

MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2009  
Draft



**ATTENDEES**

Steve Byrne  
Chris Bannan  
Jim Swiniuch  
Bill Roller

Joe Mirarchi  
Pete Thomas  
Steve McLarnon  
Harry Moore

**ABSENT**

Mark Ballew  
Pat Dougherty  
Ernie Ricco  
Terri McCabe

**APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES**

A motion was made by Chris Bannan to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Roller.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Coach's Clinic: This will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3:00 – 5:00 pm.  
All coaches will be invited.

Walt Pileggi Scholarship: Sandy Pileggi has been asked to participate in establishing the criteria for the recipient of the Walt Pileggi Scholarship Award.

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.

The League has discussed sending a letter to Middletown Twp. to request land within the Smedley tract to develop into Softball Fields for MAGS. Steve Byrne did compose and send this letter to the Middletown Township Manager, Mr. Bruce Clark. The purpose of the letter was to open up a communications link with the Township to find a way to serve the youth of our community.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SLOW PITCH DIVISION**

The Slow Pitch draft was March 7<sup>th</sup> with all teams represented. After the draft, the Rules and Responsibilities were handed out and reviewed by Steve Byrne.

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The number of teams in each Division are as follows:

- Junior Division - Nine (9) teams
- Intermediate Division - Six (6) teams
- Senior Division - Eight (8) teams

Winterball has registered seventy-three (73) girls this year. The Penncrest Girls Softball players have not participated as expected this year. The Leagues' donation to their Boosters Club will be \$730.00.

### **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

All coaches are being asked to attend the meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 A-level play. The team name is the Titans. A motion was made to create the team and 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](http://www.emasksales.com).

### **FINANCE**

The Account Balance figure as of March 3, 2009 is \$45,983.91. 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 include the coaches' and volunteers' time used at the Barrall Field clean-up on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **DEVELOPMENT / SPONSORS**

This year the League has 205 unsold February Lottery tickets. The total profit for the Lottery promotion was \$2399.00. Having it in February only allows us to reach out to the Fast Pitch teams and it is getting much more difficult to sell 1000 tickets. The Fund Raiser could begin as early as Labor Day for the 2010 Season. Tickets could be available for sale at the Awards Banquet with October or November as the Lottery month.

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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 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. As of March 10, 2009 twenty (20) sponsors have donated sponsorship fees to the League. MAGS needs at least 15 additional sponsors to cover each team in the League.

MAGS has registered with Modell's Sporting Goods "Team Weeks" program. This Program, which began Friday, March 13, 2009 and ends Thursday, April 9, 2009 will give a 10% discount off any item purchased in the store, including sale items, by using the 'Modell's Team Weeks Coupon'. The coupon was sent email to all Board members and coaches'. This coupon can be used multiple times and can be forwarded to anyone. It is good at any Modell's Sporting Goods stores, throughout the Northeast, from Virginia to New England. Total purchases made using this coupon in excess of \$1500.00 will result in a 5% rebate back to our League.

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](http://www.responsiblesports.com). An email will be sent out to all explaining the details. The deadline for this event is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SECRETARY**

No Report

**REGISTRATION**

Registration forms were due by February 28, 2009. There is a \$10.00 late fee after this date. Registration forms are available at the Media Community Center and the Media Youth Center. All registrations must include a signed Code of Conduct form and a completed Medical Release form.

Coaches will be needed in the Junior Division this year. Patch Certificates will need to be processed before new coaches are allowed to participate with teams.

**FIELDS / EQUIPMENT**

Permits have been requested for each of the fields used by the League. Each field will require fees paid to Upper Providence Twp, RTMSD, the Rocky Run Y and to Media Borough. The League also pays Wallingford / Swarthmore School District.

Coaches who do not plan to return for the 2009 Season must turn in their equipment to the League. Please contact Bill Roller at 610-636-2369.

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All 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Slow Pitch playoffs: A playoff schedule has been discussed by the Board of Directors which would include the top three teams in each Division. The coaches' of all the Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams will be asked for feedback concerning this tentative playoff initiative.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 14**