

MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL
MINUTES
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WEB SITE

Suggestions for the web site are needed. Information posted on the web site @ www.mediasoftball.org should be in constant flow and development. The advantage to using the web site cannot be emphasized enough. Chris Bannan (610-565-8846) welcomes suggestions and ideas that could help the League in this important aspect of our expansion.

REGISTRATION

Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch on-line registration has been discussed by the Board of Directors. This improvement to the registration process would take MAGS to the next level in the development of the Website. The League would post the registration form on-line after the November Board meeting.

FIELDS/VOLUNTEERS

The Rocky Run Y field is in need of maintenance. This field needs to be leveled and the field adjacent to it should be skinned for play in the 2009 season. Volunteers are needed for this huge undertaking with coaches and parents participating. Rose Tree Elementary field is in need of a make over to prepare the field for next season. Funding is available from Upper Providence Twp. that could help with the cost of maintenance. The infield should have Diamond Tex dirt for the playing area, new fencing, etc. The League is asking for volunteers to help during the season – Coaches must get involved by asking Parents to help maintain the fields before and after each game. Each home team is responsible for setting up the field of play and the visiting team should rake the field after the game. The Barrall fields must be dragged at least two (2) times a week. Volunteers could be assigned specific jobs to do by the day and/or night of the week.

FALL CLINIC

The Fall Clinic begins on September 12th at Barrall Field and runs until October 24. The clinic is held every Friday night from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The clinic is for all girls' registered in the League for the 2008 season. The clinic is given by coaches and volunteers from the League at no cost to the players.

FUND RAISING / BANQUET

An event benefiting the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association given by the Friends of Walter J. Pileggi will take place at Brodeur's on State Street on Thursday, September 25, 2008. The Board of Directors is asking for your support by placing an Ad in the "Friends" booklet or by making a contribution. The League has considered a Beef and Beer fund raiser at the Rose Tree Fire House. Volunteers will be asked to participate in the preparation of the Beef and Beer as well as work during the event. Coaches and Parents must get involved in order for this event to be successful. Also being considered is a Silent Auction and Raffle.

MAGS may be offering Gift Cards at the snack bar in the future. And if anyone likes those Snapfish pictures on the Web site, they are available and reasonable for purchase. The League is considering a change in venue for the Awards Banquet. Discussions include the Rocky Run Y outdoor pavilion. In addition, the Media Fire House and the Community Center in Media are being considered for the banquet, as well as the Middletown Fire House.

FINANCE

The balance in the Treasury prior to the Banquet is \$19427.00.

PUBLICITY

Chris Bannan is responsible for all the publicity for the League during the 2008 Season. The Board of Directors would like to make the web site user friendly and accessible for information about the teams in the League, the division standings and scores and highlights of the games

CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, parents and coaches have signed the Code of Conduct. Profanity seems to be an issue in the League. Although difficult to enforce, the profanity at games must be controlled. The games being played are for recreation and although they are very competitive, the players and coaches, as well as spectators are responsible for conduct at all the games. Profanity is not acceptable and could result in players and/or teams forfeiting games. The League is considering strict enforcement of the Code of Conduct regarding this issue.

RULES CHANGES

Rescheduling games due to weather and/or player conflict was not timely this past season. Each division Commissioner will be asked to get involved in the process and assign the teams involved a date to play if an agreement is not reached within 7 days.

New Business:

Clarify slow pitch arc

Softball Division for 18 yr and over

Junior Umpires needed for the 2009 Season

Slow Pitch Playoffs/Tournament Day

Next Meeting: October 14