

MVSA FASTPITCH

MOUNDS VIEW SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

November 2011 Board Meeting

Tom Bye called to order the November board meeting of the Mounds View Softball Association (MVSA) at 7:04pm. The meeting was held at the Shoreview Community Center, Shoreview MN on Thursday, November 3 2011.

Board members in attendance: Sue Blumer, Tom Bye, Mark Hewitson, Betty Hurley, Chris Kelley, Ted Labey, Barb Montero, and Greg Sherrill

Absent: Jim Meyer, Jim Murphy, John Peschel and Doug Schley

Guests: Julie Montero and Dean Volkert

President's report (Tom Bye)

Tom mentioned November is the month when we look for any grant options that might want to pursue for 2012. Barb suggested we apply for a grant from the Minnesota Twins, she will look into deadline and bring to the next meeting.

Secretary's Report (Barb Montero)

Barb made the following changes to the By-laws:

#2 Affiliations – corrected typo from *andt he* to and the

#07-02 Team Formations

Age requirement was listed twice – removed the 2nd list

Example – will now read:

If you are 12 years old or younger on Dec 31st, you will play at the 12U level the following season

New Resolution #11-01 National Tournament

MVSA encourages that all players at all levels should have an opportunity to attend a National Tournament if their team earns a birth. However, These National tournaments carry extra expenses that MVSA does not budget for but may be able to assist with. In no particular order, priority will be given to the following team levels 12U Select, 14U A & B, 16U A & B and 18U, and if the following conditions are met: Team wins either 1st or 2nd place in a qualifying tournament regardless if it's an A or B level qualifier. If any other level of team places high enough to "qualify" for a National Tournament can have the ability to help fund their expenses by working a weekend tournament or do other fund raising activities.

Motion to approve updated By-laws by Betty Hurley, Chris Kelley seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (John Peschel)

John was absent from the meeting. All financial reports were sent via email. John did request if anyone has significant changes for their categories regarding the budget, they should let him know by email

VP – Traveling (Doug Schley)

Absent from the meeting – no update

In-House – (Ted Labey)

Ted mentioned he is currently working on getting the mailing list from the schools. The flyers are almost complete. He will bring them to the December meeting for all to review.

Concessions (Jim Meyer & Betty Hurley)

Jim Meyer absent, Betty reported the only item left in concession was some remaining pop. The coke company has been called to come and pick up.

Equipment (Jim Murphy)

Absent no report

Umpires (Mark Hewitson)

Marks stated the City of St. Paul is working on dates to offer the spring umpire clinic. However, John Lund (spelling?) has offered to do a free renewal umpire clinic for the younger returning girls from the MVSA.

Tournaments and Clinics (Greg Sherrill)

Greg informed the board we have 5 girls interested in the pitching clinic that will start on Tuesday November 8th, at Pike Lake. There was not enough interest for a catching clinic at this time. Greg is also working with Julie from Minnesota Fast Pitch Academy to see what we can offer in January.

Greg also stated that Line Drive Sports, in Lino Lakes has been reserved for both MLK Day and President's day, 9:00am – noon.

Uniforms (Chris Kelley)

Chris mentioned she has the contract for borrowing uniforms all typed up. Chris is also working with Athletic outfitters to find the best price for black pants that we can offer our players.

Fields (Sue Blumer)

Sue stated she talked to Gary with the City of Shoreview regarding turning of the fields. The City will consider doing this in the spring however they must acquire the proper equipment to do so. Sue will be meeting with Gary to further discuss what our needs are. Sue is also looking into what will work for the mounds.

Discussion –

Team distribution at the younger age levels. It was brought to the boards attention that parents had some concerns regarding teams being divided up equally. Tom explained the process as follows: every girl that comes to evaluations is giving a number. During the draft coaches are assigned pitchers and catchers (and their daughter, if the daughter is not a pitcher or catcher) then each coach picks a player until all players have been drafted. When the draft is completed, the coaches add up the numbers and compare the total with all the other coaches. Each team's total number should be within 0 – 10 points of each other. If this is not the case, coaches should switch a few players around to even out the teams.

After hearing from two coaches (Sue Blumer and Dean Volker) it became evident that this process was not communicated properly to the group of 12U coaches. This brought up other questions, if teams are to be divided equal, why doesn't Doug (VP of Traveling) just divide up the teams? Why hold a draft? If holding a draft, why can't coaches be in on the evaluations? If coaches are in on evaluations how will girls react? Will this cause them to be nervous and not perform well?

Action item moved to December meeting: Board to vote: Should Doug put together teams and no longer have a draft? Do we allow coaches to be in on evaluations?

Betty motioned to adjourn meeting, Greg second the motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 1st at Green Mill, Shoreview 6:30pm.

Draft minutes sent to board by e-mail on November 18, 2011
