

MAGFA Board Meeting March 16, 2011

Board Members In Attendance (X= Present, A=Absent)

Lisa H. – Pres.	X	Lori M.	X	Dan G.	A		
Brenda C. – VP	X	Troy R.	X	Shannon R.	X		
Darcy A. – Sec.	X	Stacy W.	A	Carla U.	X		
Matt S. - Treas.	A			Mike Barten	X		
Jeff S.	X						

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Lisa at 7:35 pm.

REVIEW of MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Copies of meeting notes had been emailed to all board members in advance for review. No corrections or additions were noted. Meeting notes approved.

REVIEW TREASURERS REPORT - Dan absent

GUESTS:

SPORTS PIX/BETH& BRIAN FOWLER/MAGFA PICTURE DAY

- Discussed trying MAGFA Picture Day again this year; Stars and Mintz only. Peppers coaches would schedule their own based on their schedule.
- We need to set a date well in advance, will have a list of time slots that coaches can sign up for
- Picture release notice will be incorporated right on the order form by Sports Pix.
- Give parents plenty of notice; include it on website and email blast.
- Sports Pix will give bag tags to all the kids that are at picture day and order packages
- Sports Pix will again offer Scholarship certificates to us to include in the envelopes of those that are on scholarship for their fees.
- Brian will work on putting together recruiting brochures for the 16/18's in lieu of a team banner.
- Carla will work with Brian to incorporate information on our website for their roster page.

Action items: Shannon needs to forward the number of scholarships we have to Brian, board needs to select a date at our April meeting and let Sports Pix know, Brenda will work with Brian on the brochures.

MIKE BARTON/SPONSORSHIP DOLLARS

- Mike expressed his concern for our corporate sponsorship initiative.
- He shared how they used to do it several years ago when he was on the board. He also shared the number of sponsors that MAYBA has.
- Lisa went over the Single/Double/Triple/Home Run program that we have in place and that we have tried to reach out to community business through letters and some personal contact.
- Mike feels there is still money to be obtained yet this year and we need to develop a plan to reach out to businesses.
- Troy suggested that other organizations hire this out to an individual that then receives part of the money received in commission.

Action items: Lisa will forward a list to Carla of our current sponsors and their levels to put on the website. Propose ideas on moving forward with corporate sponsorship at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON MEETING WITH CITY OF NORTH MANKATO / NEW BLDG.

- Darcy and Lisa met with Wendall Sande, NM City Administrator, regarding the possibility of partnering with the city for a MAGFA facility. The meeting was very positive.
- Wendall indicated that the city has land available up on the Caswell complex that they would be willing to donate to MAGFA to put a facility on. This land is valued at approx. \$30,000/acre. The land available would accommodate an 80 ft. x 200ft. (approx. 16,000 sq ft) building.
- Lisa Haman reached out to Renee Mayes at MAYBA to see if they are interested in partnering with MAGFA in this endeavor and they declined, as they are planning on building up by Rosa Parks.
- In moving forward we need to determine what other non-profits in the community are interested in partnering, if any. We also need to develop a capital campaign plan.
- Once we have a plan in place, a list of participants and an outline of how we will run the facility we can present to the city council for approval.

Action items: Lisa/Brenda will reach out to some individuals that were instrumental in the development of the organization for their input on moving forward with building and capital campaign. Darcy will reach out to other non-profits in the community to gauge their interest.

TRYOUTS

- Feedback on tryouts being held over two nights was very positive. Board members agreed that it cut down on the chaos and congestion.
- Lori mentioned that two nights during MSU's spring break are the best chance of maintaining our place at the field house for tryouts.
- Other feedback: helpers were good and number of helpers was adequate; front toss was much more productive than using pitching machines, continue that in future; we need to change the evaluation form for the Mintz pitchers and catchers; Peppers evaluation sheets need some revision as well.
- Motion was made to continue to hold tryouts over a two day period during MSU spring break week, with only pitcher and catchers at the Mintz level. Jeff S. seconded. All in favor no opposed.

Action items: Brenda to review the tryout forms and make revisions for board to review. This will be for the Peppers and the Mintz Pitchers and Catchers only.

REGISTRATION

- Shannon indicated preliminary numbers are down.
- Flyers will be going out in the elementary school folders. They were yellow with the registration form on the back of the flyer so we will be able to track how many we get from that avenue of advertising.
- Need to put a notice in the Sports Brief section of the Free Press for registration and coaches.

Action item: Darcy will contact the Free Press for registration and coaches information.

