



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

February 20, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Matt Atkinson, 7:05pm

Position	Name	In Attendance
Admin Directors		
President	Greg Eckman	
Vice President	Matt Atkinson	X
Secretary	Lindsay Kelley	X
Treasurer	Scott Ross	X
Tournament Director	Jared Semerad	
IT Director	Cody Billings	X
Training & Development Director	Tait Schneider	
Equipment Director	Joe Kelley	X
Volunteer Management Director	Karla Ruhr	X
League Directors		
Travel Fastpitch Director	Cassy Ludwig	X
House Girls Director	Kim Reed	X
Junior Travel Boys Director	Candy Anderson	X
House Rookie Director (8-9)	Andy Groettum	X
Junior House Director (10-12)	Mike Ryland	X
Senior House Director (13-15)	Jeff Ruhr	X
Senior Travel Director	Jeff Ruhr	X
Optional Attendees		
OMGAA Social Media Coordinator	Kelly Williams	X

Open Forum:

Jess Summers, travel fastpitch coordinator is in attendance tonight.

January meeting minutes:

- Andy moves to approve January meeting minutes.

- Matt seconds motion to approve minutes.
- All in favor, none opposed. January meeting minutes approved.

League Director Reports:

- Storm Travel Baseball: Candy
 - 85 Tournaments registered.
 - 17 of them are out of town, out of 22 teams.
 - All jerseys, hats, and pants are ready at BSN for pickup.
 - Her to-do list:
 - Will work with Dave's to do one online store.
 - BSN will do a couple of online stores throughout the season.
 - BSN will do an online coaches store again.
 - She needs to schedule Tryon dates- might coordinate with Cassy.
 - Coordinate interview panel for AAA coaches
 - Working on schedule for pre-tryout clinic
 - Working on schedule for tryouts
 - Has DIBS organized and will send to Karla for March 10-12th.
 - Home game schedules-
 - She has used the same schedule the last few years.
 - She needs to confirm how many teams each year/program has, to use the Gleason scheduler that Jason used last year.
 - She will send out the list to other directors to start working on schedule.
 - May 13th-14th- pictures!
 - Add to new items- RFP to outside baseball orgs for Winter Training
- Rookie League: Andy
 - Rookie/Jr. House/Sr. House all ordered their house uniforms from CA Gear. Will also order socks.
 - They all need to meet and sort through pant inventory to know what to order. Mike R will be the "nag" on this issue to coordinate the meeting.
 - Will we have a common day to hand out the fundraising cards?
- House Fastpitch: Kim
 - Dave was able to match all the shirts she needed after going through the inventory.
 - She has a try-on date at Dave's for families to stop in and try on sizes.
 - Dave's is also ordering balls and gear.
 - Fielding a lot of questions about ages and registration
- Equipment Director: Joe
 - Ordered practices and game balls for house and travel. Everything is shipping today.
 - Asked Softball directors, but they don't need any balls ordered.

- Treasurer: Scott
 - Sent out Profit/Loss, which won't be accurate until registrations are all completed, and he can sort out the money by league.
 - We are in a strong financial state.
 - Will open Legion registration beginning of March.
- Minor/Major baseball: Mike
 - No big update other than what Andy mentioned with uniforms.
 - Still working with Andy on training and learning a lot
- Senior House: Jeff R
 - Brought in Jeff Nomack who has many years of experience of umpiring.
 - Enjoys 9-14U travel boys games.
 - 16-19U has two teams
 - 15U only one registration, which is not that odd as many people aren't sure if they will make a high school team or if Storm ends at
- IT Director: Cody
 - Responding to issues as they come up.
 - Sent out the survey to get codes for all Board members.
- Vice President: Matt
 - Action item- will give an update on the Prime Advertising payment at March meeting
- DIBS Director: Karla
 - When you give DIBS to put out on the website, they don't hit their sports engine until Karla hit complete button. She doesn't hit complete button until she hears from Cassy/Candy/Tait that that person actually did the DIBS.
 - She is creating lots of paperwork that will help her process go smoother this year. She will email this out to everyone.
 - Still doing a "NO PAY NO PLAY" process. If she doesn't have your check, you don't play.
 - She is willing to come to our coaches' meetings to explain DIBS if Directors would like this
- Tournament Director: Jared
 - All tournaments are full and have waitlist teams.
 - All teams have paid so I will get the checks to Scott.
 - Working on tournament prep and coach communications.
 - Reminder that this is his last year as will not be seeking reelection in the fall so we are still looking for a replacement.
- Travel Fastpitch: Cassy
 - The last week of the Winter clinic is next Sunday.
 - Jess has done a great job of breaking kids into groups and handling all weekly registrations.
 - Tryouts around the corner

- By March 8th all teams should be done
- Work with the city to know which fields will work for 8/10/12 U ages.

