

Minnetonka Girls Softball Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2009

Members Present

D. Swanson, Hurley, Arpin, Williams, Kordonowy, Orcutt, Beitel, Doug Larsen, Prosser, Hartmann, S. Swanson, Baker, Gabler, Jacques

Meeting called to order 7:03pm.

Minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve, seconded, approved unanimously

Treasurer report

Report was sent out by outgoing treasurer Tony Livorsi, thru 9/30/09, motion, seconded, approved unanimously

Field Reports

Bennett:

2010 treat tickets to go back to \$1. MDC will consider changing Legacy treat tickets back to \$1 as well, to keep then in sync. Denise reviewed MGSA games played at Bennett with Bennett board, and is looking to reduce our Bennett payment from \$5000 per year to \$3000 per year.

Legacy: Cleanup to be done. School district will pay to raise scoreboard #4.

2010 Player Projections and Fee Projections

Terry Williams, Treasurer, reviewed player projections for 2010. For budgeting purposes, executive committee is estimating approximately 530 players for next year, down from 550 last year and 620 two years ago. Reasons were discussed why there was a peak two years ago and why there was a reduction in players last year. Chris Gabler said that in 2003, MGSA presented to gym classes in Minnetonka schools, and we should consider doing that again.

FP Director Clayt Beitel reviewed the plan for the 14u Minnetonka Select Team.

Recommendation to start Tball and Machine Pitch games later than 5:30pm on Thursdays to give parents more time to get home and to Bennett. We will look into that as game scheduling starts.

Discussion on proposed 2010 fees. Motion for 2010 registration fee schedule by Hurley, second Williams, passed unanimously.

"On time registration" fee schedule:

T-ball: \$100
Machine Pitch: \$110
Slowpitch 10u/12u/14u: \$190
HSSP \$225
FP 10U: \$300
FP 12U/14U: \$350
West Metro: \$315

Register after a date to be determined:

Tball, Machine Pitch +25
All other leagues + 30

Fastpitch 14U Select Base fee: \$350. That team will incur other coach and travel costs, to be determined.

Field Costs projected for next year: Legacy \$35,000, Bennett: \$3000, Freeman: \$840, Guillian: \$500

Family Discount or family maximum: tabled until expense discussion.

League Reports

- Tball and Machine Pitch: Have girls help market the program by getting shirt and/or headband. \$5 per shirt. Tabled until the marketing program can be developed.
- 10U/12U/14U Slowpitch: 10U to 60 ft bases, 12U going to 65 feet (state tournament all at 65ft)
- stealing went well at 10 and 12....going to pull back double steal...once per batter. Promoted sliding as well.
- HSSP: consider changes to game dates/times. Anita to get a group together to discuss.
- Fastpitch:
 - 14U Select Team: Selected a coach, with varsity softball coaching experience. Motion to hire her as 14U Select coach at rate of \$2000, plus \$250 expenses pending background check. It was discussed to not put a cap on expenses, should the team incur extra travel expenses. Motion was seconded. Passed with one no vote.

Special Events Updates

Minnetonka Diamond Club Fall Classic banquet, November 14th. Event is being simplified to focus on fundraising and slimmer budget. Last year, MGSA spent \$3000 on a table and invited 5 fastpitch and 5 slowpitch coaches and spouses. Ticket prices lower this year....\$125. Motion to spend \$2500 to purchase Classic tickets, Denise to determine how to distribute, seconded, passed.

MGSA is participating in a clothing sale (9am-6pm) at Cub this Saturday organized by varsity baseball coach Paul Twenge. 100% of proceeds for Legacy and Veterans Field debt reduction.

Communications update

Will be changing new website domain to www.tonkasoftball.org. New website development is underway.

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Rich Baker, Secretary