

Oakdale Athletic Association

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakdale Athletic Association Board of Directors was held at 8 PM on May 8, 2013 at Sgt. Pepper's in Oakdale.

Attendees

OAA Board of Directors:

Role	Name	Present	Role	Name	Present
President	Steve Adamsky	Yes	Basketball-GTravel	John Cater	Yes
Vice President	Todd Thoms	Yes	Baseball K-B1	Steve Meyer	Yes*
Secretary	Mike Barrera	Yes	Baseball B2-3, Minors	Greg Bearth	Yes**
Treasurer	Dan Bushard	Yes	Baseball B Majors	Greg Bearth	**
Communications	# open #		Baseball B Midgets, Seniors	Greg Bearth	**
Flag Football	Eric Delacy	Yes	Baseball BTravel	Todd Klingsporn	No
Football co-directors (1 vote)	Cory Lynch Joe Schara Paul Lockhart	Yes Yes Yes	Lacrosse – Boys	Keith Rossman	Yes
Soccer U5	Erik Benson	Yes	Lacrosse – Girls	Laurie Aaronson	Yes
Soccer K-2	Megan Zeilinger	Yes	Fastpitch Softball Travel	Charlie Ring	No
Soccer B3-9	Erik Ayala	No	Fastpitch Softball Rec	Mike Head	No
Soccer G3-9	Chris Holthe	Yes	Slowpitch Softball G1-2	Steve Meyer	*
Volleyball	Jennifer Brown	Yes	Slowpitch Softball G3-4, 5-6	Amy Richie	Yes
Basketball-Boys	Dan Peterson	Yes	Slowpitch Softball G7-10, U19	Gary Masterman	No
Basketball-Girls	Mark Lindner	Yes			

Attendance = 18 of 23 current directors

Quorum (35% of 23 = 9) Satisfied

Guests: Mark Erickson, DaNae Klimek

Review Minutes

- The draft April 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Motion 2013-042: Approve April 2013 meeting minutes as written. *[Motion by Bearth, second by P. Lockhart. Passed without objection.]*

Lacrosse Follow-Up

- The boys lacrosse director received an allegation that involved the coach of a spring team. Based on information received, OAA requested, and the coach agreed, that the coach would not continue to coach OAA lacrosse, effective immediately. The coach addressed the board to explain his position, and a short discussion followed. No further action is warranted nor expected.
- This encounter triggered a discussion by the Board about various issues such as OAA's background check procedures, the possibility of having a "grievance committee" that could assist directors when conflicts arise, and what obligations OAA might have with respect to "mandatory reporter" rules.

- Currently, directors have responsibility for all aspects of their leagues including grievance resolution when disputes arise with or among parents, coaches, participants, game officials, etc. At times this can put the director in the position of investigator, judge, and jury. Having an “independent” group to assist in gathering facts from the various parties to a dispute might be beneficial. No concrete proposals were put forth at this time.
- Many adults who work with children are required to report cases of abuse or suspected abuse to the county. It is not clear to what extent volunteer coaches are subject to these rules, what the definitions are for “abuse”, and what responsibilities OAA has to inform volunteers of any such requirements. More investigation of the mandatory reporter rules is needed to determine whether any changes in current OAA protocols are needed.

Gambling Report

- Todd Thoms reviewed the Gambling monthly financial reports in Gary Masterman’s absence. The March 2013 actuals and the April 2013 projected expenses were covered.

Motion 2013-043: Approve the LG1004 March 2013 Actuals for Gambling. *[Motion by Delacy, second by Benson. Passed without objection.]*

Motion 2013-044: Approve the LG1004 April 2013 Projected Expenses for Gambling. *[Motion by Bearth, second by P. Lockhart. Passed without objection.]*

- Steve Adamsky reported on initial results from OAA’s new site at PINZ. As expected PINZ is starting out a bit slowly. Bingo was cancelled one night since there were not enough participants.
- Efforts to expand OAA’s charitable gambling to a location in Maplewood have been taking longer than anticipated. Maplewood has been requesting a lot of information, which Masterman has now assembled. The next meeting where OAA can get city approval is June 10. If approval is granted, OAA could start on July 1.
- Masterman is planning a meeting with all of the Gambling Employees and would like to provide refreshments. Adamsky passed along a request to spend up to \$200 for this purpose. The funds would be taken from the Gambling Account if this type of expense is permissible. If not, the request was to use money from the General Fund. The Board approved this request.

Motion 2013-045: Approve spending up to \$200 from the Gambling Fund for expenses associated with a Gambling Employees Meeting if this type of expenditure is permissible under the Gambling regulations. If it is not permissible, use money from the General Fund. *[Motion by Schara, second by Aaronson. Passed without objection.]*

- With the expansion of OAA Charitable Gambling to multiple sites, the Board had initial discussions regarding the level of compensation for Gambling Manager Gary Masterman. Assuming approval in Maplewood, OAA will have 3 charitable gambling sites. The start-up and on-going management of 3 sites will require additional work which would justify an increase in monthly compensation. Other comments by board members included the question of whether having additional Board oversight mechanisms beyond the monthly meeting would be desirable as the scale of the operation increases and the desire for more consistent attendance by the gambling manager at monthly board

meetings. Adamsky will discuss these topics with Masterman, and the Board will be revisit the compensation question at the June monthly meeting.

