

OMGBA Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08pm

Missing Board Members: Greg Ault, Carla Bredensteiner, Sue Drag, Tami Eckberg, Charlie Horton, Ron Jones, Gary LaPalme, Dave Lutz, Russ Nikko, Mitch Ringe, Kathy Thielen

Guests: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Chuck Barta)

Motion was made to approve October minutes. **MOTION APPROVED.**

GAMING UPDATE: (Todd Leyse):

- OMGBA closed it's gaming operation at Sundance on October 31st after Sundance made the decision to go with another vender.
- A short discussion was held amongst the board regarding the gaming operation at Broadway Pizza.

A motion to pay for the October expenses of \$68.37 was made. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Financials are provided to the executive board each month electronically. If you have specific questions or need more information about the financials, feel free to contact any of the executive board members.

TREASURERS REPORT

No report was given at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBERS

There was a short discussion amongst the board members regarding the criteria for board members to hold a position and attend meetings according to the By-Laws. A further look into this matter will be done prior to next month's meeting.

Player needs scholarship (Jodi Bland proposed for Gary LaPalme)

A proposal was made to have an ongoing scholarship opportunity for families with military hardships. After a brief discussion amongst the board, it was decided that the executive board would look at each of these on a case by case basis.

Participating in tournaments with Renegade teams (Dave Schock)

There was a brief discussion amongst the board regarding participation in tournaments that allow renegade teams. It was felt that more background information needed to be obtained. Dave Lutz will be looking into the tournament and have more information in the future.

Osseo 7th-8th grades can tryout for JV and Varsity.(Jim Davison)

Below details the understanding obtained by the Traveling Basketball Committee through interactions with Joey Waters, Osseo Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, regarding the topic of 7th and 8th graders being welcomed at Osseo girl's basketball try-outs in November 2010:

- 7th and 8th graders can try-out for the high school team if they are good enough to make JV or Varsity. They may only make the 9th grade team if they do not displace a 9th grader.
- 7th and 8th graders may only try-out for the high school program that aligns with where they live or reside – open enrollment is not allowed – Osseo District rules.
- 9th graders are now eligible to participate in the high school program of their choosing – open enrollment is allowed – Osseo District policy.
- Osseo's intention in allowing 7th & 8th graders to try-out is to provide a basketball alternative to students who are not participating in traveling basketball programs.

The Osseo girls basketball program is not allowing students to try-out for the high school team if they are already participating on a traveling basketball team.

Lack of Gym Time at the High Schools (Jim & Cori Davison)

We are currently only getting 1 to 2 days a week at both high schools and it is only after 7:00pm and sometimes after 8:30. This is due primarily to the high school sports competitions that are in season, but the high schools are also using the gyms for other purposes. OSH uses all 4 gyms every Monday 6-10 from November-May for open gym for Volleyball and Softball. This is an example of how OMGBA is losing valuable hardwood basketball courts during the basketball season.

OLD BUSINESS:

10,000 shot club (Shawn Tharp)

There was a lot of initial interest, but only about 30 kids submitted any results. And out of that 30, only a few actually finished the 10,000 shots. Next year should have a better showing since it will be advertised sooner.

The idea to have this year's coaches inform their team was also brought up.

Youth Volunteers (Cory Binstock)

- There was one youth that volunteered at the tournament; sweeping the floors and obtaining/writing the scores.
- Four others are also interested in volunteering, one of which would like to assist coaching.
- A request was made for an official document with total volunteer hours that can be given to the individual.
 - Jodi will put write a letter on OMGBA letterhead documenting the volunteer hours for each individual.

Background Checks on coaches (Jim Davison)

Jim plans to speak with John Baumiller about background checks and possibly combining them with OMGFA. More information to come.

TASK FORCE UPDATES:

BUILDING UPDATE (Jodi Bland)

- Discovery team looked at the needs of the organization and determined the following:
 - 2-3 courts more basketball courts are needed from 6-10pm every weekday night to accommodate the number of teams within OMGBA
 - One facility with 6 basketball courts is needed to host weekend tournaments
 - OMGBA, being a volunteer organization, would probably not be able to run a facility by itself and be profitable.
- There was a short discussion amongst the board members regarding the different options both in partnering with the city and OMGBA trying to do it alone. The options discussed were:
 - Building a new facility
 - Renovating an existing structure
 - Adding to an existing structure
- Todd Leyse then read a letter being drafted proposing a partnership with the city in building a facility. The facility would be run by the city and OMGBA would pay a percentage of the initial construction as well as ongoing fees to use the facility. There was more discussion by the board regarding the letter and the proposal.
- The next step is to finalize a letter to partner with the city and move away from trying to build a facility on our own.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Referee Scheduler (Eddie Drag)

Eddie made a request for the Junior High house league schedule so he can begin scheduling referees for the games. The Junior High house league season begins the first week of December. In Russ Nikko's absence, Chris Sullivan commented that he believes Champlin Park is doing the scheduling and they should be contacted. A call will also be made to Russ Nikko to find out what he knows.

