

# OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

November 17, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Paul Sperl, President at 7:05 p.m.

**Attending**: Paul Sperl, David Ditty, Michael Parenteau, Don Myhre, Joel Becker, Aric Stienessen, Greg Eckman, Scott Ross, Doug Treiber, Stephanie Beyer and Mark Pallansch,

**Open Forum:** - None

#### **Community Liaison:**

Katie Lallier reported that the Ice Fishing Contest will be presented to the park board at the next meeting (Oct 19<sup>th</sup>). Field upgrades are also going to be discussed. Katie also requested additional information on our request for score boards at Fernbrook Baseball and Fastpitch Fields. Brief discussion followed.

Discussed changing practice fields to 90 minute reservations. OMGAA will continue the discussion at future meetings.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed, corrections were noted.

Motion to approve Secretary's report as corrected was made by Mark Pallansch Seconded by Joel Becker Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

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<u>Treasurers Report:</u> Treasurer presented financial activity for October was presented by Paul on behalf of Chris. Discussion regarding the dome payments followed.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Pallansch Seconded by Doug Trieber Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

# **Director's Reports:**

#### **House FP**

Stephanie will be meeting with her coordinators to discuss interleague play with Wayzata. HFP will continue to provide helmets for team bags.

## Traveling FP

Pitching clinics have begun with 21 athletes. Dome practices to begin December 13, with 50 paid athletes already registered and 11 additional athletes under a siblings program.

14 U Storm team is conducting a fundraiser for a trip to the College FP World Series.

Ice Fishing donations are shaping up.

Would like to request upgrades to the ag-lime infields. (new ag-lime)

TFP is hosting a catchers clinic to increase the number of athletes available for the position.

#### **Rookie House Baseball**

## Jr. House Baseball - Not present

#### Sr. House Baseball -

Scott is getting feedback from coaches and parents on possible alternatives and opportunities for additional program improvements and player developments.

Babe Ruth as asked if we would be interested in hosting the 14 St. Tournament.

Discussed possible programs for establishing a more competitive 14 Babe Ruth tournament team.

## Jr. Traveling Baseball

## Sr. Traveling Baseball

## **Equipment Director**

Researching baseballs for purchase, Diamond will work with us directly through local dealers.

#### **IT Director**

Google box is almost complete, directors will keep same e-mail addresses. Directors will need to wait for confirmation from Google.

Met with Max solutions, and will explore alternate scheduling software.

## **Training Director**

Wed/Sunday clinics are finalized with P2P, will finalize logistics and prepare flyers and webpage notices. Will be discussing Pitching/Catching clinics for future dates.

Discussed possible fall league, P2P would require at least 12 teams to organize a league. League would be intermediate between MYAS and National level traveling programs.

TFP will be holding a clinic on proper stretching to avoid future injury.

#### VP

Presented a donation check from Maple Grove Hosp. in the amount of \$240.00 for support of the Traveling Baseball program.

Will provide information on dome rentals for next meeting.

#### President

Babe Ruth program partnering with SI for increased internet exposure. This will provide additional resources.

Paul contacted MG and O HS coaches to gauge interest for input into OMGAA program development. Will continue to pursue off the record discussions.

## **Old Business:**

<u>Fernbrook (baseball) scoreboards:</u> City is willing to allow installation if OMGAA funds the purchase. Scoreboards comparable to those at Gleason are preferred as Parks is already familiar with these and has approved them in the past. It is recommended that OMGAA select a manufacturer and model to present to the Park Board, and Parks will return counter proposals to OMGAA.

Motion to purchase two scoreboards for installation at Ferbrook Baseball Fields, pending approval from Parks, and at not more than \$20,000 in cost, was made by Dave Ditty,

Seconded by Aric Stienessen

Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

<u>Ice Fishing Contest:</u> If approved by City of MG, will then need approval from MN DNR. Entry may require limited (by ticket only) participation. Tournament will require sponsors and volunteers.

Looking to Feb 6<sup>th</sup> as date for tournament. May also include a raffle, but would need to consider distribution of tickets. Dave presented requirements for compliance with MN charitable gaming rules. Additional discussion regarding logistics, advertising, procedure for ticket sales, etc.

Motion to conduct an Ice Fishing Contest on Feb 6 pending approval from parks and MN DNR to benefit the OMGAA Capital Improve Fund was made by David Ditty Seconded by Doug Trieber

Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

Portable Fences:

#### **New Business:**

## Field Upgrades:

David presented a estimate, initiated by Craig Sollie, to provide grass infields and associated irrigations at Weaver Lake Park baseball fields. Estimate for grass infields is\$15,000 per field (\$45,000 total). Irrigation would be an additional \$5,000 per field (\$15,000).

Motion to provide upto \$20,000 per field for improvements at Weaver Lake Park Ball fields (\$60,000 total) was made by David Ditty

Second by Doug Trieber

Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

Portable Fences: Mark discussed possible purchase of portable fences for use at FP fields.

2016 Budgets: Due in December. Mike will work with Pam Sawyer to provide Adapted Softball Budget. Paul will chair a budget review committee, volunteers include Scott, Chris, Mike and Paul.

Paul discussed possible contributions or appropriated actions to honor Gary Fena, past director who passed away in October.

Motion to donate \$500 to the Am. Lung Association in Gary's Honor was made by Michael Parenteau

Seconded by Don Myhre

Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Myhre Seconded by Scott Ross. Motion was approved, without dissent, by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Submitted by Michael Parenteau, OMGAA Secretary

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