equipment**
  - a. Medical kits – see handout.

- b. Equipment inventory – see handout.
- c. Purchasing needs for upcoming season: with more teams, more equipment will be needed (bats, balls, Tees). Leon will order in March. Discussed the relative merits of Hanus Sports / Metro Sports / Gold Medal Sports.

**7. Capital expenditures:**

- a. Pitching machines - need new wheels and collars for the JUGS machines. The Board approved the purchase of both items and Scott Y. agreed to handle the order.  
The board also approved the allocation of \$3.5k for the purchase of a dedicated fastpitch pitching machine. That machine will be loaned to the MHS girls fastpitch team for use during the high school season.  
The Board also voted to allocate up to \$1k as a donation to the MHS girls slowpitch team. Pam Goon is authorized to disperse those funds at her discretion for such purposes as providing equipment or uniforms for the MHS slowpitch team.

**8. Umpires**

- a. Still in discussion: ideas to increase kid umpire & adult umpire reliability
- b. Bill E. is setting up the Umpire clinic – MHS gym April 17<sup>th</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Zero Tolerance for parent / coach being abusive toward any kid; any MGSA Board member present can and should act.

**9. Uniforms update:** it's time to order; Vicki P. will need to know team numbers for Fastpitch, High School Slowpitch, and all other leagues by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**10. Game field scheduling** – see handout.

**11. League updates**

- a. Team formation/coach recruitment in process.
- b. League rules – see handout. The Rules write-up is ready for the Bennett Book.
  - \* Need an ASA / USSA arc rule by Friday.
  - \* T-ball rules will be more general (Bruce B.).
  - \* Discussions re: Coach Pitch league using 9” vs. 11” balls (probably use the 9”) and 60 – 75 minute game timeframe (or game / practice / controlled scrimmage).
  - \* Discussion re: 10U pitching distance – option to pitch at 46 feet (Craig B.).

**12. Web Site:**

- a. General discussion re: what do we want done, who will spearhead the effort (Bob L.), how to contact / forward information, standards and templates for posting schedules, standings, etc.
- b. All League Directors should contact Diane P. with weekly info updates for posting on the web site.

**13. Other business:**

- a. Team Parent Night will on March 20<sup>th</sup> at BFP.
- b. BFP Cleanup Day – date TBD (need to schedule around the Spring Break dates of March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>). Likely to be April 17<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Opening Day May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- d. Next MGSA Board Meeting: March 21<sup>th</sup>.

**Visit the MGSA web site at <http://www.mtkagirlssoftball.org/> and the Bennett Family park site at <http://www.bennettfamilypark.org/> .**