



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

January 20, 2015

MEETING OF THE OSSEO MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Paul Sperl.

Attending: Attending the meeting were Robin Dreyer, Paul Sperl, Tom Cary, Joe Lavin, Don Myhre, Scott Ross, Dave Ditty, Jamey Larson, Mark Pallansch, Chris Sullivan, Jason Roufs and Curt Barker.
Guests include: Mike Parenteau, Craig Solle, Doug Treiber, Mark Beyer, Eric Stienessen, Scott Anderson, John Partanen and Katie with Park & Rec.

Open Forum: Mark Beyer with TruSigns gave a brief presentation on his interest in involvement with OMGAA. Mark provided the demo decals for the branding presentation. He is prepared to offer OMGAA 10-20% discount.

Craig shared the news of a former member who is going through health issues.

Katie received an improvement wish list from Paul. The city has received a new dragger. Rakes will be left at the field before game and removed after. Infield upgrades at Fernbrook are on the schedule.

Secretary Report:

- Fastpitch Clinic flyers were distributed to the elementary schools.
 - Baseball and Fastpitch registration flyers were redesigned and have been approved and are ready to distribute pending Open House decision. Adaptive League registration needs to also be added.
 - Registration signs were brought to the meeting for directors to distribute around the city.
 - Calls have been made soliciting donated ice packs and first aid kits. No response; will continue to pursue.
 - Heard that ball fields were being abandoned in southwestern Minnesota and supplies dumped. Contacted a southwestern city, will continue to pursue.
- presented the December minutes for approval
Motion to approve December Minutes
Motion was made Mark Pallansch
Seconded by Tom Cary
Motion was approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: Chris presented a summarized Treasurer's report as of January 20, 2015.
Presented the December Treasurer's report for approval

Motion to approve December Treasurer's Report
Motion was made Mark Pallansch
Seconded by Don Myhre
Motion was approved unanimously

Committee Reports:

Branding Committee - new hats are available at Daves and other apparel. OMGAA logo needs to change est to 1975.

By-Laws Committee - need to meet again; committee is reviewing a draft that will soon be distributed to the board.

Compensation Policy Ad Hoc Committee - waiting for the boards feedback on proposed changes to policy.

Finance Committee - nothing to report.

Babe Ruth Regional Tournament Committee - Osseo high school has been confirmed as a site. Tom will need a lot of assistance with this task. Tournament will be held July 30 - August 2nd. 14AAA tournament will also be held, sponsored by MYAS.

Facilities Committee - committee met and distributed a list to Katie at Park & Rec.

Directors/Officer Reports:

IT Director: New branding is up and running on the website; registration is open. A reminder for league directors that emails will be forwarded to them as appropriate. The facilities survey will be going out soon.

Equipment Director: Not present during report.

Training Director: Dicks is donating \$1,000 as well as baseball and softball kits. Maple Grove in-store OMGAA days are March 7-8. Doug is assisting Dave with training as Dave is focused on dome rental. Doug and Dave had a meeting and will present their strategy/ideas to the board next month. Looking into online video training. Need to onboard our coaches better, incorporating the high school drills to prepare them for the future. Jamey and another coach went through Cal Ripken training.

Fund Raising: Position is Open.

League Directors Reports:

Junior House: League is ready to go; clinic and tryout dates have been set. Tom has brought in 2 CO-Directors; Aric Stienessen and Scott Anderson

Senior House: Scott will be meeting with the director in Brooklyn Park to possibly partner for future tournament.

Junior Traveling Baseball: Clinics are going well; continues to work with Osseo and Maple Grove coaches to involve them more in OMGAA programs.

Senior Traveling Baseball: No report.

House Fastpitch: Not present during report.

Traveling Fast pitch: Nothing to report.

Vice President Report:

Serving on various committees and fielding questions from the board and members.

President Report:

Old Business –

Nothing to report.

New Business -

Tom made a motion to appoint Aric Stienessen as Junior House Director. Mark Pallansch seconded the motion. Appointment approved unanimously.

a. TEAM T-shirts - All Star Sports will be producing. TruSigns was recommended as our exclusive vendor based on branding demo; same agreement as All Star Sports and Daves.

b. Weaver Lake Mounds - looking into mound improvement or portable mounds. The rubbers need to be adjusted for safety concerns. Jamey feels there is time to rebuild as needed or use artificial. Guest John was

asked to share his feelings and stated that clay mounds are nice but harder to maintain. Jamey will continue to work with Park & Rec.

c. Concession Trailer - Paul suggested receiving bids. Guest mentioned BP paid around \$2500 for a trailer that the softball team uses and rents for \$100; you can also approach Pepsi for their use. Park board will need to approve; currently has a vendor that has exclusive rights for ball nights. It was suggested we rent one before we purchase. Was also recommended to conduct a cost analysis.

d. Team Coach Selection Committee - policy was written and distributed to the board for review. One of the changes was to the lock policy. 4 out of 6 locks vs. 5 locks was discussed; the change is to ensure players are placed on the appropriate team. The goal of the committee was to make the process as transparent as possible. A discussion was also held regarding the traveling committee to tabulate scores. The league directors will form traveling committees that will need to be approved by the board.

e. Traveling Softball Coaches - Mark made a motion to approve Amy Cruetzmenn as the 10U Traveling Fastpitch Coach. Joe Lavin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

f. Coach Training (Positive Coaching Alliance, Ripken) - Hockey is working with the PCA and a representative has contacted Paul to offer similar services; \$2800/3 workshops. Paul has allocated monies in the admin budget for training. It was recommended that this approach be tied in with the Training Director and Coordinator. Doug will talk to the representative from PCA. Jamey has proposed that all Storm coaches be part of Cal Ripken training. House league coaches could have this training as well, whether it be an internal training session or external.

g. Compensation Policy - After discussion, the Compensation Policy will be revised then sent to the board to be reviewed prior to next board meeting.

h. Presidential Message - Paul shared that we are one board; policies are being put into place to make the organization more transparent; the new branding is amazing, website looks awesome; training program is underway; fields will be improved; tournaments held, etc.

i. Open House - Paul suggested we have another Open House event this year. Mark made a motion that we hold an Open House for February 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 with board meeting following. Don seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Mark Pallansch

Seconded by Tom Cary

Motion unanimously approved

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Note: For the months of May, June and July, the board will meet at 9:00 pm.