

MVSA FASTPITCH

MOUNDS VIEW SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

December 2016 Board Meeting

Ted Labey called to order the December board meeting of the Mounds View Softball Association on Wednesday December 1, 2016 at 7:10pm. The meeting was held at the Shoreview Best Western Plus.

Board members in attendance: Tom Bye, Ted Labey, John Peschel, David Van House, Mike Larson, Mike Robertson, Nate Urfer

Absent: Leah Kluz, Debbie Teske, Scott Louder, Dave Barrett

Incoming Board members present: Troy Gaul

President's report (Ted Labey)

Ted and the board expressed their thanks to the outgoing board members Tom Bye, John Peschel, and Betty Hurley.

Ted will work with Nate (as he takes over the VP of Traveling role) during tryouts and the season and goes to the Tri-County directors' meetings.

Secretary's Report (David Van House)

Dave noted that an application was sent back [I didn't catch what application this was -troy].

Treasurer's Report (John Peschel)

The 2017 budget will be the same as was used in 2016.

Scholarships were given out. 5-6 of the players were from Mounds View. 1 was from TG.

The \$5000 that was approved in the previous meeting was transferred back to the savings account.

It was noted that John is leaving the program in good shape.

John will still be around to help out with things (he still has players in the association), and will help transition duties to a new treasurer.

John handed out a proposed budget for 2017.

It was noted that in the 7 years John served as treasurer, the numbers on the checks went up from #767 when he started to #2211 now.

Scoreboards (ad-hoc discussion)

Mike Larson noted that the City of Shoreview is going to redo the scoreboards at Rice Creek Fields this year (since they can't get parts to fix the existing scoreboards anymore).

The new scoreboards will be similar to the ones in Sitzer Park the city had installed a couple years ago and which they are happy with. They will have in-dugout remotes. MVSA has the opportunity to sponsor the new scoreboard and get our name underneath the city's name.

Scholarships (ad-hoc discussion)

Ted noted that most kids don't know about the availability of the scholarships MVSA provides. John mentioned that they are detailed on the web site.

David said they considered sending a blast email reminder last year, but were worried about having too many applicants, which has happened in the past (and to deal with this, some half-scholarships were provided).

Mike Larson mentioned that the high schools have a list of scholarships, and it might be worth looking into getting included there.

VP – Traveling (Nate Urfer)

Nate reiterated the need to meet with Ted regarding taking over the traveling responsibilities.

David noted that MVSA has the gym reserved at Irondale for tryouts and will get information to Troy to put on the website. We could not get access to the gym on Friday this year, so something different will have to be done for pitcher/catcher tryouts.

Nate will get the email about Tri-County meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Nate/David) and approved unanimously that a player from Irondale who wants to come back to MVSA this year can try out for any 16U team she wants.

A motion was made and seconded (David/Mike Larson) and approved unanimously that the registration fees for 2017 remain the same as 2016.

In-House – (delivered by Nate Urfer in Leah's absence)

There will not be an in-house option this year. It was noted that we need to update the web site to document this change and send people to the City of Shoreview if they want an in-house-like program rather than 8U or 10U.

Concessions (Betty Hurley)

Betty noted that she will help open and train whoever will be taking over the concessions role (there is nobody specified for that yet).

We owe money for the last drink order.

Cold Stone is fine, but they haven't picked up their cooler.

Equipment (Mike Robertson)

Mike has informed the St. Johns director that there is old catcher's gear available that MVSA has replaced. If it hasn't been taken, he will put a "free" sign on it during field-setup day.

Smaller bats were kept, and 25 or so bats have been identified that will also be given away.

Mike will look into turf [I didn't get the specifics on this product that was discussed briefly – troy] for tryouts, and will look for more carts.

A source for game balls was discussed. They should be available through MMFL according to Tom, and Nate will have that information (in the past, left-overs from Tri-County tournaments were used).

Umpires (Nate Urfer)

Nate has gotten requests from girls who want to umpire.

Tom suggested hooking up with St. Paul to get them trained.

MVSA Tournaments and Clinics (Mike Larson)

Mike stated that the hitting, pitching and catching clinics have been set up for January-March and will be posted to the website.

There will be one tunnel at Molitor Cages on Sundays from 2-4pm. We have to ask about pitching machines. Mike noted that we may need volunteers to help at Molitor and make sure all girls show up get time and none have to be turned away.

[I also had a note about 25th – Highview – 2 big gyms, but I don't recall what this all meant – troy]

Uniforms (Debbie Teske)

There was no report Debbie's absence.

Fields (Nate Urfer)

There was nothing to report about the fields.

New Business

There was no new business.

Discussion

Ted mentioned that he had been talking to Tom about getting more parents involved in the board. He was looking for people to help out and wondering if we should send out a message. The idea was that someone on the board for Equipment would have other people who work with them rather than doing everything themselves, and would be the board contact for the work that was done by the team.

Tom and John were thanked and each presented an incised vase to commemorate their long service to the MVSA board.

A motion was made and seconded (David/Ted) to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned around 8:00pm.

Draft minutes sent to board by e-mail on January 5, 2017