

MVSA FASTPITCH
MOUNDS VIEW SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

February 2017 Board Meeting

Ted Labey called to order the January board meeting of the Mounds View Softball Association on Wednesday February 9, 2017 at 7:06pm. The meeting was held at the Shoreview Community Center.

Board members in attendance: Ted Labey, David Van House, Mike Robertson, Nate Urfer, Troy Gaul, Debbie Teske, Leah Kluz, Scott Louder, Dave Barrett,

Absent: Mike Larson

Guests present: Lora Hanks, Brian Olson

President's report (Ted Labey)

Ted started the meeting by opening discussion about the open positions on the board.

Lora will do concessions. The board discussed what kind of things she would need to do in the role. Debbie noted that Lora will probably have to take a class, but Betty will know. Lora asked about getting a single-serve coffee maker, and will consider it.

Nate described the board Umpires role.

Tournaments and Clinics were discussed with Ted saying MVSA needs some new ideas, especially in clinics, like what some other organizations are done. For Tournaments MVSA is has been doing Madness at 12 and 14, not at 16 anymore. Could do two people (but Mike Robertson noted seasonality is why we usually use one). Should we do an 8U tournament?

After this discussion, the following assignments were proposed:

- Brian: Umpires
- Dave and Scott: Tournaments and Clinics
- Lora: Concessions

A motion was made and seconded (Ted/David Van House) to fill the open positions on the board with the people in the room (as listed above). The motion passed.

Nate wondered if we are doing MV Madness this year. David Van House noted that May 6 for 12U, and June 3-4 for 14U were in the field application submitted to the city of Shoreview as historically that's when they've been. He suggests the board look at sites such as NAFA, Tri-County, and FastSports for what tournaments are being hosted on those days, and we should get our tournaments on those lists when they are finalized.

Nate asked if it would be good to get in on an 8U tournament? Leah noted that there are a lot more 8U teams up here on the north side of the Twin Cities this year, and most tournaments last year were on the south side, so is feeling that we should try one. David Van House pointed out that June 16-18 was blocked out for 16U tournament, but since we haven't been doing a Madness tournament at that level, we could use that weekend for an 8U Tournament. Leah asks if we should do a one-day tournament as that would seem to be better at the 8U level, and the general feeling was this would be a good idea.

Secretary's Report (Troy Gaul)

Troy updated some pages on the website, including some dates for 2017 with state qualifier and state tournament dates for the various levels.

A motion was made and seconded (Troy/Debbie) that the minutes from January, which had been distributed earlier, be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Mike Larson)

Mike was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (David Van House/Brian) that Mike Larson and Ted Labey be installed and John Peschel and Tom Bye be removed from the MVSA bank account and that Troy or another board member present at the meeting can certify that this motion happened. The motion passed.

Mike Robertson noted that the boards needs to get keys back from Tom and John too.

Debbie mentioned that there is some concern about keys the former Mounds View High School coach may still possess and that he may still have access to the equipment. Mike Robertson note that 3 keys were assigned to the High School and had been given to John Peschel. If they can't be recovered, the board may need to get locks changed again due to this. In addition, Dave asked about a missing pitching machine. There was some discussion about this and it was decided that Ted and/or Mike will check with John Peschel to see if it is at the high school. Further, Mike Robertson will check with John to see if he can locate the missing keys.

VP – Traveling (Nate Urfer)

Nate Urfer provided numbers for registrations for summer softball. Numbers were down again this year with 155 total girls who signed up, but that should be enough for as many or more teams.

Numbers for each level (by birthdates) were:

- 18U: 2
- 16U: 19 – could use 5 more for 2 teams of 12
- 14U: 32 – 3 teams – nice to have another 4 for 3 teams of 12
- 12U: 33 –
- 10U: 48 – 4 teams of 12
- 8U: 20

Nate recommends shutting down registrations, but put something on website to "contact Nate" for any interested.

Troy will put a note on the website saying that the registration page is closed, but if people are interested to contact Nate directly.