Old Business

- Gleason Concession Plan (POS, sales, permits, cash register, etc)- Matt
 - We need to actively start marketing a Seasonal Manager for the concessions stand.
 - OMGAA social media
 - Personal referrals
 - Manager has to go through training with Hennepin County training, and it's all online. This training will follow them afterward.
 - Minnesota Certified Food Protection Certification
 - Matt will send a blast email
 - The Hennepin County license was approved today!
 - Full kitchen
 - \$500/year
 - Reached out to Toast (POS sale)
 - They will give us the entire system (normally \$1200)
 - We will pay \$67/month
 - We get charged 2.49% , plus \$0.15 for each swipe
 - They will install and train us
 - CAP5 Internet in the concession stand.
 - Cameras installed for security.
 - His goal is by next meeting to have an update on all equipment we need and be ready to vote on capital expenditure.
 - We have first right of refusal, so if anyone does a tournament there, they must use our concessions. This is a huge benefit to us and fundraising.
- New umpire training session booth? Opening Day? – Jeff
 - Talked to Lance at Gopher State and can run a clinic. Will get back to Jeff with cost/kid. At tryouts and Opening Day, we can have a table and get kids registered for this clinic.
- Gleason Opening Day, 2024- Penny
 - May 4th, 2024 12-5pm
 - 12-12:30 Opening Remarks, Guest of honor announcement
 - 1:30-3:30, 3:30-5:00 Games going on
 - Sponsor Area, fun games at each tent
 - Inflatables for younger kids
 - Spirit wear table
 - She will put together a budget to present to the board.
 - Can we do a 50/50 raffle?

- Scott thinks we can do one raffle per year. We will check with the state.
 - Play it Again Sports- a board member has a connection at WinMark (parent company). They are interested in working with us and have a presence there to get the word out.

New Business

- Rice Lake batting cage improvement
 - Zac Ruhr presentation: Eagle Scout project
 - The current condition of the batting cage is in rough shape.
 - He passed around pictures to show the state.
 - Things that need to be done:
 - Rip up turf- it's completely worn out and not anchored to the ground. It moves as you walk on it.
 - Fix side wall
 - Structure is falling apart- fencing disconnected at the joints, fencing warping from sitting outside, coaching using it for soft toss.
 - No locks exist anymore so it's seen abuse from poor management.
 - No L-screen
 - Net is not supported.
 - Weeds everywhere
 - For years it has sat un-serviced and ignored by the city
 - He will step up and get it fixed as part of his Eagle Scout project.
 - The plan is to get a crew of 5-6 people, over 2 weekends.
 - The entire budget is about \$3,000.
 - \$250 transportation of turf, donated by Field Turf (donated 2 rolls)
 - \$2200 in supplies (pea gravel, zip ties, etc.)
 - \$150 crew fee food/drinks for volunteers
 - \$350 misc. repairs
 - Approval by Chris Morrow from the city
 - City is doing the concrete foundation strip (Maintenance strip)
 - City is contributing man hours, but nothing financial.
 - Scott moves to donate \$3,000 plus a 10% cost overrun to this project.
 - Mike seconds motion.
 - No discussion, all in favor by voice vote. No one opposed it.
- Legion State Tournament Host committee
 - Scott sent an email last month that we got a \$5,000 donation from the Legion.
 - One of our host documents for the tournament is that we need to have a separate account to track all tournament financial transactions.

- Scott makes a motion to start a new Checking Account at Huntington and move the \$5,000 donation there. He will close the account after the tournament is done.
 - Matt seconds the motion
 - All approved via voice vote. None opposed.
- Karla and Matt volunteer to help chair different committees for Legion Tournaments. This will eventually need to break out into sub-committees.
- Legion State Tournament/Prime Advertising Program – Scott Ross
- OMGAA Pictures
 - Leah Barber is our photography coordinator and this will be her last year
 - This year, we should get people interested in shadowing her to learn
- Request for new baseballs for pitching machines
 - The city should replace these, not OMGAA
- Discussion on wants/needs for list for future spending/improvements, etc. Cody to house this in our shared drive for future reference

Adjournment

- Cody moves to adjourn the meeting.
- Matt seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm

Submitted by Lindsay Kelley, OMGAA Secretary

Minutes are not considered official until approved by the Board at the next meeting.