

Minnetonka Girls Softball Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2004 at 7:00 pm at Bennett Family Park Pavilion
Attendees: Jeff Bailey, Bob Lietzke, Mike Harter, Jeff Schierman, Leon Narem, Diane Pulling, Scott Youngstrom, Jeff Lang, Bill Egar, Therese Douglas, Terry Trickett, Pam Goon, Don Goon, Vicki Painter.
Not attending: Bruce Brunner, Jim Kertzman, Tony Livorsi, Terry Larkin, Lee Nystrom, Linda Margl.
Next meeting: May 23rd, 2004
Handouts: Agenda, Mar. '04 Minutes, Registration Results, Field Schedule.

1. The minutes from the March 21, 2004 meeting were approved.
2. The treasurer's report was distributed via email prior to the meeting.
3. Bennett report
 - a. Concession stand assignments are posted on the website (including the Freeman field schedule).
 - b. Started preliminary discussion of what we need and/or want to achieve for MGSA on fields 3 and 5 at Bennett Park.
4. Registration: see handout; T-ball and Coach Pitch changed by 1; total = 577 kids.
5. Opening Day at Bennett
 - a. Team recognition: each league usually has something.
 - b. Contests, exhibitions – some discussion, but most teams are busy playing in tournaments (out of town)
6. Twins Night fundraiser – handouts completed (Cheryl L.). Teams and team parents are focal points. League directors should contact team coaches. Make checks payable to MGSA. Date is set for Friday May 21st at 7:00 PM.
7. Equipment – we agreed to plan this for an earlier date next year.
 - a. Additional needs – we can maybe store stuff at the dome next year; let Leon N. know if your team needs anything else; Coaches shirts are ordered.
8. Uniforms: there's an issue with the numbers fading on the new jerseys; there was also an issue with on time delivery.
9. Umpires:
 - a. Umpire status - The web site has the umpiring schedule posted. The adult umpires are USSSA from Minnetonka. Freeman Park has ASA umpires.
 - b. Umpire clinic recap - a clinic was held yesterday for 20 kids (Wally K.).
10. Communications –
 - a. Website management – the league standings will be posted; it was noted that the posting process is a little complicated. The "League News" pages are active now. Now we need stories to be written and forwarded to Diane P.

11. Dome update –
 - a. Meeting Friday with other organizations. Approved unanimously MGSA proposal for 30 hours (all weekend times).
 - b. Please see the note at the end of p2 of these Minutes. Jon Guy will be at the next MGSA Board Meeting to provide additional / current information.
12. Field scheduling recap
 - a. Practice – see “Practice Fields” handout.
 - b. Games - all set except for some Fastpitch scheduling remains to be done.
13. Coaches clinic recap – well received.
14. League reports – everything is going well.
15. Capital expenditures
 - a. Pitching machines – all 3 Jugs machines are located.
 - b. Field 3 fence remains an open item for discussion. Pam G. suggested painting dugouts with MGSA logo. Also, we may need to replace some bench boards on Field 3.
16. Pictures – all but 1 team done.

Ref. Jeff Bailey email **Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2004 11:37 PM To MGSA Board members
Subject: Dome use proposal

I recently met with representatives of the various sports organizations that will be using the Minnetonka Dome, along with the management of the dome, to discuss field allocations.

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We have to make a commitment to the dome by next Friday if we are to gain favorable access to dome hours. As this commitment is required before our next board meeting, I called a meeting of the MGSA Executive Committee (MGSA president, past president, treasurer, secretary, fastpitch director and slowpitch director) to discuss our strategy toward bidding for dome hours. *It was the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee that MGSA bid for 30 hours of dome time and offer an upfront grant of \$1,500 per year for ten years.* The way the dome pricing is structured, founding members get a \$50 dollar per hour discount up to the amount of their grant. Thus, we would end up receiving our \$1,500 back in the form of pricing discounts off of the regular dome price of \$315/hour for Minnetonka youth sports organizations. Effectively, we get first access to dome hours by being a grant-making founding member and we can earn our grant back by using the dome. Including the grant, the total cost to our organization would be \$9,450 per year. The Executive Committee further recommended that we ask for one 3-hour block of time on the weekends (preferably Sunday afternoon) from late January through the end of March.

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I think that it would be a mistake to not be aggressive. We have the financial resources to support our use. Further, I think that we should consider a \$10-\$15 clinic fee next year to be assessed on all players.

I am asking for a vote prior to a commitment that has to be made by next Friday. Please email me by next Thursday (April 22) with your vote on the proposal:

MGSA will commit to a grant of \$1,500 per year for 10 years to the Tonka Dome and agree to purchase 30 hours of dome time per year.