

## **MAGFA Board Meeting - Feb 8th, 2011- Taylor Corp**

**Present:** Troy Russell, Maggie Johansen, Daron Fromm, Mike DuBeau, Tomm Richards, Neil Kaus, Wayne Veroeven, Jeff Scharmer, Jon Thompson, Beth Benzkofer, Shane Bowyer, Carie Weller, Mollie Meyer, Jay Douglas, Doug Sorensen and Angie Kopp.

*Absent: Dan Goettl*

### **OPEN/CALL TO ORDER:**

Jon called meeting to order at 7:10pm.

### **MINUTES:**

Minutes from January 11th meeting reviewed/approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**MALL REGISTRATION:** Neil spoke of wanting to extend marketing materials of sponsors at our registration. Neil to investigate into securing wireless internet for transacting online registrations. Lots of give aways and extras from Pizza Ranch, BWW and Mankato Motors to be included in registration 'packet'. Neil also looking at creating a Pepper Saver card filled with discounts/offers of MAGFA sponsors. At this point – Neil's goal is to have these Saver cards be given to families that register, FOC. Also, Troy to have shirt samples for sizing for Lil Pepper registrants, Fan Gear and Fan Gear order forms available at registration.

**FIELD MAITENANCE:** Regarding the City of Mankato/North Mankato and funding field maintenance. Neil reported that the funding for field maintenance primarily consists of money generated from player association fees – and that there's a conflict between City Of Mankato collects these funds but North Mankato hosts a large portion of the games. Neil is looking into possibility of donating volunteer services such as mowing, chalking, etc.

**INSURANCE:** We have had two policies with another agency in town, however, Brown and Brown has offered us a better deal with increased coverage and has committed to becoming a MAGFA sponsor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD VACANCY:** Five applications received for one board seat – reviewed applications, resumes and took closed ballot vote – allowing one vote per member. Kari Young had most votes – Jon to contact Kari.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

- **Finance** – Dan not present.

- **Facilities** – Beth inquired about needing the L screen netting replaced. Nets are in – to be replaced ASAP. K&G to have court #3 no longer in use after mid-February – for our use for try-outs.
- **Tournament** – Neil has been receiving registrations. Neil looking into getting volunteers to operate the gate at the tournaments we host.
- **Lil Peppers** – Angie committee met and they fine tuned their program description and discussed summer scheduling/logistics. Striving to keep teams size small to keep involvement at peak level for each girl.
- **Peppers REC** – Shane’s committee met – has continued to receive coach applications. Working on tryout schedule – Sat the 17<sup>th</sup> for pitchers/catchers and 18<sup>th</sup> for all positions fielding/hitting.
- **Peppers Trav** - Debbie -committee and will meet again for coach selection -decision to be based upon experience, evaluations and recommendations. Will wait for try-outs to appoint 12B coach. All of the below were recommendations made by committee to the board:
  - Appointed Mollie Meyer for 18U assistant coach.
  - 3 requests (each from non-ISD 77 residents/students) to play/tryout for traveling Peppers. One planning to open enroll fall 2012. Decision to deny summer try-out request based upon current numbers at each age level in combination with attendance rule.
  - Recommend that alternate try out available based upon requests/invitation only - scheduled for Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm
  - Team budget includes free entry to Mankato Tourney’s –recommendation that if team decides to play in tournament other than Mankato the same weekend they will not receive additional budget dollars.
  - Committee does not recommend 14B team pull up any 12U player to accommodate current roster needs. 14B team to seek additional player to bring roster total to 11.

All recommendations approved by board.

- **Equipment-** Troy provided mock ups of jerseys he recommends for all ages of traveling along with pant and shorts samples. Will have available for sizing and we should allow 4 weeks from date of order to delivery. Each player to buy their own socks. M/S/C for both dual colored jerseys. Committee to meet to discuss REC and Lil’ Peppers.
  - **Corporate Fundraising** Neil –brought in just shy of 5K for January. Requesting that you keep him in the loop with any leads. Reverse Raffle - Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ Loose Moose, \$100 ticket gets you meal for 2. Cash bar and entertainment – cash/prizes to be handed out throughout. Neil spoke with Laura Bowman at United Way regarding funds for player development for REC and Stars. Neil to work with UW in administrative paper work to solicit funds for MAGFA.

Neil talked about property that formerly housed Thin Film R&D Center. Looked into getting the building through donations for admin and storage use alone. Would house other like organizations.

- **Operations** – Jon reported movement /change in administration in ASA . Jon states that he expected the next few weeks will yield more positive news regarding the organizational change and that he believed things are going in the right direction.
- **Player Development** – Tomm reported that the pitching clinic went well. Upcoming clinics – multiple advanced fielding clinics as well as clinic facilitated by Dean and Shane Bowyer and REC team clinic planned. Shared interest of experienced players in coaching Lil Peppers and possibly looking into helping with clinics.

***Meeting adjourned by Jon at 9:20 pm. Next meeting to be held 7pm, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012***