



## OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

March 18, 2014

### MEETING OF THE OSSEO MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Robin Dreyer.

**Attending:** Attending the meeting were Jason Green, Robin Dreyer, Jamey Larson, Joe Lavin, Dan Sanford, Paul Sperl, Angela Lindblom, Curt Barker, Chris Sullivan, Tom Cary, Mark Pallansch and Dave Ditty. Guests include Katie Lallier from Park & Rec, CJ Woodrow from Pitch to Pitch, Chuck Triggs from North Metro Umpire Association, Rachel Laurie - OMGAA member, and Andrew Pillsbury with Positive Coaching Alliance.

#### **Open Forum:**

##### Andrew Pillsbury - Positive Coaching Alliance:

Discussed their approach with making the youth sport experience a positive one. PCA works with Associations thru Workshops for Coaches and Leadership members.

##### C.J. Woodrow - Pitch2Pitch:

*Fall Ball:* Last Fall Pitch2Pitch partnered with OMGAA to offer a Fall ball program. Feedback was positive, four 10-11 teams and four 12-13 teams were formed. Pitch2Pitch would like to add a Travel League this Fall with three games at home, three at other sites and one tournament. He is looking for feedback as to whether or not this is something they should continue to offer OMGAA members. OMGAA will continue to support this program, include links on website, member lists to Pitch2Pitch, etc.

*Facilities:* Discussed their facilities, currently in Chanhassen and Burnsville (both leased). Plan on adding more facilities in the near future in Rogers, Blaine and Woodbury. EP spent \$10,000 for facility access this year in Chanhassen and decided to contribute more funds for membership; tryouts were included and April practices.

In our area, about 4 associations can fill a facility the size of the Chan facility. Rogers, Delano/Hamel, St. Michael/Albertville have committed to contributing to a Pitch2Pitch facility in Rogers. Dave will discuss further information needed from C.J. to determine viability with our organization.

OMGAA appreciated the \$2,000 donation from C.J. for team sponsorships.

##### Chuck Triggs - North Metro Umpire Association:

Chuck shared information on the North Metro Umpire Association. North Metro currently does not provide umpires for traveling OMGAA. Four high school umpires will be training umpires, spot checking, etc. this year. There are 250 umpires in his organization. There will 2 training classes held in Maple Grove.

**Secretary:** Robin summarized her research on Background Check companies, recommending we remain

with Sport NGIN due to service level, security, reporting and rate. Also provided an update as to status of insurance company bids. Renewal date for association policy is May 7, 2015 with RJ Ahmann. Will be receiving multiple bids. Spirit Wear store has 500 hits so far, hopeful orders will start coming in after tryouts. Jason and Robin met with an attorney and with Chris will be negotiating rates for future services.

presented the February minutes for approval.

Motion to approve February Minutes

Motion was made by Tom Cary

Seconded by Joe Lavin

Motion was approved

**Treasurer Report:** Chris summarized the Treasurer's Report as of March 18, 2014.

Presented the February Treasurer's report for approval

Motion to approve February Treasurers Report

Motion was made by Paul Sperl

Seconded by Curt Barker

Motion was approved

**IT Director:** Not present.

**Equipment Director:** There was a lot of interest at the Dick's Savings day, especially from parents interested in bats. Park & Rec donated a bin full of gloves to OMGAA; can Don send an e-mail regarding available used gloves. There are an abundance of first aid kits from previous years, so please tell coaches to contact Joe if additional supplies are needed in this years kit.

**Training Director:** Nothing to report.

**Fund Raising:** Introduced Rachel Laurie as Volunteer Coordinator, working with Angela. Rachel will coordinate pictures with Lifetouch and teams, All Star Event, Scholarship, and volunteer hours for future consideration. Rachel will also working with Team Managers to educate them on maintaining team information on OMGAA website. Cambria wants to donate t-shirts with hat for 5 teams. Angela will send Tom pictures. 100 First Aid kits from Twin City Orthopedic were donated to the association. The board is appreciative of this donation! Currently there are 4-5 house baseball teams sponsorships with hats, banners, and company logo on team page.

**Park & Rec:** Nothing to report.

#### **League Directors –**

**Junior House:** Tom is looking into hats and jerseys with OMGAA on them, a branding opportunity and also for parents to order spirit wear.

**Senior House:** Numbers are a little low.

**Junior Traveling Baseball:** Tryouts went well, dome staff was helpful. 2<sup>nd</sup> tryouts are tomorrow.

**Senior Traveling Baseball:** Quotes are in for uniforms, will order them soon. Registrations are low at this date, expect more closer to May.

**House Fastpitch:** 178 players signed up, numbers are low. Curt is concerned with low numbers possibly due to increase in registration.

**Traveling Fast pitch:** Mark discussed priority scheduling for the varsity girls field. Storm is mandated on certain days by the Suburban League. Mark and Curt will work together on the scheduling. Three 10 year old teams have been formed, which is a record, and registration is up overall.

**Vice President Report:** Position to be filled.

**President Report:**

**Old Business –** Robin and/or Volunteer Coordinator will work on how to best and conveniently represent OMGAA at Maple Grove Days. Twins event has been cancelled due to lack of interest, we will revisit next year.

**New Business -** OMGAA bylaws state that the board can appoint a Vice President to finish the term for the open position, which is terminating September 2015. Joe Lavin discussed his interest in this role and how he sees it moving forward. Joe has experience with Scholarship committees, which has been part of prior VPs role. After tryouts Joe wants to discuss and present to the board how he sees the position evolving and the direction he sees this position needs to take. Paul Sperl moved that we appoint Joe Lavin as VP, seconded by Robin Dreyer. Motion unanimously approved.

Dan suggested we send our members an e-mail to discuss an opportunity for an attorney with experience in nonprofits. Jason will draft an e-mail and board will review.

Motion to Adjourn  
Motion was made by Curt Barker  
Seconded by Joe Lavin  
Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robin Dreyer, OMGAA Secretary

**Minutes are not considered official until approved by the Board at the next meeting.**

**Future Meetings:** All meetings to be held at the Maple Grove Community Center, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.