

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

Mailings to all Slow Pitch players registered in the league in 2007 have been completed . The Postcard mailing will refer each player to the web site @www.mediasoftball.org for information and the registration forms or to Bill Battey's Sporting Goods for the hardcopy. All registration forms for the Slow Pitch Division must be submitted by February 28th. Registration fees for the 2008 season are as follows:

Fast Pitch - \$115.00 for one child	Slow pitch - \$65.00 for one child
\$165.00 for two (2)	\$90.00 for two (2)
\$195.00 for (3) or more	\$105.00 for (3) or more

Fast Pitch teams for the 2008 Season include:

- Two ten and under teams
- Four twelve and under teams
- Three fourteen and under teams
- One sixteen and under team

WINTERBALL CLINIC

Winterball softball clinic is available to all Media Area girls in 1st thru 5th grades. The registration fee is \$40.00. The registration form is available on the web site @ www.mediasoftball.org. All participants will receive a T-Shirt. The Clinic will take place at the Penncrest High School Auxiliary Gym. Coaches are needed to help teach the fundamentals of the game. Penncrest High School players will be on hand to assist. The Clinic schedule is as follows:

February 1st, 8th and 22nd – 6:30pm – 7:30pm for 1st and 2nd Grades
7:40pm – 8:40pm for 3rd 4th and 5th Grades

FIELDS

The League has obtained permission from the Rocky Run Y to convert one of the fields into a softball field . Work on the field was successful and this field should be ready for the 2008 Season. The Rose Tree Media School District completed aerating Barrall Field this fall and an application was submitted to the School District for a permit to play on Cherry Street field for the 2008 season by the League. The League has submitted a proposal to the School District to reactivate two fields at Rose Tree Elementary. Work at these fields would include removing the infields and replacing the dirt with Diamond Tex. Applications have been submitted for

fields at Penncrest High School and Strath Haven High School. All fields that the Media Area Girls Softball League plays on involve a fee of at least \$500.00.

EQUIPMENT/COACHES NEEDED

Helmets w/cage are available to the players through the League for \$20.00 for Slow pitch players and \$30.00 (pending on shield) for Fast pitch players. All coaches should inventory their equipment and submit needed equipment as soon as possible. Coaches leaving the League should turn in their teams' equipment to Bill Roller immediately. Volunteers are in demand to coach teams in the Slow Pitch Junior Division and the Intermediate Division and to help as assistants in the Fast Pitch Division. Volunteers are needed to help install base mounts at Rocky Run. And volunteers are needed to help at the March clean-up day at Barrall field and at Rose Tree Elementary.

FINANCE

Insurance certificates were ordered for each School District.

SPONSORS-UMPIRES-SNACKBAR

Steve Byrne will handle the Sponsor solicitations – if new prospective sponsors are interested in contributing to the league through team sponsorship, please submit names to Steve Byrne @ 610-566-4128. New packets will be sent out to prospective sponsors in January. Upgrades to the Snack bar are being considered, including, a possible 2nd floor addition and renovating the restrooms. One possible change to the snack bar will make it handicapped accessible. The Rose Tree School District contribution to the renovation is \$13,000.00. To date, there has been no movement on any proposed renovations.

DEVELOPMENT

Steve Byrne has proposed a February Lottery based on the PA Lottery number. The tickets are ready for the Media Area Girls Softball fundraiser. The tickets are \$5.00 each and are numbered 000-999. The drawings will be for every day in February. Prizes range from \$50.00 to \$250.00.

PUBLICITY

Chris Bannan was responsible for all the publicity for the League during the 2007 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. Fast pitch coaches and Slow pitch coaches of each winning team must call their respective commissioner with the scores and highlights of each game. Each team schedule will be posted on the web site and a photo of the player and/or play of the week. Pictures of the Winterball participants have been posted on the Web site and they have appeared in the Media Press. Also, the minutes of each board meeting will be posted on the web site.

RULES CHANGES

- (1) All make up games due to weather and/or player conflicts will be rescheduled within Seven (7) days.
- (2) Coaches in the Junior Division must finish an inning in which the second pitcher in that inning has thrown six (6) consecutive balls.

New Business:

Junior Umpires needed for the 2008 Season.

Walt Peliggi Scholarship.

Slow Pitch draft – March 1, 2008 @ 9:00 am at the Media Community Center.

Instruction/Information clinic for all coaches February 24th @ 5:00 pm at Elwyn.

Next meeting: March 3rd

April 7th