

MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009
Draft



ATTENDEES

Steve Byrne
Chris Bannan
Jim Swiniuch
Ernie Ricco
Mark Ballew

Joe Mirarchi
Pete Thomas
Steve McLarnon
Harry Moore

ABSENT

Bill Roller
Pat Dougherty
Terri McCabe

APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Bannan to approve the March minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve McLarnon.

OLD BUSINESS

Walt Pileggi Scholarship: Sandy Pileggi has been asked to participate in establishing the criteria for the recipient of the Walt Pileggi Scholarship Award. The Award will be a \$500.00 Scholarship that will be presented to any eligible girl who has played in the Media Area Girls Softball League. The Life and Memory of Walt Pileggi is important to the Family and the presentation of the Scholarship Award in "Walts' " name will bring meaning to his dedication to the Media Community and MAGS.

Brookhaven Softball: Steve Byrne and Chris Bannan met with the Brookhaven coaches to discuss scheduling games between the two leagues. It was decided to play each team in the Brookhaven League a limited number of games with travel to Brookhaven a possibility. Only the Senior Division teams would be involved in playing the Brookhaven teams. The games would not be official and would not count in the Senior Division standings. As of April 14, 2009, details of interplay between MAGS and the Brookhaven teams still needs to be worked out and fields are an issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SLOW PITCH DIVISION

The Slow Pitch season started as of April 14, 2009. Approximately 525 girls have registered with the League to play this season. As usual, rainouts could hurt the scheduling because of the limited number of fields available as the season progresses. Coaches are being polled to see if playoffs are a possibility for this season. So far, the suggestions from the coaches are: (1) yes, but either remove games from the schedule

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or extend the season, or (2) some coaches just said 'No'.

The number of teams in each Division are as follows:

- Junior Division - Ten (10) teams
- Intermediate Division - Seven (7) teams
- Senior Division - Eight (8) teams

FAST PITCH DIVISION

The Fast Pitch teams for the 2009 season are as follows:

- Two (2) - 10 yr. and under teams
- Three (3) - 12 yr. and under teams
- Three (3) - 14 yr. and under teams
- One (1) - 16 yr. and under team

The Media Area Girls Softball League is considering a traveling team as an affiliate of Media Softball. The team would be coached by Steve McLarnon and Earl Evans in seconded. The motion was then approved by those in attendance. This team simply falls under the umbrella of Media Softball and will impose no cost to the League or require fields for play.

MAGS is promoting a helmet manufactured by Emask, which the League will sell for \$40.00. The helmet has a protective guard and is made of lightweight material. The helmet is approved by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment. If interested in learning more about the helmet you can view a promotional video at www.emasksales.com.

FINANCE

The Account Balance figure as of April 14, 2009 is \$47,503.61. Volunteer hours are being tracked to give the Directors a true picture of the amount of time and effort used to efficiently organize and function as a League. These hours would include the Board of Directors ancillary time. The Board Members would record their volunteer hours at each Board meeting as part of the agenda for the evening.

John Endres has finalized the 2008 Tax Return for the League. Steve Byrne has suggested that the League invest excess money in the treasury in CD's because of the low interest rates given by TD Bank.

DEVELOPMENT / SPONSORS

Sponsor packets have been sent out for the 2009 Season. Any interested parties who would like to contribute to the League as a Sponsor should contact Steve Byrne or Bill Roller. The League is considering recognizing contributions from businesses who

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can only donate partial sponsorship fees. Companies will be able to contribute \$50 toward the All-Star game and/ or \$150 to help lower the cost of the banquet. To date, thirty-eight (38) sponsors have contributed to the League which supports each team in Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch and four clinics.

The League has registered for a Liberty Mutual Grant in the amount of \$2500.00. Coaches and Parents are required take a quiz and answer ten (10) questions - in order for the League to qualify for the grant. The more who take the quiz, the better chance we have of securing the grant. The website is www.responsiblesports.com. An email will be sent out to all explaining the details. The deadline for this event is May 31st.

SECRETARY

No Report

REGISTRATION

All coaches are required to have PATCH certificates and must register with the ASA through Bill Roller. The information needed includes name, address, phone number date of birth and coach / player status.

FIELDS / EQUIPMENT

All 10th and 11th grade girls interested learning how to umpire Junior Division games can obtain certification and receive \$35.00 / game. Classes begin in April. Interested girls should contact Bill Roller at 610-636-2369. Bernadette Murphy who is an ASA assigner in the Del Val Youth Association will be responsible for training the Junior Umpires.

SNACK BAR

The League has secured a two flavor slushy machine for the 2009 season. The machine will not cost anything – we commit to purchase product from this company. The snack bar will possibly offer a Pizza night and Hoagie night during the 2009 Season. Pretzel Boy will supply the Snack Bar with pretzels this season.

The League must make the area around the Snack Bar handicapped accessible and has asked the Media Borough and the Rose Tree Media School District for additional funding to help with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

The Villanova Girls Softball team has extended an invitation to our League for a Youth Day on April 24, 2009 at Villanova University. As part of the invitation, the Villanova players would visit Media to participate in a clinic for the League which would include

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the Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch players. Consideration of their offer has been discussed but a specific date has not been determined.

The League is getting involved with the Twitter network. Information to everyone in the League using Twitter as a communication device is being considered.

Picture Day: No date has been made available as of April 14, 2009.

Rosters have been sent out to all coaches.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tournament Play: Coaches have a need to know how they can register their teams in Pre-season and Post-season tournaments. All tournament play must be initiated by the 'Coach' of the interested team by calling the director of the tournament.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 12TH