

PWYSA  
Meeting Minutes  
Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011/730-9pm  
Plymouth Library

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**Board members present:** Mike Carter, Sue Edblom, Mike Rod, Brian Ingemann, Dennis Spindler, Joe Waalk, Kent Sticha, Jeff France, Mark Anderson, Terri Schifferle  
**Guests present:** Jim Helseth

The meeting was called to order at 710pm.

**Finance report**

- General update
  - January expenses were reviewed.
  - 2 more teams need to pay their fees for dome ball.
  - Web site fee is due.
  - Rental fees for dome use are also coming due.
  - Mike C is looking into a laptop owned by PWYSA which would contain scheduling software, financials etc.
  - \$954 spent on helmets, face masks, hats, bats, gloves, screens and balls when Varsity Sports moved locations and marked everything 75% off.
  - Income is starting to come in from registrations.
  - Operations and cash on hand is in good shape going into spring. Building some reserve will allow for field improvements and other equipment needs.

Motion was made to accept the financials. It was seconded and Motion passed.

**Travel**

- Registration specifics
  - Timelines reviewed for tryouts
    - Pitching and catching: Tues., Feb 22.
    - Main tryout: Sat., Feb 26.
    - Make up tryout for both: Tues., Mar 1.
  - Even split between main tryout date and make up due to basketball being in Rochester and a couple of hockey tournaments going on.
  - Evaluators are close to being all lined up. Format for all levels is determined. Six + evaluators are scheduled and needed for all days.
  - Board members should plan on being on hand to help where needed.
  
  - Early bird discount until Feb 10 to receive \$25 dollars off registration fee.
  - Deadline for travel set at Feb 21. "No exceptions".
  - So far 41 registration have come in. This is ahead of last year.
  - There has been some coaching interest. Will have a better idea once registration closes.
  - Question raised regarding coach selection process. Step 1: apply online and get background check done. Step 2: Interview process will take place.
  - Will plan on meeting Mar 3 after tryouts are done to go over the evaluations. Will plan on notifying girls and parents the week of Mar 7.

- Coach meeting scheduled for Mar 7. Will discuss philosophy and goals at that time.
- Mike C. working on trying to get Amber (high school coach) there to discuss possible feeder program for high school and summer camps.

#### Suburban League Update

- Tentative team formation meeting scheduled for 4/4.
- Qualifier dates are posted on the MMFL site.
  - 8,10,12U June 24-26
  - 14,16,18U July 8-10
- State tournament dates
  - 10,12U July 8-10
  - 14,16,18U July 16-17
- Rules are changing due to the increasing talent level. 10U A,B will follow "big girl" rules such as stealing home and dropped third strike. 10U C will follow "younger" rules such as no stealing home, dropped third strike, All 10s will still use 5 runs per inning and the using of a 11" ball.
- Programs will start to be distributed at all state tournaments. Coach can give them out to families, grandparents, etc. Pictures will be posted on the MMFL web site. Deadline for this is Mar 27. This is each coaches responsibility to make sure this gets done. Each team should look for a sponser for the cost. Cost from each Association is \$300. Each level should have one.
- May 22 is a "developmental" 8U tournament to be held in Soderville. If interested, we could look into sending a team. It will be skill clinics and tournament combined. They are hoping to send a 8U National team to Iowa from this.
- Seeding will be as it was in the past. Will look at record and coaches ranking of the teams.
- There will be online rosters only.

#### Wayzata Warm Up

- General update
  - Scheduled for May 14-15.
  - Mike R to send email to all teams who registered last year to generate early interest.
  - Some competition from other organizations as they have tournaments scheduled for the same weekend. This will impact the number of teams registering. Entry fee is \$275 will look at possibly dropping the fee to get more teams involved.
  - Fields are reserved. Mike R will talk to Tom to get the deposit sent to Hamel.
  - Mike R working on arranging the umpires. Will arrange them thru the Suburban League.
  - Will need to discuss volunteers at the parent meeting and offer sign up times then.
  - So far \$1000 received in "opt outs". Opt out fee for travel is \$75, rec \$50.
  - Terri will talk with Laurie about arranging volunteers and schedules.
  - Mike C and Mike R will check with city regarding ordinances for game start times. 8am Sat and 9am Sun.
  - As tournament gets closer will need to form some working committees.

Rec in house

#### ·General update

- Jeff checked with other organizations and they state their age levels are the same as ours.
- Jeff inquires if parents select not to “opt out” of volunteering could computer system take them right to dibs and then they could sign up right away. Mike C will look into this.
- Will distribute signs to all the schools tonight highlighting registration is open. Registration scheduling will be ready to go in the morning.
- Once coaches are determined will need to look at some clinics for them.
- Purchase of scheduling software is approved a decision needs to be made before the next board meeting so we can begin using it. Brian, and Jeff will discuss prior to then and make a recommendation.

#### Operations and equipment needs

##### ·General update

- Need to be out of dome soon (March). Kent will need help moving everything out. Once date is confirmed he will send out an email looking for help.
- Once out of the dome, we will need to go thru all equipment and clean up all the bags. This will take about 3-4 hours. If Kent needs help he will let us know. Kevin W. (parent) offered his help if needed.
- Will probably need 10 new sets of catchers gear. Kent inquires if anyone has any preferences. He will look at prices and let us know.

#### Soft goods and uniforms

##### ·General update

- Uniform style agreed on. One blue jersey (an optional white jersey-made per team decision), gray pants, blue socks, blue belt, and embroidered name and number.
- Logo on pants matches logo on the visor. Fast pitch wording was taken off the jersey. Issues with embroidery, different colors of embroidery, and cost were factors.
- Uniform cost is under right around \$90. Under Armour is an extra \$25 and optional, Optional white jersey is \$49, visor is \$7.50. There is NO mark up for uniforms.
- Dennis will bring sample to the parent meeting.
- Subsidy for uniforms will be based on fundraiser in March.

Motion was made to accept the uniform. It was seconded and Motion passed.

#### Fundraising

##### ·General update

- HardRock for SoftBall-date Mar 19 630pm, West Medicine Lake Community Center. Total cost \$1000 for hall, includes security, dance floor, bar, and outdoor Pavilion. Liquor liability will be run thru Buffalo Bar. They will bring bartenders and check ID's. 3-4 kegs have been donated. Each additional will be \$70-100 per keg. Wine supplied thru Napa Valley. 6-12 kinds will be available for purchase. Food will also be available for purchase. Band cost is \$400. They are a classic rock band.

**Dennis still working on silent auction items. US Bank in Plymouth might be interested in selling tickets for us and will possibly donate an IPAD or other “big ticket” item for raffle or door prize.**

**-Allocation of proceeds will be determined by committee (Mike C, Brian, and Tom) with considerations below still discussed:**

**New uniforms**

**Field funds**

**Equipment purchases**

**Nationals support**

**Additional coaching clinics**

**General fund**

**Board positions**

**Open positions: Director of Sales and Marketing  
Director of Fundraising**

**No nominations were made for either position.**

**Close meeting.**

**Motion to adjourn meeting, this was seconded, and motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 855pm.**