

## **MAGFA Board Meeting - Jan 11th, 2011- Taylor Corp**

**Present:** Troy Russell, Maggie Johansen, Daron Fromm, Mike DuBeau, Tomm Richards, Neil Kaus, Wayne Veroeven, Jeff Scharmer, Jon Thompson, Beth Benzkofer, Shane Bowyer, Carie Weller, Mollie Meyer, Jay Douglas, Dan Goettl and Angie Kopp.

*Absent:*

### **OPEN/CALL TO ORDER:**

Jon called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **MINUTES:**

Minutes from December 14<sup>h</sup> meeting reviewed/approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **INSURANCE UPDATE:**

***ACTION ITEM: Jon will report at next meeting***

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

Angie has been working with Wells Fargo for setting up online registration/payment for Lil Stars, REC and 10/12 traveling teams. Angie will be canceling the partnership with TST Media as Wells Fargo allows us convenience at fraction of the cost. All data/transactions from 14/16/18 fall registration has been documented and filed. Angie plans to contact those that registered in the fall and let them know they can submit check or pay online for remaining balance due.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIELD MAITENENCE:** Neil spoke with N. Mankato city officials regarding this issue. Neil reported that the City of North Mankato has looked at field maintenance for revenue generation. Some funding has already been allocated by the softball association specifically for maintenance issues. Neil to keep tabs on the situation and to report back at future meetings. Jon/Angie to also attend the annual meeting with city regarding expectations of usage and maintenance.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

- **Finance** – Dan presented financials. Discussion of revenue/expenses for year end 2011. Background checks – topic discussed. Motion made for head coach of each traveling team to get ASA certification (8 coaches x \$30, parents pay up front and then reimbursed by MAGFA) and each parent to be coaching all other teams to have a

background check (reimbursed at \$10). Link and info to be provided to coaches by program committee chairs. Motion S/C.  
Motion s/c to approve financial report.

- **Facilities** – Jeff shared the expressed interest of SI to rent out our leased space to use as a training site. Hours would be outside of scheduled MAGFA training hours and billed at a rate of \$10/hour for 2-3 hours per day. Jeff motioned to rent the space to SI, \$10/hour. M/S/C

Outside of SI, Neil shared that a church is interested in use of space for a series of 4 weeks, one day per week. E and W HS softball teams are planning to utilize 3:30 -5pm 4 days per week (2 per squad) with each paying \$500 for the 4-6 week use.

Shane mentioned Twins Fest and extending the opportunity to market MAGFA at this event – either by having literature available or by inviting event guests to stop by our facility. Neil to check with his contacts at Radio Mankato. Event is same night as pitching clinic.

EHS expressed an interest at holding captain's practice at the site. Jeff expecting to be contacted by a parent or player for details, of which he'll share at next meeting.

Neil to meet with official from Blue Earth County regarding signage of K&G and MAGFA on the training center building.

- **Tournament** – Wayne currently fielding questions for other teams interested in any of our 2012 tournaments. Met with Greater Mankato regarding hotel rates/deals and getting a kick back for tournament weekends.
- **Lil Peppers** – Angie reported that she's not had luck finding out of town teams that want to join Lil Peppers at a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level. Alternative is to combine 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mankato kids. Angie's getting a list from ISD 77 for marketing. Jay added the importance of schedule/field organization – last years experience at this level was lack luster.
- **Peppers REC** – Shane – REC coach application on the website. Shane working on clinics. Carie also recommended having a parent/child clinic format – one that enables a parent to have the skills to help coach at home (proper technique, drills, etc.)
- **Peppers Trav** - Debbie - 10/12 traveling coach application on the website – email blast sent - applications due February 3rd. Committee looking to meet early next month for coach selection and to finalize try out details.
- **Equipment**- Troy wants a committee to help decide on uniforms for all programs. Group formed – to set up time in near future to meet and evaluate options for recommendations. Also, all preordered items (nets, new softballs, etc.) have arrived.
- **Corporate Fundraising** Neil – brought in 23K in financial donations as well as (product/service) donations. Need for continued references of business contacts.

Neil also suggested possibility of a stag dinner as a method of fundraiser. To gather more details and report back.

- **Operations** – Registration opportunity to be held March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, at River Hills Mall. Jon reported movement /change in administration in ASA . Possibility of reinstatement to keep us posted on how this may affect our organization.
- **Player Development** – Tomm introduced Mollie Meyer to the board. Mollie to be facilitating pitching clinic on January 25<sup>th</sup> and also is interested in becoming a Peppers Traveling coach. Mollie's from Mankato and has a long list of softball experience from playing to coaching to consulting.  
Tomm is currently mapping out clinics (pitching/coaching/fielding). Tomm stressed the importance of off-season training and how MAGFA could incorporate/encourage this effort. Tomm mentioned that Dean Bowyer expressed an interest in helping with future clinics.  
Shane suggested having a self-guided work out regimen set up at the Training Center for kids showing up with parents who might want start up reference .
- **Other/open:**

***Meeting adjourned by Jon at 9:02 pm. Next meeting to be held 7pm, February 8, 2012***