

MAGFA Board Meeting - August 8th, 2012

Present: Angie Kopp, Dan Goettl, Jeff Scharmer, Jay Douglas, Tomm Richards, Wayne Veroveen, Jon Thompson, Maggie Johansen, Beth Benzkofer, Kari Young, Daron Fromm, Debbie Andregio and Neil Kaus

Absent: Shane Bowyer, Mike DuBeau, Troy Russell,

OPEN/CALL TO ORDER:

Jon called meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

MINUTES:

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed/approved.

FINANCE: Dan shared financial report. Question regarding kickback from sport pix- the budgeted amount was in the form of rebate on donation for training center. Working on built in photo certificate with each paid registration for the future; Per Neil – UW allocated \$8800 for us based upon need based scholarships. Our scholarship requests were under this amount and UW agreed to allow us to use these dollars for equipment upgrades for Peppers REC; Dan reported the tournament profit (3 2012 tourneys) was greater than \$23K with hopes of increased revenues for next years' tourneys.

NEW BUSINESS:

City of North Mankato- Neil reported that he talked with the City regarding costs to maintain and/or build future priority fields at the SCC site– would be dollars to upgrade/maintain fencing, fields, cages and other starting needs. Fields are owned by SCC but maintained by city of N Mankato. Ultimately, a decision to be discussed (long term vision) by board committee. Neil would like the board to consider a formal staged plan for exploring upgrades to this site. Neil further explained the model set by MAYBA in building the fields at Rosa Parks (City of Mankato – ISD 77 – I&S Engineers_ joined forces for Rosa Parks collaboration). MAYBA made a large donation up front as well as pledged yearly maintenance funds and assumed future maintenance responsibilities. Neil also has been talking with I&S engineers and plans to continue talks for future projects. Neil would like feedback from board as to whether exploration of this possible future project would be feasible. Wayne made motion for further discovery on this project – motion 2nd, approved.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **Facilities** – Daron reported that labor and materials for sidewalk and slab (11' slab by building) at K&G was donated by Josh Kleinschmidt construction and was put in this past week. Daron suggested that we add some more to improve the looks (rock, landscape, etc.). Neil made recommendation of 4' door as well as single door right next to it to accommodate K&G bleachers. Jeff commented that the 4' overhead door was not a good fit (\$ wise, and structurally). Neil commented that the owners wanted were tentatively thinking we MAGFA would pay for ½ and K&G the other ½ (\$4400 each). Jeff proposed we have K&G reconsider the door style – will draw up new proposal. To be sent out by email for board approval.
- **Tournament** - Wayne – hoping that we are able to generate revenue from being a site for fall ball tournament. Also – reported that he reserved same weekends for Caswell for 2013 tourneys.

- **Lil' Peppers** - Angie reported that equipment turn in Sunday @ BuyFun. Had a total of 140 Surveys – not closed as of yet; Rated best in coach behavior, rated worst in number of practices; 93% would recommend their coaches again. 64.5% believed they had value in their program. Almost unanimous believed there was a good balance of practices and games.
- **Peppers Rec** – Angie having equipment turned in Sunday. There were 184 players; Tomm reported on Rec surveys – 65 total. Coaches rated best in behavior off the field. 89% of REC parents recommended their coach again. 80.6% responded that the program was of value.
- **Peppers Travel** - Debbie
 - **Fall ball** – 25- 10s, 38 -12s, 12- 14s, 14-16s, 13-18s. 8 total teams; budget allowed providing funding for one optional tournament in addition to league, qualifier and state tournament; 7 of the 8 teams plan to participate in this tourney (in Hudson, WI).
 - **14/16/18 Coach Selection - Committee** met and recommended the following applicants for the summer 2013 positions: Tomm Richards (14A), Jody Lunz (16) and Dan Nessler/Jerry Maschka (18s). Discussion brought up by Angie regarding naming a parent coach ahead of try-outs and the ramifications. Committee to meet with selected coaches prior to try-outs.
 - **14/16/18 Tryouts and team selection** - Tryouts to be held for 14s on Saturday 8/11/12 and 16/18 on Sunday, 8/12/12. Need to know what board members are available for facilitator/evaluators. Debbie to send out try-out format by email to all board. Alternate try out for those that requested on Thursday, 8/9 at 6:30pm at Sibley.
 - **2012 traveling Surveys** – Tomm reported 62 total participants – traveling committee yet to meet and go through all surveys. Zero response from 16U after requested coach to circulate - re-opened survey for that group by directly sending link to parents on Monday – was able to elicit responses. Some areas: – majority of all age responses like the look of the uniform but felt the quality was subpar. 10U blue team received the most responses. Of all ages– 78% of the responses believed the program was of good value.
 - **Coach Pay** - committee made recommendation to board/finance committee for considering increase in coach pay for 2013 – propose 16U (\$3000/staff); 18U (\$3000/staff) as well as re-implementing pay for parent coaches 10U -14U at \$500 per head coach. Propose \$9000 for total coach pay proposed – 2012 was at \$4800 and did not include any pay for 10/12/14.
 - **Tournament budget** – committee would also like to see increase in traveling tournament budget - primarily at 16/18.
- **Equipment** - Troy summer drop off on Saturday @ Sibley; Fall pick up Sunday @ Sibley
- **Corporate Fundraising** - nothing to add.
- **Operations** –
 - Jon purchased the MAGFA Ipad as approved in the last meeting – working to upload apps that can be used at clinics and lessons. Working on schematics.
 - Water sales - Tomm spoke of possibility of water bottle sales thru his employer– can be customized label at cost of .30 per bottle – can sell at .70 or 1.70.
 - Jon asked board to consider their current assigned committee and if anyone believed that they would be better to serve on additional or different committee to notify him by email. Jon/Tomm to look at reassignment of committees and chairs.
- **Player Development** –
 - **Fall ball** – increased teams by 1 over last fall; Total kids are comprised of 36% out of town

- **Dome ball** – currently researching 5 dome leagues; hope to have October session availabilities presented– possible opportunity for a later session dome opening in Minnetonka. Tomm to organize options for the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. Next Board meeting is September 12th, 2012 – 7:00pm.