

**Minnetonka Girls Softball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September, 2005**

Date: September 18, 2005 at 6:30 pm at Billy's Lighthouse Restaurant

Attendees: Jeff Bailey, Rich Baker, Therese Douglass, Bill Egar, Chris Gabler, Mike Harter, Cheryl Hillstrom, Terry Larkin, Bob Lietzke, Tony Livorsi, Jim Kertzman, Linda Margl, Lee Nystrom, Terry Trickett

Absent: Craig Bakken, Mike Dahl, Bill Egar, Don Goon, Pam Goon, Al Hunter, Jeff Lang, Leon Narem, Vicky Painter, Diane Pulling, Joni Sighting, Scott Youngstrom

Next Meeting: December 11, 2005

1. Minutes from the May 15, 2005 meeting of the MGSA Board of Directors were approved.
2. Treasurer Tony Livorsi presented the Treasurer's report. The report was moved for approval and passed.
3. Bennett Report. Jeff Bailey discussed Bennett Park's finances, the resignation of President Dave Kordownoy, the selection of Bob Lietzke as acting president, the Highway 101 construction project, and the rehiring of Jerry Kidd as park manager for 2006.
4. League reports. Discussion regarding lack of two umpires at the 10U slowpitch championship, the need for ASA certified bats for slowpitch travel teams and the rising costs of trophies. About the last point, it was suggested that MGSA budget for higher costs to avoid shrinking trophy sizes. It was also suggested that participation medals replace trophies.
5. Departing board members. Mike Dahl, Jim Kertzman and Jeff Lang are leaving the board. All were thanked for their contributions to girls softball. In particular, the long tenure of Kertzman and Lang and their substantial involvement at all levels of the game was noted.
6. Election of the new board. The old board voted on nominations for the new board. The old board then adjourned and the new board convened.
7. Field proposals at Bennett and MHS. Jeff Bailey updated the board on developments at Bennett Park regarding the Miracle League field and the impact on the park. The latest proposals call for the Miracle League field to replace current Field #5. The multipurpose functions of current Field #3 would move to a new field to be built east

of Field #1. Current Field #3 would become a redeveloped to incorporate an upgraded infield and a fence set to girls softball distances. The MHS proposals call for the creation of a fourplex pinwheel of girls softball fields set to the south of the proposed reconstructed baseball field. Financing and specific design plans for both proposals remain to be developed. The board discussed but took no action on either proposal. Bailey said that he would keep the board informed as new information arrived.

8. Dome schedule. Scheduling for MGSA time in the dome in 2006 was discussed. Chris Gabler will provide more information on clinics later in the year. It was suggested that coaches receive their practice field assignments at the coaches clinic, providing them with an incentive to attend.
9. Scholarships. The idea of MGSA sponsoring scholarships for graduating high schoolers who participate in MGSA programs was discussed. The general consensus was that determining who would receive the scholarships could become too contentious.
10. Other business. Terry Trickett presented a potential fundraising program sponsored by Billy's Lighthouse. The board generally looked favorably on the idea and it will be considered at a future date.