

Kasson Mantorville Girls Softball Association
Meeting Minutes

March 19th 2018 6:30pm

Type of Meeting: Regularly scheduled, full board

Meeting Facilitator: President Ryan Head

Invitees: KMGSA board members

- I. Call to order: 1830
- II. Roll call: Ryan Head, Amy Krahn, Jason Fansworth, Jason Batzel, Ryan Rismeyer, Jason Murphy, Amy Murphy, Pam Murphy, Gene Grover, Aaron Babcock, Chris Stundahl, Nick Fitch, Danielle Fitch, Jason Simons, Kim Simons, Shannon Abbott, Heather Abbott, Frank Merchant, Jeremy Schubert, Christy Schubert, Sam Trip, Eric Distad, Jennifer Mass, Tammy Mathias, Jenny Malecha, Don Hahn, Jennifer Hahn, Trisha Hairsine, Stacy Hanson (I understand I may have missed a few attendees, I did my best to write names down as people came in)
- III. President's report: Head reported on assessments from yesterday and this coming Sunday
- IV. Secretary's report: approval of minutes from last meeting. Saved to Google Docs Motion to approve carried unanimously.
- V. Treasurer's report: to be saved in Google Docs and attached to meeting minutes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.
- VI. Open issues (old business)
 - a. Spring Swing: 20 registrations thus far. Waiting for final number to order shirts. Shirt design has been finalized.
 - b. Review season timeline: Schedule parent meeting, week of April 16th. Krahn will schedule based off school availability.
 - c. 2018 Coaches, all age levels: Head has a list of coaches and coaching needs moving forward.
 - d. Bat/Helmet racks for dugouts: Will discuss further when current work on the fields is completed.
 - e. Assessment update: 91 registered, nearly 50 assessed yesterday.
 - f. Concrete for batting cage: Money allocated last season, will complete when current field work is complete and weather permitting.
- VII. New business
 - a. Review KM Booster Club minutes N/A
 - b. Schedule parent meeting, secure space Week of April 16th based off school availability.
 - c. Inventory review for 2018: Order game balls
 - d. 10u Umpires: We would like to pay school ball girls to ump again 10u again this year, waiting on approval from SFC.

- e. NE Field: Head will talk to Ron about utilizing the NE field.

Parent/player/board discussion: Several parents attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing 14u and 16u teams. Discussion opened with a geographical release to for the teams to play. KMGSA was not approached this year for a release. Regional and State USA Softball commissioners communicated directly on the geographical rule after requesting and receiving KMGSA Bylaws. The conversation then shifted to what past experiences from both sides led to this point. Most parents spoke at some point during the discussion. Some players spoke as well. The baseline needs from both sides was: the need for more competitive teams at 14u - 16u level, need for more committed teams/players, need to play in a more competitive league, need for more comprehensive tryouts, independant tryout evaluators, need to have all teams operating under KMGSA and using Komet name, need to be inclusive of all wanting to play summer ball at KM, need for improved coaching.

After much discussion, the following will be adopted immediately moving forward:

16u: Gene Grover will coordinate the 16u team. A coach will hired by Gene and approved by KMGSA board. Pay to be determined. 16u will play in the Tri-County league (if still able to enroll, Gene will contact league director), and participate in 7 tournaments. The team will be comprised of all 16u that want to play, with the understanding, playing time is earned and will be allocated similar to school ball. Currently, 16 total signed up.

14u: All 12u and 14u players that would like to play on 14u Gold (upper level if available through SFC) will be invited to try-out. The team will be built with those players that assess the highest and also to fill position needs. Coach TBD. This team will play in SFC league and schedule up to 5 tournaments.. 14u will also have a Silver team who will play in the SFC league and will schedule up to 3 tournaments. Currently 23 total registered (including 4-5 12u)

12u: Will have Gold and Silver teams. Both teams will play in the SFC league with the Gold team scheduling up to 5 tournaments and Silver up to 3 . Coaches to TBD. Gold team will be comprised of the highest assessed players as well as filling position needs.

A transition committee of Gene Grover, Jason Farnsworth, Aaron Babcock, Ryan Head, Christy Schubert, and Ryan Rismeyer will meet on Thursday, 7pm at Gene Grovers residence to work on the details moving forward.

*******The above is compilation of notes taken during the meeting and ment only to outline the conversation. Notes will be taken at the Thursday's meeting and posted for continued transparency-RRR**

VIII. Adjournment: 937pm