



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sept 19th, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Greg Eckman, 7:00pm

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	
Maple Grove Parks & Rec	Chris Morrow	X

Open Forum:

- Mike Parenteau: Came to drop off a check for the Academic Scholarship Program.

2023-2024 Elections:

- Vice President
 - Matt Atkinson candidate.
 - Jason Albeck will help with the transition.
 - VP also handles Field and Dome Scheduling. Scott is taking over Dome Scheduling simply to eliminate the middleman (Jason scheduled, Scott would take payment).
 - Show of hands vote confirmed Matt Atkinson to Vice President Role
- Girls House Fastpitch Director
 - Kim Reed interested candidate.
 - Matt Doucette will stay on to help.
 - Show of hands vote confirmed Kim Reed as Girl's House Fastpitch Director
- Boys House Rookie League Director
 - No candidate
 - Leave open, will continue to market for this position.
- Equipment Director
 - Added responsibility this year which will be to build out Gleason Shed with shelving, organization, and move equipment.
 - Both baseball and softball equipment included in this role
 - Joe Kelley candidate.
 - Show of hands vote confirmed Joe Kelley as Equipment Director
- Fundraising Director
 - The board voted to absorb this role into Vice President in July
 - No candidate interested in this role.
 - Redlines in Bylaws and Policy 9 are currently posted on the OMGAA website for comment.
 - Previous month's meeting minutes announced this vote.
- Volunteer Management Director (Incumbent seeking reappointment)
 - Show of hands vote confirmed Karla Ruhr to continue as Volunteer Management Director
- Storm Travel Boys Baseball Director (Incumbent seeking reappointment)
 - Show of hands vote confirmed Candy Anderson will continue as Storm Travel Boys Baseball Director
- President
 - Andy would like to throw his name out there to take over Greg's role as President.
 - What would happen to Andy's Major House league? Mike Ryland in attendance and interested in learning more. Andy will work with Mike to communicate responsibilities to gauge interest.
 - Greg and Andy will work together to discuss a transition plan that covers all responsibilities, as well as ensuring we get a Major/Minor house league director.

Approve August Meeting Minutes

- Scott moves to approve August meeting minutes.
- Karla seconds the motion to approve August meeting minutes.
- No discussion, all approve by voice vote.

Chris Morrow, Maple Grove Parks & Rec:

- Not a lot to report- mostly here to see what would happen with President and Vice President roles. The city is very happy that Scott Ross took over scheduling for the Dome. The new Dome will go up in November- has a skylight! The planned installation starts on the 19th.
- Gleason storage is now available. Any plans for building inside will need to be communicated with Chris Morrow and signed off. Shelving/Storage etc.
- Gleason cameras are all installed and running- dugouts, concessions, etc. Remind teams that they can't eat seeds- and now they will be on camera!
- Issue with Speakers- The functionality of the speakers was a poor design, so the city is working on how to fix it. Hoping to get Bluetooth for families/teams to get connected.
- Field Scheduler- looking to have someone who will own all the scheduling from OMGAA. Not just for baseball, softball, or legion, but overall.

Director Reports:

Treasurer

- Will be cleaning up revenue and fastpitch fall ball stuff.
- Connect with all Directors on last year's budgets to make sure no big gaps.
- Publish the P.O. process that we should be following to submit invoices.

IT Director

- He will be installing two-factor auth this month.
- Lindsay will email Kim, Matt, and Joe's contact information to Cody to get them set up with OMGAA accounts.

Dibs

- Dibs process was a lot of work, and she has a lot of ideas for next year.
- 103 checks to give to Treasurer tonight (63 baseball, 40 softball).
- 13 players that she didn't have checks from - every single league had missing checks.
- 11 players that she can't find a home for. Where did these kids play?

- Wants to take the buyout fee out of registration since the amount they paid at registration is the same amount as the check they wrote.
- Might work with OMGHA to learn how they do DIBS.

House Fastpitch

- Fall softball registration had some issues so he is trying to get payment.
- Didn't get new gear last year, so he really needs all new gear this year. Needs Equipment Director to order EARLY.

Senior Travel:

- 13, 14, 15- had 7 teams last year. Tried to even out the teams and have a competitive balance. Took lots of slack. All his efforts did not work. Next year he isn't going to do evaluations and will just let friends play together.
- Big Challenge next year will be to allow coaches to put teams together, without having ringers all together on one team.

Junior Travel

- Will start ordering uniforms for next season.
- Will be doing equipment needs and will get that to Joe.
- Will update the website with dates now that she has the Dome dates nailed in
- Nov/Dec tournaments will open, and she will register for another 80 tournaments.
- Did the OMGAA Survey go out? Donna had a survey monkey account that Matt was able to use and send out a survey. Need to get information from Cody on what he has.

Major house baseball

- Reconcile the budget from last year.
- Interested in meeting with Dave's sports shop about uniforms and gear.
- He has bags of equipment out for fall ball.
- We need a better process of getting DIBS names. For example, some check's last name did not match the kid's last name.

Secretary

- Bylaws and Policy 9 redlines updated on the website.
- Booking all the rooms for 2024 meetings.

- Per the Compensation and Waived Policy, we need to attend 2/3 of meetings to get our 2 registration fees waived. The attendance will start tracking next month. Action Item for Lindsay- send out an email reminder to the Board about this.

Training & Development

- Will give dates he needs for Fall and Winter to Scott for the Dome
- Lots of interest from High School coaches.
- High School coaches can help run the clinic, while HS players can help if the coaches are not coaching them in the off-season.
- Will add “skill level” on the registration for winter clinic to level set the groups for safety.
- Jan-Feb Wednesday night pitch sessions.
- Jan-Feb Winter clinic will remain on Sunday/Monday nights.

Tournament Director

- He is on the hunt for a Coordinator to help this year
- Normally does 2 tournaments, but next year will do 4 baseball and a few softball.
- He’s looking to help with the House Tournament next year.
- Kelly to send out marketing on this coordinator position.

Old Business

- Gleason Complex update:
 - Prime Advertising Sales – our partnership to date 10/2022 through 9/2023 is 57,126 (50% goes to us).
 - Banner removal needs to happen- a quick gathering. Cut the zip ties and move them to the storage shed. We presume they will go back up next year in the same place.
- By-law dissolving fundraising director role to under VP – approved July.
 - This item needs to be voted on next month as the final step.
- Storm season tryouts moving to fall – move to October planning session.
- Storm Director role moving to 2 separate roles – move to October planning session.

New Business

- Legion State Tournament Host – Scott Ross
 - He was approached by the MN Legion Baseball Board. They asked us to host the 2024 State Legion Tournament.
 - He thinks we should do it. It’s a substantial investment upfront, but we get daily admission fees and concessions from our fields.
 - The Osseo Legion is on board.

- End of July dates
- Burnsville made about 20K last year
- It will help the Legion Program
- We also hosted Junior Legion Sub-State last year, and Gopher Classic.
- He is looking for the Board's blessing to continue pursuing this invitation.
- He will put together the proposal at the end of the month.

Adjournment:

- Tait moves to adjourn the meeting.
- Matt seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:01pm

Submitted by Lindsay Kelley, OMGAA Secretary

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