Registration (Cori Davison)

All registrations are going well.

The Senior High house league does not have many registered yet but that seems to be the trend. Many of the registrants wait until after high school basketball tryouts to find out if they have made the high school team prior to registering. Registration for the Senior High house league closes November 29th.

Pictures, Awards & Recognition (Julie Hamilton)

- The OMGBA T-shirt sales went well at the girls basketball tournament this past weekend. About 200 T-shirt were sold between pre-orders and the tournament. More T-shirts are being ordered, and will be available for the boys tournament this weekend.
- The decision was made by the executive board to purchase advertising space in both the Maple Grove and Osseo boys and girls high school basketball programs. Julie is currently working on artwork for the advertisements.

Traveling Tournament update (Dave Schock / Bill Hutchison)

Girls basketball tournament (Dave Schock)

- The tournament was this past weekend and it had very large team attendance. The tournament went pretty well.
 - OMGBA had a good showing with many teams doing well in the tournament.
- Dave gave a special thanks to Dan Schmidt for his excellent work with the concessions over the weekend.
- There was a complaint prior to the tournament by one of the teams that was scheduled to play only one game each on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They were not happy that they're parents would be asked to pay admission for three days. Due to this complaint a decision was made to make available a weekend pass that would be sold on Friday. The cost was \$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children. The sale of these passes was very successful and highly praised.
- The championship teams were very excited about receiving a T-shirt, trophy and Timberwolves tickets for winning.
- There was a brief discussion amongst the board regarding who should collect the money from admissions. It was decided that only a short list of board members would be allowed to collect the money and this list would be taped to the inside of each cash box. This would reduce the chance that money would be given to the wrong people.
 - The site supervisors would be responsible for letting the volunteers working admission know who can collect the money and where the list of names can be found.
- Dave outlined many of the frustrations he had working with the community ed person at Osseo Senior High.
 - The request for more chairs for fans to sit around court #1 was initially denied, stating they did not have any more. Finally more chairs were provided.
 - The request for a snow shovel and salt was initially denied, stating they did not have shovels or salt. Finally a shovel was provided but only after fans/players/coaches had already begun to arrive.
 - The request for a broom to sweep the courts was initially denied, but after a short while was provided.
 - In contrast, at Maple Grove High School the snow had been removed and salt applied right away Saturday morning. The community ed person (Dana) went above and beyond all weekend emptying the garbages, sweeping the courts, etc.

A motion was made to get the community ed person a gift card for all of his work at Maple Grove High School. [Motion passed.](#)

Boy's Tournament (Bill Hutchison)

- There are 152 teams
- Most of the volunteers are set
 - Coaches have been sent out the list
 - All of the girls coaches have volunteered.
 - Planning to send an email to house league coaches looking for help as well.
 - Also sending out list of to all board members for site supervisor (have 23 site supervisor spots that need to be filled).

- Bill has received 5 emails from people requesting reduced admissions because they are unable to afford to bring family members to the tournament. He replied to them letting them know about the weekend passes.

Senior High Commissioner (Chris Sullivan)

Registrations coming in. An email was sent to coaches reminding them of the scholarship deadline.

OMGBA House League Tournament (Jodi Bland)

