



## OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### SECRETARY'S REPORT- VIRTUAL MEETING

July, 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Greg Eckman, President at 9:02pm

Position	Name	In Attendance
<b>Admin Directors</b>		
President	Greg Eckman	X
Vice President	Jason Albeck	
Secretary	Lindsay Kelley	X
Treasurer	Scott Ross	
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	
<b>League Directors</b>		
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
<b>Optional Attendees</b>		
OMGAA Social Media Coordinator	Kelly Williams	
Maple Grove Parks & Rec	Chris Morrow	

**Chris Morrow, Maple Grove Parks & Rec: (Not present, but Greg provided updates from Chris.)**

- Cameras and doors at Gleason should be online this week. We now have cameras in every dugout so if seeds are reported we will see them. We will also see teams moving the mound and other equipment.
- Gleason Restroom doors can be unlocked remotely now so they can be opened/locked without staff.
- People are inquiring about Fall Baseball leagues and how to use city fields. Greg said that all teams will need to “register” as an OMGAA team. We can open a dummy registration or Greg/Candy can just have a list of teams. Therefore, they can use the MG fields. Coincides with our insurance policy. More to come on this- we will need to post on our website.
- Games are being added without Chris knowing. Games should be added through Jason Albeck so he can communicate with the city to be dragged. If the city doesn’t know, the field it not prepped.
- The city is planning to send out an update to all youth about city’s policies and procedures on how to book games, tournaments, and practices. There have been issues with subleasing the fields to outside people. Not just OMGAA, but also soccer, lacrosse, etc. Chris will set up a clear “map” on what to do in what type of situation- game, tournament, jamboree, etc.

#### **Director Reports:**

##### Tournament Director

- Tournament went well. Partnership with Jersey Mikes with the city went ok, it might be better now that we have access to the cooler. We had to buy the sandwiches beforehand, so when we ran out, we ran out. Nautical bowls we only got a couple bucks off each one that was sold. We made more money on Jersey Mikes, but the Nautical bowls deal was easier and zero risk. We are already talking to Hy-Vee about next year.

##### Training & Development

- In conversation with Coach Peterson with coaching staff with this fall and winter clinics. Outlining different clinics and ideas, player involvement for our clinics. Potential players cannot be the subject of the training- the OMGAA players need to be the focus. Thinking the same format as last fall- pitching, in-fielding, catching, etc. Also planning to reach out to the Osseo coach to see if there is interest there.
- Last year we did better financially with our own internal coaches than with P2P.
- From a baseball perspective, would love to get coaches involved early to help prevent losing kids to club.

##### IT Director

- Working with Prime on keeping sponsors updated on our website.

- Still trying to work with Go Daddy on getting access to our domain and needs tax documents from Scott.

#### Dibs

- Greg will take all the extra fundraising cards.
- 910 members signed up
- 30 junior leg/legion players
- 287 DIBS opportunities
- 356 recruited Dibs opportunities
  - To Candy- people must go in and CLAIM the recruited Dibs before she can close them out
- She has an email drafted that will go out to all families that have not completed Dibs
- Only 11 unclaimed Dibs!!! Amazing!
- Cassie- only head coaches, no other coaching information for any other teams
- Softball- Matt will also do equipment return dibs too.
- Can she run a report by “family” - Matt said to group people together by their “Registration” number. Only problem with this was if they register each kid separately.

#### Senior Travel:

- We need other teams to stop practicing at Weaver T/W/Th as it’s difficult to find fields for 13U due to field size and scheduling games for other ages too.
- 15U AAA is difficult as not many other leagues are still fielding 15AAA teams. This age seems to be going to HS or junior legion.
- He might have found someone to direct a 16U house/gopher state hybrid team

#### Junior Travel

- 20 teams this season. Finalizing any checks that she owes for umps or tournaments, and equipment returns.
- Sent out her own player and coaching eval forms that coaches use to see what previous coaches said about the players.
- Thank you to Jared for helping her with some of her A teams. She was able to use Weaver and get 3 additional teams in the door and they made money.
- Is looking to Karla to confirm that all families in Storm have completed DIBS as she is getting emails and questions from families who have completed them, but it does not show.
- Adding on to her normal job to have to move games over to Gleason was difficult and time consuming.

- State tournaments this weekend and a few league playoffs this week/next week and then season is over.
- She wants to talk to Greg & Jason to see if they are going to do home game options next year. Her tournament registrations start in Dec, so she will start getting organized for that.
- We need to open a 2<sup>nd</sup> director position. Home field scheduling and ump coordinator as well.

#### Rookie house baseball

- Overall successful fun season. A few coaches pushed the limits and she needs to deal with that.
- Equipment is in the shed, and she still has some equipment- waiting to hear what to do with it if Gleason storage shed is ready.
- Wants to discuss chaos of dealing with Umpires (Alex in Europe). Will bring up at fall planning meeting. He is not reliable, does not respond to emails.

#### House Fastpitch

- There was confusion around practices reserved at Gleason but then they were games and he cancelled them. We need a resource to own some of this or a better process so people can't cancel games.

#### Travel Fastpitch

- Strong fall registrations already coming in. A handful of teams made it to state, summer season is almost wrapped up. There are two 9<sup>th</sup> grade teams so there won't be cuts. Seeing girls leave for club softball after 12U- the extra cost seems to be there.

#### Secretary

- Possibly moving summer meetings to Sunday and virtual meeting. Can discuss and vote at October planning meeting.

#### Old Business

- May Meeting Minutes:
  - Jared moves to approve May meeting minutes.
  - Karla seconds motion to approve May meeting minutes.
  - No discussion. All in favor by voice vote.
- Gleason Complex update
  - Ribbon cutting was a success.

#### New Business

- Greg Eckman- planning to retire, no set date. He wants to do it in the interim, so the transition is easier during the off season. Available for consult if anyone needs. Would prefer to appoint someone. His goal was Gleason, before Gleason didn't even have a name. Now that is completed, he's so proud and happy to let someone take over now.

**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Cody
- Motion to adjourn was seconded by Jared
- Motion was approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:31 pm

Submitted by Lindsay Kelley, OMGAA Secretary

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