

MAGFA Board Meeting - November 9, 2011

Present: Jon Thompson, Shayne Bowyer, Daron Fromm, Maggie Johansen, Troy Russell, Neil Kaus, Carie Weller, Jay Douglas, Tomm Richards, Wayne Veroeven, Beth Benzkofer, Jeff Scharmer, Debbie Andrego.

Absent: Mike Barten, Dan Goettl, Mike DuBeau

OPEN/CALL TO ORDER:

Jon called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

MINUTES:

Minutes from October 12th meeting reviewed/approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jon presented financial report on behalf of Dan. Opened floor to questions regarding expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGER: Jon discussed filling this position with the sole applicant. Revisited last meeting's discussion of concerns. At request of the board, Angie addressed these issues with the City of North Mankato. Motion made to hire Angie Kopp as nonvoting, organizational manager compensation of \$1500/annually. Motion S/A.

INSURANCE UPDATE: Last year insurance costs were \$2500. Looking to increase coverage to include new facility. Jon shopping policy and to get quotes from two other agencies in addition to current insurance provider.

ACTION ITEM: Jon will report at next meeting

BY LAWS: Neil's been advised to wait on council, who was on temporary leave. Until that time, board will reference by laws on file prior to February 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **Finance** – Jon reporting on behalf of Dan with budget for 2012 as assembled by finance committee. Distributed proposed budget for 2012. Revenues/expenditures were discussed, noted that there's a possibility of fluctuations if registration numbers rise/drop. New items included/changed: dome ball, grant writing, pin sales and two new tournaments. Some items that were eliminated: chip shoppe, gift bags, coach national travel cost. Jon to review items brought up in discussion with Dan make adjustments for next meeting.
- **Facilities** – Jeff passed out flyers to be distributed to elementary schools for open house scheduled for Nov 26th, 9 – 11am. Request for help in setting up cabling/nets/pitching machines. Group to meet 6pm on 11/16 at Masterpiece warehouse to inventory/identify and move equipment to new site. Site to be formally called MAGFA Training Center – Jeff intention to have alternate site name as voted by/suggested by players/parents. Suggestion box ballot at Open House. Neil has contacted High School coaches and A.D.s regarding Open House.
- **Tournament** – Wayne – no update. 3 tournaments listed on website open for reg.
- **Lil Peppers**– Tomm spoke for Mike B, committee discussing changing format so that first 30 min is used to practice followed by game. Carie inquired about value in reaching out now to prior Mintz/Stars coaches. This plan was shared

with all parents by prev MAGFA president in August via email blast - nothing has been done yet.

- **Peppers REC** – Shane spoke of their committee’s desire to re-implement full try outs for entire group, including 8U, rather than assembling teams based on registration forms and only trying out pitchers/catchers. Looking on how to structure tryouts for scheduling. Wants to 1- 3pm on March 17th pitchers/catchers. Following day, 1 – 4pm March 18th for fielding/hitting of all age groups. Wants a Pepper’s team clinic April 4th 5:30 – 8:30, all ages, all at training center.
- **Peppers Trav**– After recent meeting – recommend Tryouts for Peppers Traveling on March 17th 8am –noon at training center. Interested in cost of adding pants to uniform for all traveling teams. Decision was made not to add a 2nd 16U team due to lack of numbers. Recommending adding Jon Thompson to 14Ublue coaching staff and expand roster to acquire more pitching and team depth. Troy and Jon spoke of their desire to add additional coaches. Troy stated that Jocelyn Reynolds was previously added to staff by board – Jeff Scharmer clarified that this did not happen and that only head coaches were named by MAGFA in August. Looking at opening tryout for those that were cut from August tryout. Debbie to have tryout/clinic info avail for Open House.
- **Equipment** – Troy to report next month on uniforms
- **Corporate Fundraising** - Neil talked about the work Sport Pix is creating for the new facility. Also spoke of doing some PR to feature all the coaching dedication of Jerry Maschka. Still open to any business contacts who would qualify for signage.
- **Operations – Website** now includes countdown to Open House, also has org calendar. Update on Liberty Mutual Grant - need to be among top 7 organizations with quizzes taken to qualify for \$2500. Quiz available to anyone (not just parents) link available on website.

Meeting adjourned by Jon at 9:26 pm. Next meeting to be held 7pm, December 14, 2011