UNITED WAY PACKET

- Lisa turned in the packet to the United Way office last Friday. There will be a meeting that will need to be attended; she will update the board when she hears results.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Shannon

- Update on online field scheduling and field availability

Action item: Shannon will forward notes from meeting to Darcy to include in meeting minutes.

SUB-COMMITTEE TOPICS AND MOTIONS

Player Development

- 12U Blue is short one player. The only player cut was clearly not ready for the Peppers level.
- Karissa Williams was mentioned as a player that has played in the past and did not try out. Shannon will reach out to the Williams family to see if there is an interest.

- Troy Modrow asked for the head coaching position of the 12U Blue. Jeff will request a coaching application from Troy.
- 14U Blue team: Jeff has only 10 girls currently rostered. Libby Andrego was moved up to 14U Orange after they lost a player for medical reasons for the season and one player quit.
- Jeff has reached out to Tianna Arndt to join the team. He wants to protect the player time of his current roster before adding additional players. He has sent his tournament schedule to the parents to see if he has any issues. May consider double rostering Libby for some weekends. He will notify board of his recommendation when he determines what he needs.

Action item: Jeff will notify the board of his recommendation when he determines what he needs.

Equipment – Troy

- Everything has been ordered and should be coming in next week.
- Lisa and Troy are meeting on a shoe offer
- Troy is in the process of developing a Pepper store. He will work with Carla to tie it to the MAGFA online store that will be part of our website.

Fundraising

- Brenda and Mike Barton are working on putting together a MAGFA golf tournament. Details to follow.

Action item: Mike and Brenda will give update on tournament at April meeting.

Tournaments – Lisa

- Tournament Director: Lisa has had a preliminary conversation with Neil Kaus regarding taking on the responsibility of our Summer Sizzler Tournament Director.
- Lisa made a motion to offer Neil the director position with a weekend stipend of \$300 for his service. Motion seconded by Jeff. All in favor; no opposed.

Warehouse Update – Jeff

- Updated schedule is posted on website. May have additional time to offer during Spring break.
- SI is staffing our hours.

Website Update – Stacey/Carla

- Introduction of Carla Ulrich
- Email subscription/blast capabilities – Carla will reach out to the coaches to get update emails to set up an email blast. Our new website has the capability to specify email blasts by general group or specific team.

Grants – No updates.

Background checks

- Brain Looft drafted a letter for background checks before resigning.

Action item: Lisa will put this letter out to the Pepper Coaches and to the others as they are determined.

Uniforms - Brenda

- Brenda will be ordering uniforms for the 10U and 12U Friday.
- Mintz and Stars will be ordered by Troy as soon as the number of players is determined. Shannon will get him all the information he needs regarding sizes, etc.

OTHER DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

- Parent Pay – Lisa
 - During conversations with the 10U and 12U Pepper coaches, Lisa indicated that the board has been leaning in previous discussion toward not paying parent coaches. She wanted to get the feedback from those coaches as to whether that was a determining factor. They all said it was not. The previous parent coach pay was \$400. Discussion was opened as to whether we should continue to pay parent coaches or not.
 - Jeff's (speaking as a coach) only concern was that he wanted to give that \$400 to his non-parent assistant to help offset some of the expenses, in order to make it worth it for her.

- We have discussed raising the non-parent assistant coaches' pay in the past in order to help us get and retain qualified coaches.
- Darcy suggested taking the \$400 that was budgeted for the parent coach pay at the 10,12 & 14U level and shift it to the non-parent assistant coach pay; making their pay \$1000.00.
- A motion was made to eliminate parent coach pay and shift those dollars to the non-parent assistant coaches for 10U, 12U and 14U, one per team totally \$2400. Motion seconded. All in favor, no one opposed.
- Field Maintenance People
 - We need to find someone to do our field maintenance. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
 - Action item: Shannon will check with Molly before next meeting about hiring a worker from the city for this service.**
- Official Policy on jersey number when requested by two players in same age group
 - There is a conflict with a jersey number for two 12U & 14U players that want the same number.
 - Precedent has been set by the same situation, but nothing has ever been voted on as far as a policy. In the past, it was determined by 1st) the player that had been playing summer Peppers the longest, 2nd) whichever player is oldest.
 - A motion was made by Shannon and seconded by Lori to maintain the precedent that has been set and award the number in the order of 1st) the player that had been playing summer Peppers the longest, 2nd) whichever player is oldest. All in favor, no one opposed.
 - Action item: Brenda will call the Veroven & Taylor families and let them know of the boards' decision and have their daughter pick a new number.**

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th.