Treasurer Report

- Dan Bushard reviewed OAA's overall account balance for the end of April. He commented that OAA's "reserves" are essentially dispersed in the various sports accounts. If all sports worked their account balances down to \$0, then OAA would also be \$0 overall. This comment generated some discussion about whether a cushion or reserve should be built up in the General Fund.
- Bushard mentioned that reimbursement of program expenses using profits from Gambling has already exceeded the 30% minimum target for the Gambling "fiscal year" that ends on June 30.
- Paul Schutta is still working on OAA's charitable status change. It was noted that Gambling may be able to make direct donations to OAA at that time (rather than the current mode of reimbursing OAA program expenses).
- There was a brief discussion about contributing some funds to Oakdale for a new paint sprayer for Public Works. Adamsky will check on the ability to use Gambling funds for this purpose. Further discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

Communications Officer

- The Communications Officer position has been vacant for several months. DaNae Klimek and Mark Lindner have both expressed interest in this role. They met with Steve Adamsky to discuss the role and associated activities. The mutually agreed upon plan is to share the duties with Klimek serving as the official Communications Officer and getting the vote. Lindner is already on the Board as Girls In-House Basketball Director. Lindner would focus more on the website while Klimek would play more of a marketing role (flyers, newsletters, etc.). Laurie Aaronson would continue her roles as registrar and interface with NGIN (registration software). Since the Communications Officer is an appointed officer position, the entire Board votes on candidates.

Motion 2013-046: Appoint DaNae Klimek as Communications Officer. *[Motion by Adamsky, second by Thoms. Passed without objection.]*

Refund Policy

- There was a complaint from a parent about the amount of a refund for a girl who tried out for a fast pitch team and then withdrew after being placed on a team. The dispute centered on how much should be refunded based on the timing, expenses already incurred, etc. This incident generated a discussion at the Board meeting about whether OAA should have a general refund policy or refunds should be left to the discretion of individual directors. Steve Adamsky suggested that each league post its refund policy on the web site so it is communicated to parents in advance. Adamsky also proposed a generic refund policy. After discussion and some slight modifications to the wording, the Board approved the following "Refund Policy" to apply in general:

"After registering online, refunds will only be made for the full amount paid if there is an error and OAA is at fault. All other refunds will have an administrative fee deducted and may have the cost of

uniforms deducted. Once league play has started, no refunds will be made. Any exceptions to this policy shall be at the sole discretion of the sport director.”

Motion 2013-047: Approve the “Refund Policy” listed above. *[Motion by Lindner, second by Thoms. Passed without objection.]*

Other Items

- NGIN will hold Open Houses periodically. Adamsky suggested that we should consider attending on a regular basis.
- Spring Registrations have all closed.
- The plan is to go ahead with the Batting Cage at Skyview. The group is still looking for a fence vendor to expedite the project.

Director Reports

- **Girls In-House Basketball** – Mark Lindner reported that the season is done.
- **Girls Volleyball** – Jennifer Brown presented her budget for review by the Board.

Motion 2013-048: Approve the 2013 Girls Volleyball budget. *[Motion by Benson, second by Delacy. Passed without objection.]*

- **U-5 Soccer** – Erik Benson mentioned that an account still needs to be set up for this new league. He is budgeting with an assumption of 4 teams. He is also thinking about having some type of incentive to get accredited coaches. He presented his budget for review by the Board.

Motion 2013-049: Approve the 2013 U-5 Soccer budget. *[Motion by Bearth, second by Thoms. Passed without objection.]*

- **Boys Soccer** – Erik Benson also presented Erik Ayala’s budget for Boys Soccer.

Motion 2013-050: Approve the 2013 Boys Soccer budget. *[Motion by P. Lockhart, second by Richie. Passed without objection.]*

- **Football** – Paul Lockhart reported that registration is now open. Cottage Grove will be joining the league this year.
- **Girls Lacrosse** – Laurie Aaronson reported that only 4 girls registered at the 3rd / 4th grade level. One will play with the boys, and the other 3 will join a St. Paul team. For the 5th / 6th grade level, 9 girls registered. This group will pick up some players from St. Paul to fill out the roster (reverse of the 3rd / 4th grade situation). Girls Lacrosse will need a field in Oakdale this year.
- **Boys In-House Baseball** – Greg Bearth mentioned that he had been approached by a local business about a sponsorship. This would need to be included in the sport budget that is approved by the Board. During the baseball discussion, it was noted that Mark Wersonske had recently passed away. Wersonske had coached baseball in OAA. The Board approved a memorial to be included in a condolence card that Dan Bushard will send on behalf of OAA.

Motion 2013-051: Authorize up to \$50 from the General Fund for a memorial for Mark Wersonske,

an OAA parent and baseball coach who recently passed away. *[Motion by Meyer, second by Bearth. Passed without objection.]*

- **K-2 Soccer** – Megan Zeilinger presented the budget for the upcoming season.

Motion 2013-052: Approve the 2013 K-2 Soccer budget. *[Motion by Benson, second by Holthe. Passed without objection.]*

- **Girls Slowpitch Softball (B & C Leagues)** – Amy Richie reported that there were significant problems with low numbers this spring. There were only 22 girls (2 teams) for C League and 23 girls (2 teams) for B League. Given the lack of sufficient teams, Richie is planning to have the Oakdale teams join with North St Paul this year. Games would be administered by North St Paul and played at the McKnight Fields. This unexpected change in format has not been received well by all parents. OAA would pay NSP \$400 per team for fields, umpires, etc. A preliminary analysis suggests that the B and C League budgets could handle this expense given the offsetting savings for umpires.
- **Boys In-House Basketball** – Dan Peterson mentioned that he might also consider trying to use sponsorships next season.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at about 10:30 PM. A motion to adjourn passed without objection *[Motion 2013-053, by Lindner, second by Meyer]*. The next meeting will be at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Sgt. Pepper's.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Barrera

Approved by: OAA Board Motion 2013-054

Approved on: June 12, 2013