



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 18th, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Greg Eckman, President at 7:07pm

Position	Name	In Attendance
Admin Directors		
President	Greg Eckman	X
Vice President	Jason Albeck	
Secretary	Lindsay Kelley	X
Treasurer	Scott Ross	X
Tournament Director	Jared Semerad	X
IT Director	Cody Billings	X
Training & Development Director	Tait Schneider	X
Equipment Director	Pete McMullin	
Volunteer Management Director	Karla Ruhr	X
Fundraising Director	TBD	
League Directors		
Travel Fastpitch Director	Cassy Ludwig	
House Girls Director	Matt Doucette	X
Junior Travel Boys Director	Candy Anderson	X
House Rookie Director (8-9)	Amber Burke	X
Junior House Director (10-12)	Andy Groettum	X
Senior House Director (13-15)	TBD	
Senior Travel Director	Jeff Ruhr	X
Optional Attendees		
OMGAA Social Media Coordinator	Kelly Williams	X
Maple Grove Parks & Rec	Chris Morrow	X

Open Forum:

- Mike Parenteau – Mike is the chair of the academic scholarship committee. He is also now one of the commissioners of the Adaptive Software league. The ASL wants to have another tournament like last year. This year they hope to make it more of a regional tournament, planned for late July, early August.
- Kelly Williams- Families need clarification on Dibs. The website states in multiple places that Dibs are one check per family, but other places says it's one check per kid. Karla clarified it's one check per kid- she will update website.

Park & Recreation Report – Chris Morrow:

- Luke, the Recreation Coordinator attended with Chris. He will be in the office until 6pm, after Joelyn.
- Still targeting May 1st for fields opening
- Luke is running youth Co-ed baseball program again this year (Ages 6-10)- coach pitch and machine pitch. Over 40 more kids than last year. Added 3 new teams and that doesn't count the waitlist kids that they will be able to add.
- Gleason-
 - meeting with construction.
 - Fields 1 and 2 will be available May 1st- mainly for practice due to the poor spectator situation.
 - May 15th – all fields will be available for both practice and games.
 - June 2nd all fields will be available for full capacity.
 - Area is muddy with no concrete. No walkable areas. Once road restrictions are up, then concrete will be poured.

March Meeting Minutes:

- Jeff moves to approve March meeting minutes
- Jared seconds motion to approve March meeting minutes.
- No discussion. All in favor by voice vote.

Director Reports:

Tournament Director

- One team forgot to pay and ended up backing out. So now he has one opening for 13AA.
- Everything else going as planned

Junior Travel Baseball

- Has a lot of PO's and refund checks ready

- One additional team wanted to go to Omaha
- Coaches store is open
- Short a few hats, and short a few L/XL jerseys
- BSN second store just opened today, and a second store for Dave's
- Dome practice schedule- started with 3-4 hours per team and ended up using 7-8 hours.
- Confirmed that the dome is coming down Monday the 24th
- MG High School Home Opener 15th, normal HS field- needs to market to all teams
- MG Twins night Memorial weekend- will be marketing this to all Directors and coaches

House Fastpitch

- Biggest registration numbers we have ever had
- Dome time has been awesome – all teams have used it
- Also, dome time has been a great way to get Dibs checks and uniform distribution, etc since all teams are together so early
- Anticipates issues with umpires again, like last year.
- What system are we using to book fields? Will wait to hear from Candy on this
- When is a link going out for trusted coaches? Board said it already went out.
- Do team managers need to do trusted coaches as well? Yes.
- Fundraising- there is an issue with families that have over 2 children. What is our policy for this situation? These families are getting \$600-\$800 per family, when it should be capped at \$400. Matt is going to pull the data from the system to see how many families are in this situation.
- Next year we could have a "Fundraising Card" event where we hand them out to everyone at one time, so baseball doesn't get them early.
- Already made over \$1000 with the new House apparel store

IT Director

- Needs to find out our customer number for GoDaddy. Our OMGAA is registered there but we can't access it.
- All OMGAA images/high resolution images were deleted when he took office. He is working to recover as many images/logos as possible. Created a repository on teams for everyone to access.

Training & Development

- Needs to schedule a Coaching Day with MGHS Coach Peterson. Weather has thrown their practice/game schedule off, so we are waiting so we can do something in parallel with him.

- Needs to get the bin out of the Dome before it gets taken down. Can this go in the Shed? Yes.
- MYAS league has a fundraising event and Max Roemer won and is throwing out the first pitch at Sunday's Twins game.

Treasurer

- Legion registration opened up about 10 days ago. No try out date yet
- Will send out the financial status update via email

Dibs

- Will update the website for clarification about number of checks
- Wants all checks by May 1
- Has received them from Junior travel baseball, but no one else
- Has concerns about how Sports Engine is displaying Dibs for families that have more than one kid. Is this something we can fix for next year? Scott explained that this is linked and set up at registration time. This topic will be moved to Old Business for Oct planning meeting.

Senior Travel

- 13 U, 14U/15U evaluations house are done
- Teams are formed
- 3 13U teams, still need 1 13U coach
- 14/15U House coaches are great- team organization went great. Signed up with Gopher State.
- 15U Storm Tryouts will come mid/late May, roughly same number of kids as last year

Minor/Major house baseball

- 4 teams at 4th grade- would like this to be bigger, but these teams need more practice
- 8 teams at 5th/6th grade
- Evaluations are completed
- Every team has a coach
- Coaching meeting is Thursday night with Rookie house- has a PowerPoint for the coaches that goes through rookie through majors and goes through rules, etc.
- Elm Creek is home field
- Working on schedules to provide Thursday night
- All Star weekend at Gleason- June 17th

Rookie House

- 8 teams, 97 players
- Coaches got equipment tonight
- Meeting Thursday
- Rewriting some of the rules, specifically how many innings constitutes a game
- Question about the tournament- does it have to be on a weekend? Can she move this to a weekday? Yes. She can decide as the league Director.

Secretary

- Submitted PO for our Insurance renewal
- A fastpitch house coach is waiting for our certificate of liability and none of my emails to her will go through. Cody is investigating. In the meantime, I will continue to CC Matt so he can just forward information to her.
- Website has been updated with new Bylaws and Dibs policy that the board approved last board meeting
- Action item- send to Chris Morrow when I get certificates of liability

President

- Prime Advertising- Up to about \$17K in revenue (we get 50%)
- Finalized registration numbers 902 people- equates to \$112,750 fundraising plus about \$9K from Gleason.
- We can now do things like prioritize dome usage for all leagues (not just storm), can provide better equipment, etc.
- When the dome goes down, they're putting a new roof on it, and all new netting. 1 million dollars for updates. \$100K to take it up/down each time.

Old Business

- Gleason Complex update- covered earlier tonight
- Prime Advertising update/report- covered under President's report
- GCSC – first meeting scheduled for 4/3/23- will take this off agenda as this is on going
- Field improvement requests – Greg to add doc, has not done this yet, will stay on the list
- By-law change/vote on dissolving fundraising director role and moving responsibilities under VP- - Lindsay to redline the policy and/or Bylaws for this and send out via email. These redlines need to be posted with our meetings to be made available
- Storm Director role – discussion to move to 2 roles- will table until October planning meeting

New Business

- Teams going to Omaha can get more fundraising cards to sell to offset the cost

- Storm tryouts move to the fall- will leave this on the list for the fall

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Matt
- Motion to adjourn was seconded by Amber
- Motion was approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Submitted by Lindsay Kelley, OMGAA Secretary

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