

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

ATTENDEES

Steve Byrne
Chris Bannan
Pat Dougherty
Bill Roller
Terri McCabe

Joe Mirarchi
Ernie Ricco
Jim Swiniuch
Harry Moore

ABSENT

Mark Ballew
Steve McLarnon
Pete Thomas

APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Bannan to approve the January minutes with the addition of Ernie Ricco's name to "attendees" for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Dougherty.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved new Director positions' of V. P. Development (Bill Roller), Field Coordinator (Harry Moore) and Umpire Coordinator (Ernie Ricco). Each Board of Director position is appointed to a one (1) year term.

The Board had an open discussion on the topic of the Brookhaven softball teams. The games would involve the Senior Division teams and for the 2009 season the games would be considered exhibition games. One possibility would involve scheduling the games after Easter and before the start of the season on April 18, 2009. Steve Byrne Chris Bannan and John Endres will meet with the Brookhaven Coaches to discuss specific regulations of play.

Coach's Clinic: Tentatively, this will be held on March 22nd – 4:00 – 6:00 pm.
All coaches will be invited.

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 will compose and send this letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SLOW PITCH DIVISION

The Slow Pitch draft date is March 7th from 9:00 – 11:00 am. A Coaches meeting will immediately follow the draft.

Winterball has registered seventy-one (71) girls this year. The Penncrest Girls Softball players have not participated as expected this year and a final decision on the Leagues' donation to their Boosters Club will be made later this month. The Clinic anticipated five (5) and / or six (6) players each session and on average only three (3) players showed. For some sessions, only one player attended.

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February 6th, 20th and 27th - 6:30 to 7:30 pm – First and Second grades
7:40 to 8:40 pm – Third, Fourth and Fifth grades

The Feb 13th date has changed because of the Penncrest Boys Basketball game.
It will be made up on Feb. 27th.

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

Fast Pitch registration is over. Uniforms will be ordered 30 days prior to the beginning of the season. Bill Roller will discuss material quality with Ampro, comparing last years' uniform to the uniform of two (2) years ago. The uniforms looked cheap and the material pulled easily. The League has samples of both uniforms available for inspection.

FINANCE

Balance Sheet figure as of February 9, 2009 is equal to \$29846.01. Terri McCabe presented a new Class Reporting System. The League will be able to see exactly where each Division and/or functional area is within the overall budget. 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.

Check # 1454 to Upper Providence Twp. in the amount of \$300.00 for Field Permits in 2008 is outstanding. Steve Byrne will contact Upper Providence Twp. to inquire about their Accounts Receivable and deposit of the check.

DEVELOPMENT / SPONSORS

The League is promoting a February Lottery based on the PA Lottery number which is now underway. 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. There is still money outstanding that we will need to collect in order to determine how much the League will profit from the lottery.

There was discussion about changing the Fund Raiser month to be later in the year beginning with 2010. This would allow the League to reach out to more of the Slow Pitch teams to help support the Lottery. 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.

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This year the League has 180 tickets unsold. The Board unanimously agreed to move the Lottery month to later in the year. A final decision on which month to use will be determined at a later date.

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. To date, we have nine (9) sponsors committed. The League needs approximately 32 sponsors.

SECRETARY

No Report

REGISTRATION

The Postcard mailing to every girl attending Penncrest High School has been completed. The mailing will refer each player to the Web Site <http://www.mediasoftball.org> for information and the registration forms. Registration forms are 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. Bill Roller will inquire at the Rocky Run Y as an additional source for the registration forms.

To date, ninety (90) players have registered with the League. We expect to have over Four hundred (400) girls registered when the 2009 season begins.

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.

Terri McCabe is working with Steve McLarnon to finalize all Fast Pitch registrations. We would like to make sure all forms and money has been turned in for every player. In the past, we have been lax recording this information and feel we may have fees outstanding to collect.

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.

Barrall Field clean-up day is scheduled for March 14, 2009. Volunteers are needed. We will put a League wide email out requesting help for this clean-up day.

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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.

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 February. Interested girls should contact Bill Roller at 610-636-2369.

SNACK BAR

Bill Roller has been in contact with the Slushy Machine company and has secured a two flavor machine for this season. The machine does not cost anything - we commit to purchase product from this company. Monday night as Pizza Night was discussed but we need to find out the cost of an eight (8) piece pie from Pinocchio's. This cost will determine our profit on the sale of each pizza. Steve Byrne will contact Pinocchio's.

NEW BUSINESS

Walt Pileggi Scholarship – Steve Byrne will create the criteria and a selection committee to present at the next Board meeting. Also, confirmation of the date of the Award presentation at Penncrest High School.

PATCH Certificates – “Positive” responses – Any Coach or Board Member who has a “Positive” response to a PATCH Certificate, will be asked to temporarily leave the organization immediately - pending an investigation. This will be led by the President, the Vice-President of the Division and our Solicitor. A Past President may be involved if needed or if one of the other members cannot participate.

Scoreboard – Steve Byrne is looking into changing the Commerce Trademark on the scoreboard since they have been bought out by TD Bank. Steve will check with TD Bank first and try to tie an agreement into sponsorship.

Equipment – Steve McLarnon and Steve Byrne ordered twelve (12) helmets from E-Masks with the clear shield face protector on it. They feel that this helmet is lighter and gives better protection to the batter. Fast Pitch is going to require all girls to buy their own helmets this year and they will offer these helmets to the younger girls. The older girls have gotten used to the cage style guards and they are comfortable with them.

There is an excess amount of new equipment in the shed and this year we should not need to order very much. Steve Byrne and Chris Bannan will try to take inventory of what is available before the coaches meeting on March 7th.

The Board was approached by a team in the Women's Del Val League concerning the use of our fields on Wednesday night. Steve Byrne will get more information, but if our

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numbers hold true, our fields will be used in that time frame. Also, Slow Pitch would like to use the 8:00 pm slot as a make-up night if available for the Intermediate and Senior Divisions.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10