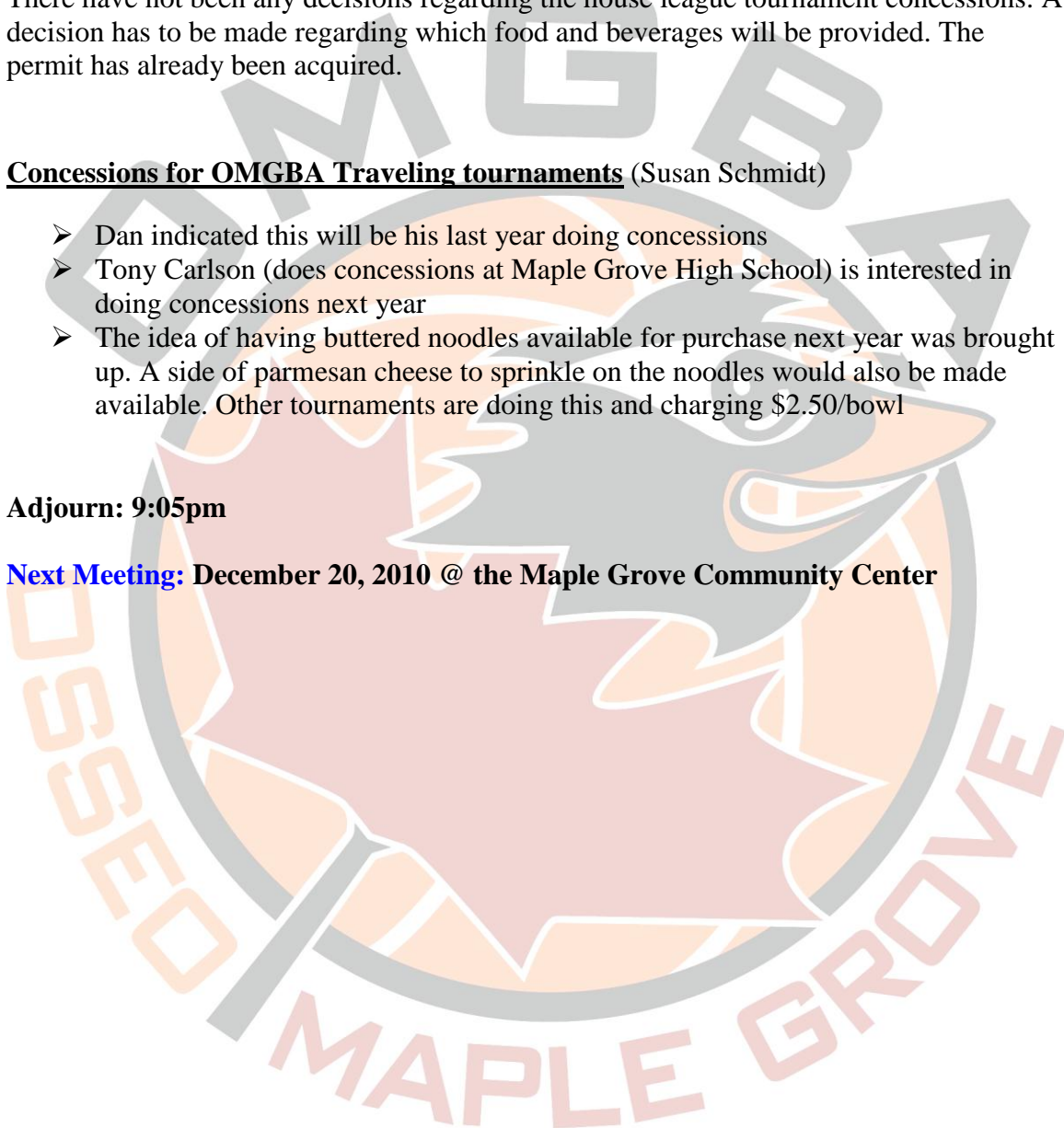
There have not been any decisions regarding the house league tournament concessions. A decision has to be made regarding which food and beverages will be provided. The permit has already been acquired.

Concessions for OMGBA Traveling tournaments (Susan Schmidt)

- Dan indicated this will be his last year doing concessions
- Tony Carlson (does concessions at Maple Grove High School) is interested in doing concessions next year
- The idea of having buttered noodles available for purchase next year was brought up. A side of parmesan cheese to sprinkle on the noodles would also be made available. Other tournaments are doing this and charging \$2.50/bowl

Adjourn: 9:05pm

Next Meeting: December 20, 2010 @ the Maple Grove Community Center



OMGBA BOARD POSITIONS: below are the Board positions for the 2010-11 season.

Position	2010 - 11
Gym Scheduler Manager	Cori Davison
Web Site Manager	Julie Scheidler (FOB)
Uniforms/Equip Manager	Tami Eckberg
Referee Coordinator	Sue Drag
Referee Scheduler	Eddie Drag
Player /Member Recog Mng	Julie Hamilton
Traveling Commissioner	Jim Davison
Travel.Coordinator,Coach Liaison-MG	Dave Lutz
Travel.Coordinator,Admin Liaison-Boys	Karen Lee (FOB)
Travel.Coordinator,Coach Liaison-Osseo	Eric Kittelson
Travel.Coordinator,Admin Liaison-Girls	Teresa Swanson (FOB)
Elementary Commissioner	Cori Davison
1st and 2nd Grade Coordinator	Kathy Thielen
3rd Grade Girls Coordinator	Greg Ault
3rd Grade Boys Coordinator	Carla Bredensteiner
4th Grade Girls Coordinator	Greg Ault
4th Grade Boys Coordinator	Charlie Horton
5th/6th Grade Girls Coordinator	Shawn Tharp
5th Grade Boys Coordinator	Open
6th Grade Boys Coordinator	Hugh Wells
Jr. High Commissioner	Russ Nikko
7th Grade Boys Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
7th Grade Girls Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
8th Grade Boys Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
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Senior League Commissioner	Chris Sullivan
9/10th Grade Boys Coordinator	Open
11/12th Grade Boys Coordinator	Open
9th-12th Grade Girls Coordinator	Cory Binstock
Concession Manager 1	Susan Schmidt
Concession Manager 2	Dan Schmidt
Fall Traveling Boys Tournament Director	Bill Hutchinson
Fall Traveling Girls Tournament Director	David Schock
Special Olympics Commissioner	Mitch Ringe
President	Jodi Bland
Past President	Todd Leyse
Vice President	Julie Hamilton
Records Director	Susan Schmidt
Treasurer	Gary LaPalme
Information Director	Chuck Barta
Insurance Manager	John Baumiller (FOB)
Gaming Manager	Todd Leyse
Gaming Manager Asst	Patty Weinand (FOB)
Administration Position	Cori Davison
Board members without position	Ron Jones