



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Feb 21st , 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Greg Eckman, President at 7:04pm

Position	Name	In Attendance
Admin Directors		
President	Greg Eckman	X
Vice President	Jason Albeck	X
Secretary	Lindsay Kelley	X
Treasurer	Scott Ross	
Tournament Director	Jared Semerad	X
IT Director	Cody Billings	X
Training & Development Director	Tait Schneider	X
Fundraising Director	TBD	
Equipment Director	Pete McMullin	X
League Directors		
Travel Fastpitch Director	Cassy Ludwig	X
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
OMGAA DIBS Coordinator	Karla Ruhr	X
Maple Grove Parks & Rec	Chris Morrow	X

Open Forum

- Negative feedback and questions from parents/families regarding registration pricing
 - Families get the fundraising fee back after selling cards
 - Can we do a payment plan?
 - Sports Engine allows for a 3–4-month payment plan that we could look at for next year. Too late to implement for this season.
 - The cost breakdown is clearly explained on the registration page
 - The processing fee is a percentage of the total fee. As cost is now combined up front, the processing fee goes up. OMGAA makes no money off the processing fee.

Park & Recreation Report – Chris Morrow

- The issue with the registration fees has gotten all the way to the city council. Chris has explained the fee to those who have complained that the breakdown is on the website/registration
- Chris requested that we add a disclaimer to the OMGAA website board members page that he is not technically a board member and to remove his phone number.
- There is trail work planned around fields at Maple Grove Middle School. This might affect areas around the baseball fields.
- See Click Fix app- citizens/residents can use this app to get things fixed.
- Gleason Update- City is meeting with construction crews in March. With all the snow they don't know a lot. Fields and dugouts are fine. The only thing left is the backstops haven't been put up yet. The main concern at this point is the stuff around the fields- getting to the fields will be very muddy. The city will need to advise where to park and walk. The other thing is the upper parking lot is the construction lot with machinery. Once the city gets dates from the construction company on what they can promise, then the city can start planning dates.
- Jason would like to start a weekly meeting the city on Gleason starting March 6th, even if there isn't much to report yet. But no update is still an update.
- When can Pete get to the new shed? Chris will find out and circle back.

January Meeting Minutes

- Jeff moves to approve both January meeting minutes
- Tait seconds the motion. Voice vote, none opposed

Director Reports

Cassy:

- 7 weeks of clinic are done

- 3 pitching clinics left; 1 catching clinic left to go
- Registration numbers to date: 8U is at 10 girls (last year 21), 10U is at 40 (last year 34), 12U is at 26 (last year 36). She anticipates that 12 U will go up once hockey and basketball are done. 14U is at 9 (last year was no teams in spring).
- BSN try-ons next week

Jason-

- May 15th is Youth Baseball night- Crimson Vs. Coon Rapids on Gleason Field 1
 - No games or practice on that night so all youth can attend
 - Jason will post this on the website
- Dome was highly utilized compared to the last few years
 - New Sublease partners
 - Lacrosse, Osseo Softball, Marantha Softball and tunnel reservations were all successful
 - Needs to schedule the Gleason Scheduling committee meeting

Tait:

- Will email the budget out ASAP to be approved electronically
- Sunday clinic doing well. His plan is to evaluate at the end of the season between Sunday and Monday to see if we can lower registration fee. We cleared about 11K just from Sunday nights. Difficult to get coaches to volunteer on Sunday night.
- Monday in the red, about \$1100 because of having to pay P2P
- April 16th – potential date for coach Peterson coaching clinic for all OMGAA coaches
- Also talking about having 1 or 2 HS practices open to OMGAA coaches to see how he trains and runs it
- He is getting some emails from parents about bullying going on at clinics. The board discussed that every single night the parents/volunteers need to remind the kids and address this.

Andy:

- Partnered with Alex Miley for umpires
- Dates are set for evaluations
- A lot of phone calls about registration and the program
- A few people interested in coaching
- One idea he has is an FAQ website- i.e. what does my fee goes towards?

Amber:

- Received all uniforms
- 44 registrations so far
- House fastpitch explained how he has handled friend requests for kids that try out for travel and don't make it. He must form teams early on and can't promise anything that late in the game. It is the risk you take when you register for travel ball.

Jeff R:

- Issue with billing that he needs to figure out. Some families need to be reimbursed. Will work with Jason and Cody. This needs to be done within 30 days of payment.
- 3 people interested in coaching
- Is working on tournaments to them to play in.
- Pulled every house uniform he could find and did inventory. There was not enough to do a full team, so he will need to order for house.