There were two 8U players registered in the wrong level and are moved up to 10 in those numbers.

Ted mentioned that last year there were around 20 girls that contacted him or Leah after registration closed.

There was some discussion about why the numbers are down this year.

2 girls wanted to play up: one 16-18, other 12-14.

Troy needs to update the Bylaws to reflect the motion that passed in the November meeting regarding playing up.

Nate noted that Tri-County is doing A, B, and C; so no B-IIs this year.

Nate went on to say that MVSA will not doing an A at 12 this year. Dave Barrett asked what the trend for this is metro-wide, to which Nate responded it is to have a select team at 12U. Mike Robertson points out that we've bucked that trend to date to keep our 12U program orientated toward training.

Nate is going to talk to the parents who wanted to have players play up.

There was a discussion about doing a select team for Nationals at the lower levels, but it was not decided to do this, as often coaches who have teams qualify will want to take their teams.

Nate pointed out that there was a lot of pitching in the registrations with 13 at 10U and 7 at 12U.

Tryouts were then discussed. After consulting with Jake, times on the website will need to be updated to provide a half hour more for 10U and also 1.5 hours for 12, 14, 16. Nate will get Troy the updated times for the website.

In addition, board members will volunteer to help at tryouts. On Saturday they will need to help set up at 4:00, and Sunday starts 9:00 for the try-outs.

8U and Player Development (Leah Kluz)

Leah got a couple more calls today. 8U could still use a couple more girls.

Nate will forward any 8Us who contact him after registrations are closed to Leah.

Concessions (TBD)

Lora will be taking it over.

She has contact info for Betty and Laura.

Lora wanted information about how to get the schedule. David Van House responded that he will provide the information once the fields are scheduled.

Lora inquired whether the softball association is a 501(c)(3), which was answered in the affirmative.

Equipment (Mike Robertson)

Mike will try to get something lined up for turf before tryouts.

Mike will get keys to the new board members at the next meeting. He will also talk to John Peschel about the High School keys.

Mike plans to contact Universal for softballs.

Ted and Brian offered to help haul equipment to school for tryouts.

Umpires (Brian)

Nate talked about a woman umpire who is willing to come out and present to girls who want to umpire. The board will need to coordinate something for her.

Nate will give Brian her contact information.

MVSA Tournaments and Clinics (Mike Larson, TBD)

Mike was not present.

Uniforms (Debbie Teske)

Debbie was trying to finalize jerseys and had brought a couple samples.

Leah asked if we could limit 8U to one jersey since there are so many fewer games at that level.

A motion was made and seconded (Debbie/David Van House) that the Teamwork jerseys (one green, one white for 10U+, one green for 8U) be used this year. The motion passed.

Debbie was still fine-tuning apparel. As suggested MVSA will be keeping some of the same and changing some up.

First window will open so apparel will be delivered at least a week before the season starts.

Mike Robertson suggested sample apparel be available for people to see during field cleanup or tryouts. Debbie noted that cleanup happens too late for the first ordering window, and will try to get something to have at tryouts.

Debbie ran daily reports during the registration period last month to catch people without a number, so at this point everyone has an assigned number.

It was mentioned that two coaches per team get a \$30 credit at Lettermans for hats, etc. Some of the other board members felt that should be better-communicated to the coaches than it was last year.

Fields (David Van House)

David has submitted an application to the city of Shoreview for this year.

David has an insurance (liability) form for Ted to sign. It costs about \$2500/year and needs to be in place by March. The same vendor is being used as has been in the past — they specialize in youth athletic association insurance.

New Business & Discussion

Ted noted that the Band Blast for MVHS is coming up on Feb 17. He had sent out a notice so younger player parents could learn about it.

The new MVHS coach would be interested in helping out with clinics in the future. She would like some of the older girls (in the high school program) help coach younger girls in clinics, etc.

A motion was made and seconded (Debbie/Ted) to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned around 8:53pm.

Draft minutes sent to board by e-mail on Feb 12, 2017