

**Minnetonka Girls Softball Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**September 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

**Members Present**

**Jeff Bailey, Chris Gabler, Denise Swanson, Paul Borowski, Terry Trickett, Joan Hoerauf, Therese Douglass, Brenda Alberts, Lee Nystrom, Clayt Beitel, Rich Baker, Tony Livorsi, Al Hunter, Becky Tarvin, Terry Larkin, Scott Youngstrom, Erica Jensrud,**

**Bennett Report**

- Discussion on where Twins Night money will go, organizations will now keep their profit. How does MGSA want to participate.
- Miracle Field Update- Status of plans, working on plan for application to city of Minnetonka
- Fall Clean up will be 10/14 – need to take down batting cages

**Season Wrap up**

- Potential for more time at Gilliam in 2007
- Equip room has been reorganized- it was kind of a mess
- Uniforms—Are younger girls given comparable uniforms to boys of similar ages.
- What kind of uniform do we offer and should offerings be the same for FP and SP- Exec committee will discuss and present options at December Board Meeting

**Request for Comments**

- No games be played on Memorial Day weekend Fri-Monday
- **Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> not to play Memorial Day weekend. Discussion Motion Carried.**
- Discussion on feedback requests from constituents. Need to set expectations for coaches-Behavior and Professionalism. Set up practices so whole age division practices together (pre-season)

**Departing Board Members**

- Pam Goon, Leon Narem, Lee Nystrom, Vicki Painter, Cheryl Hilstrom, Linda Margl. MGSA thanks these members for their service.

**Election of 2007 Board of Directors**

- Slate of candidates presented
- **Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Slate of Candidates. Discussion. Motion Carried**

**Final 2006 Board Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM**

**First 2007 Board Meeting Called to order at 7:59 PM**

Request for MGSA to donate \$350.00 to go towards a portable scoreboard/clock for use in the dome. **Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> for MGSA to give \$350.00 towards the purchase of a scoreboard for the dome. Discussion. Motion Carried with 1 dissent**

**MHS Girls Fields**

- 4 fields in a broken pinwheel design. Only place to build new fields is at Minnetonka High School.
- Softball will control scheduling of fields

- President Bailey gave history of MGSA field use at Bennett Family Park. Used a word that may or may not exist in the English Language (Diaspora)
- District 276 will be discussing on 9/21/2006
- Next 6 months will be critical—Need support.

#### **Diamond Club Fall Classic**

- Proposal for MGSA to give \$700 towards the purchase of a table. Cost of table is \$2500, remainder of money will come from \$200 ticket sale.
- **Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> for MGSA to give \$700 towards purchase of a table at the Diamond Club Fall Classic. Discussion. Motion Carried**

#### **Program Review - Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch**

- Dropped from 8 teams to 6 at HSSP
- No 16U FP team in 2007
- 10U Slow Pitch Issues—Games are boring, not enough action.
- Tough demographics next 5-8 years
- Strong in lower levels

#### **Brainstorming Session**

- 10U SP & FP is kind of a tipping point
- Should 10U in-house program move towards a modified pitch to improve game
- We need to figure out what we want to deliver.
- Executive Committee will look at ideas and present to the Board at December Board Meeting

**Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Adjourn meeting. Motion Carried**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM**

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Gabler