

4/11/12

MAGFA Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Shane, Tomm, Jay, Neil, Troy, Jon, Daron, Kari Y., Maggie, Beth, Mike

Absent: Debbie, Dan, Carie W., Jeff, Angie, Wayne

- I. Called to order at 7:05pm
- II. Previous meeting minutes approved
- III. Treasurer's Report – Jon shared that by the end of the week Dan will the report to the group
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Try-outs – nothing new to discuss
 - B. Field Maintenance/City of Mankato – Neil shared that he met with Pat Hentges last week. The amount previously discussed by the City will not be valid this year as the Adult Softball will be making a donation of \$25,000. Next year may be a different scenario. MAGFA, however, is instead expected to pick up the trash at the fields we use. It was suggested we do it after every practice and game.
- V. New Business:
 - A. Responsible Sports Grant – Jon shared that we need help to push this and share with as many people as possible. If we get to 5th place we will receive a \$2500 grant.

Grant Writing Training – Jon, Shane and Dan are signed up to go to this training at the North Mankato Library. This will help the organization apply for and write grants on behalf of MAGFA.
 - B. Committee Chairs:
 1. Finance- Jon shared that a meeting will be held in the next few weeks to discuss revised budget coming from Dan. We will be looking at a new format for tracking budget monthly.
 2. Facilities
 - a. Lease
 - Neil shared that Katie and Gabe with K&G want to renew our lease for 2012-13. Looking like we will be able to stay for a couple of more years at this point. Our current lease ends at the end of the month.
 - Stretching out the lease payments out over a 5 month period was mentioned and will be looked at.
 - Shane would like to put up a cage for the off months if possible for a fee. Neil will check into the possibility of this.
Tomm also thought it would be helpful to have the facility available 2-3 days/week for Lessons and Clinics only. This would be dependent on the cost for the space offseason.
 - b. Fields
 - For next year (2013) – Neil shared that he has spoken with the Wendell Sande, City Administrator with the City of NM. The City would like all MAGFA games to be played in North Mankato. The talk included the possibility of SCTC to be the main fields for MAGFA, which would also include a Training Center. The City of NM would build a building to store equipment for both Youth Football and Softball. We would be responsible for the cost of the materials. The fences would be moved to suit Fastpitch games. A scoreboard would be put up on Field #5 by Pepsi.
The City of NM has the right say who plays on the fields, which is good for MAGFA for scheduling as well as upkeep. The City would also not charge MAGFA for the use of the fields.
 3. Tournaments – Neil shared that registrations are starting to come in the tournaments. The May 18-19 tourney has low #'s as of today.
 4. Lil' Peppers – Jon and Tomm shared that we are looking at combining 2nd and 3rd grade, using the 3rd grade rules, and decreasing the roster size to @7. They will play the 8U teams. This will help in that

it will give us 4 teams, which means more games scheduled and faster paced games. Combining 2nd and 3rd graders will most likely be long term due to our #'s are still only ½ of what they used to be for this age level. They are up from last year, however.

5. Peppers Rec – Shane

- a. Player issues - A Mankato 18U team was put together on their own and approached the organization to sponsor the team. It was agreed that we would in fact sponsor this team. This group has issues with a past player/parent that has requested to be on this team, and is concerned about team due to previous issues. After much discussion a motion was made by Mike: Leave 18U's as is; offer 16U's as an option for affected player/parent coach. Motion seconded by Maggie and carried. Jon will call and speak to parent.

We did not post any information on 18U's this year due to low interest. Going forward we will make sure to post information on all age levels.

- b. Looking good for coaches, however we still need a 14U and 18U coach. Only a few issues with team selections, which are currently being worked out (who is on what team, ride sharing, etc.)
- c. Southern Star Update – Jon shared that the Board of Directors meeting is next Wednesday. Jon will be working on getting the teams into the leagues.

6. Peppers Traveling

- a. Jon shared that he and Wayne attended the Suburban League meeting. The 14U, 16U and 18U were all put into the Suburban League and cross-playing Tri-County League teams (more southern teams). We may have a shot at some home games – possibly 2/3 away and 1/3 home. The 10U and 12U teams start the first week of May.

Neil brought up the fact that we will be losing our 16U and 18U coaches after this year. Jerry Maschka feels it is very important to have these coaches named in June, which gives them a chance to get out and see the kids play.

Tomm made a motion that the Peppers Travel Committee meet mid-May to mid-June to discuss the 14U, 16U and 18U coaches, with a recommendation to the Board by July 1. Motion seconded by Mike and carried.

7. Equipment – Troy

- Issue with Lil Peppers Jerseys – We will need to use the same jerseys as the Peppers REC due to an issue with the sizing. We were not able to get a small enough size in the other jersey option. To keep costs down, we will not print their names on the back.
- Moving equipment and packaging bags – The bags should be equipped for all teams. The bags will be handed out at the REC Coaches Meeting.
- Monroe is asking for Promo items, etc for silent auctions. They need the items by May 4th. Troy will get it to them.

8. Corporate Fundraising – Neil

- MAGFA Raffle – Went around the room and discussed how many tickets are left to sell. All checks need to be to Dan before the dinner. He will deposit them all together. Any tickets unsold will need to be returned to Neil. Keep on pushing. We still have time! Would like to start thinking about doing this again next year, but have a Hall of Fame and Silent Auction.
- Neil discussed budget and what we collected from sponsors, the raffle, clinics, etc.. We currently have 40 sponsors paid and pending.

9. Operations – Jon

- MS Office for Angie – Computer for Angie was approved and purchased. We will need to motion to purchase MS Office for it. Angie has already purchased, but needs to be reimbursed. Not enough voting members present.
- ASA Update - There is a new JO Commissioner – Tom Bye.
- Board Meeting Schedule for Summer – We will be skipping the June meeting
- Update on Equip Swap – Flyer has been posted. All equipment can be brought on Thurs 19th and Saturday morning. There will be tags that will need to be applied to each of the pieces of equipment that is brought in and those tags will match the list of items that is brought in by the seller. All items need to be priced and form needs to be filled out before we can accept the equipment. All equipment is to be picked up at 4pm once the sale is complete.

10. Player Development – Tomm

- 12 Clinics have been held so far this year including pitching, skills and Spring Break
- 3 more lined up
 - Coaches REC – 4/18
 - REC Skills – 4/22 at Sibley, 5 stations
 - REC Pitching/Catching – 4/25
 - Lil Peppers will have 4 days to be lined up in May and we are looking at an 8U specific camp.
 - Total of 17 total Clinics this year

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm