

MAGFA

(Board Meeting Minutes: July 2016)

Board Members:

Present: Brian George, Chris Schreiber, Phil Tostenson, Jeff Johnson, Jon Thompson

Absent: Nate Hagen, Steve Slechta, Matt Mangulis, Ashley Hanley, Randy Stoltzman, Sara Beyer, Tomm Richards, Adam Schumann, Sarah Dryden, Laura Vanderhoof

Quorum present? No

Staff Present: Kari Young, Neil Kaus

Staff Absent: Dan Goettl, Jean Clarke

Proceedings:

- I. Open/Call to order: Phil – 7:00 pm
- II. Secretary minutes: Last month's meeting minutes have been approved and have been posted to the web site.
- III. Treasurer's report
 - a. No update, Dan on vacation
- IV. Old business
 - a. Email Motions/votes made between last meeting and today's meeting
 - i. None
 - b. Jr Twins grant
 - i. Tickets are here
 - ii. Jr's are working on dispersing and figuring out ways to cover costs
 - c. All City banquet - September Neil will go thru profits then. Sponsor payments are still coming
- V. New business:
 - a. Committee Chairs:
 - i. Facilities – Brian
 1. City of Mankato may have changed the locks at Tourtellote Park. Not sure if Lock (Peppers Lock) was missing or not locked.
 - ii. Equipment
 1. Setting up nights to return coaching equipment
 2. In process of setting up a deadline date.
 - a. Boomba – Address quality of pants. Not sure this is an issue. May need to encourage parents to buy two pair of pants.
 - b. JR peppers no complaints on uniforms.
 - c. Lil peppers no complaints on uniforms.
 - d. Fall Ball going with Orange uniforms.
 - iii. Fundraising – Neil

1. Downtown Mankato hotel changed owners
 2. Courtyard Marriot donated \$1750.00
 3. Not using Quest marketing for trophies due to expense of service. Switched to Quality engravers.
 4. BW3 dropped donations from \$1000.00 to \$500.00
 5. Need to get new banners for East/West with the new peppers logo.
- iv. Tournament – Chris
1. Rising star was very successful this year. 50+ teams
 2. Problem was most of board was out of town for games. How do we fill volunteer roles for these tournaments? Setup up guidelines/expectations during registration?
 3. Classic – The two umpires was a great addition. The expense is more but people were very excited and impressed. Another great selling point for this tournament.
 4. Fall Frenzy – Next year do we want to invite our summer travel teams to this tournament? (16's). No pepper 16's played in this tournament last year.
 5. Southern Star would like to have all tournaments in Mankato next year (Caswell). Not sure if scheduling would permit this.
- v. Lil' Peppers - Nate
1. Date set for peppers in the park. Lots of donations so should not be an expense for the program. Any board members should try and be there to help with whatever is needed.
 2. Sara would like to get a pitching clinic setup for the kids during the offseason. Once again we are short pitchers and would like to get as many Lil peppers throwing.
- vi. Jr Peppers
1. League tournament participation.
 - a. All Mankato teams played in tournament this year
 2. One Jr pepper team competed in the State tournament.
 3. Positive feedback from the name change to Jr Peppers. Should keep name and improve brand.
 4. Ideas for improving our Pitching/Catching?
 5. How do we encourage other kids to pitch?
- vii. Peppers Travel – Phil
1. State tournaments went well
 2. Fall ball Phil and Kari are working on this.
 3. Fall Hudson tournament. Phil & Kari
 4. 16U teams not registered for Nationals.
 - a. Can we send a reminder out to the coaches next year to make sure they register early?
- viii. Player Development
1. No Update

ix. Operations – Neil

1. Might be able to rent some space from Bethany next March.
2. YMCA is pretty full for Gym space.
3. Possibility of using “Blue Gym” @ YMCA if no other options found.
Would probably have to split the gym.
 - a. Pitchers could throw and we would have to hit wiffle’s off the tee.
4. Brandt Building
 - a. Concerned that they will not be able to clean building by January 1st

VI. Other/Open

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VII. Adjournment – Phil – 8:05 pm

Next meeting: August 17th – 7 pm at North Mankato City Hall