Jared:

- Two tournaments are moving along. Both are full – 16 teams in each.
- Close to 12K in revenue just from registration. 13A and 13AA.
- Received state bid for GSTC/MYAS but we did not receive a bid for MBL/MBT.

Lindsay:

- Updated Policy 11- Compensation and waived fees on the website.
- Redlined by laws for new Volunteer Management Director position, removed DIBS coordinator from underneath Secretary job description. Will send out via email for electronic vote.

Greg:

- Fundraising Director is open if anyone knows someone who is interested
- Jason is throwing out the idea that the fundraising role could get rolled up into Vice Presidents role. When the FD position was created, OMGAA didn't have any solid fundraisers in place, and the need is no longer there. In the next months we can revisit this role.

Candy:

- Uniforms are all in. Moved to Under Armor this year.
- Is working with BSN for coaching store- coaches will get a credit to coaches and assistants to order what they want as a group.
- 70+ tournaments already scheduled.

- 12A tournament scheduling is challenging as they don't have a lot of options
- 166 registrations: 6 kids at 15U, 160 at 9-14U. Last year was 250 some at this point.
- March 12-15th- received feedback from parents around hockey and basketball tournaments. This year we have the 2nd night so most kids will get to go through twice.
- Working with Karla on DIBS schedule. She will get Karla what she needs for DIBS by next week for Tryouts.
- She needs to schedule AAA interviews. Will try to get those completed the week of March 5th.
- Coaches' manager meeting- working with Peter on this to make sure equipment is ready. Plan to have this meeting after spring break.
- Working with MN Twins for OMGAA night over Memorial Day weekend. Smaller scale last year.

Matt:

- Friend requests is a big issue for him right now
- Uniforms from the shed in his garage. Going through them to make sure the notes match and get Ben to replenish.
- He is planning on a mid-season tournament that was well received last year

Scott:

- Sent revenue report and updates over email early today

Cody:

- First month working on everything
- Everyone is up and running on MS Teams for meetings and communication
- His OMGAA is now up and running

Peter:

- Baseballs on track for arrival/shipping
- Wants league directors to stay in touch about Ts, heavy balls, any additional equipment needed during the season

Karla:

- She has the DIBS policy redlined and will email it out to everyone
 - We will electronically approve these
 - Lindsay will blackline and upload to website

- Needs DIBS opportunities sent to her
 - Recruited DIBS vs. Public DIBS explanation

Old Business

- Gleason Complex update (See details under Chris Morrow from Parks & Rec)
- Gleason Complex scheduling committee (GCSC)
 - Jason- Chair, will schedule first meeting
 - Greg
 - Cassie
 - Candy
 - Lindsay
 - Kelly W
 - Andy G
 - Chris M from Park & Rec at first meeting
 - We need to start meeting ASAP
 - Lindsay will put together a Distribution List for easier communication
- DIBS Redlines Adjustments – VOTE electronically before next board meeting
- Budgets needed for approval: Moving to review/approve over email
 - Training and Development- will send it out over email for electronic approval
 - House 10-12 has been sent out over email. Needs to be approved electronically.
 - Jason noted that we are out of compliance if we pay any PO's before the budget approvals. For future years, we need to get budgets approved in November.
 - Action Item: All league directors need to send Cody an electronic copy of their budget

New Business

- We need 2 volunteer directors to support scholarship committee
 - Jared volunteered
- Fundraising- include girls 8U & 16U
- Prime advertising partnership update
 - Snapshot with financial details provided by Greg with vendor and packages they are paying
 - We get 50% profit
 - Our responsibilities include storing banners, hanging banners, removing banners for all of the advertisers.
 - Zip ties don't work the best at Fernbrook Fields. Better to invest in carabiners for corners.

- Prime gives a map for Fernbrook, so maybe they will give us a map for Gleason. (i.e. Prime location on a favorite field, etc)
- Other Improvements:
 - Rice Lake Batting Cages- OMGAA owns this, not the city
 - Field Improvements
 - More boxes for line gear as it's hard to share between softball/baseball fields sharing tools (Chalker, etc). Examples are basswood and weaver
 - Jason suggested that OMGAA has a Capital Improvement Plan that we can reference and have future plans for, have these requests in queue. Chris M said there are lots of grants we can apply for these types of things.
 - Action Item: Cody will create teams channels in Teams, and then will create a form for Capital Improvements so it's shared
 - Jason thinks the list should be prioritized and approved and given to the city. We can look at the City planning cycle to determine when we give them.
 - Chris M confirmed that the field prep will be the same as last year- will need parents/volunteers to do it.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn was made by Karla
- Motion to adjourn was seconded by Lindsay
- Motion was approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Submitted by Lindsay Kelley, OMGAA Secretary

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