

MYBA MONTHLY MEETING April 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Blumenfeld at 6:35 PM at McRae Park. Present at the meeting are Mike Blumenfeld, Elise Fine, Alicia Skow, Bryan Barnes, Guy Cierzan, Cheryl Sullivan, Justin Benjamin, Scott Beazley and Erik Nelson. Not present at the meeting were Lori Mittag, Scott Zosel, Bill Garrison and Christine Jackson.

Non Board members present: Sean Laird, Christiaan Engstrom and a student from the U of MN – Travis Dedina, was observing.

The minutes for March had not been distributed, so vote is pending for next meeting.

TREASURER'S UPDATE (Garrison):

--\$54,628.00 is the balance in the operating account
--\$6,887.00 is the travel director's balance
--\$1402.00 is the balance for the Cooperstown's account

Coopertown – the 12AA team has decided not to go. MYBA fronted them \$3,000. The spot could be offered to MBL or just need to get the payments back. We would like to keep the 12AA bid, however in the last two years, the teams have turned it down. Need to start talking to the 11AA parents now about next year, to build momentum and fund raising.

Registration fees, roughly \$69,000, are paid except for 1 or 2 players. Fees have been returned to qualified players that had dropped or were waitlisted.

Received \$365 from Lynnhoff Photographers – kick back from taking photos last year.

\$10,000 deposit made for uniforms.
\$7,600 paid in MBL League Fees

Accounts were not audited in 2013. There was not a Finance Committee assigned.

Cierzan asked “what does it cost to field a team at each age?”. If this dollar amount is known, this could assist in setting a budget.

TRAVEL DIRECTOR UPDATE (Skow):

Beazley has tournaments booked for all teams.

Skow: Beazley assisted in assigning fields to teams last Sunday. Need to fine tune before Scheduling Meeting....never enough good fields for A teams.

Scheduling Meeting on April 12th – need helpers/runners (Blumenfeld, Fine, Laird, Sullivan). Anyone else?

REGISTRAR UPDATE (Fine):

243 players are registered. Fine has contacted players who have not paid their fees. Coaches have been notified and players will not receive their uniforms until paid.

29 Mini Millers are registered. Beazley should cancel the Mahtomedi Tournament. There will either be:

(2) teams of 10 and (1) of 9

Or

(1) Team of 14 and (1) or 15

Determination on how many teams there will be depends on parents volunteering to be Head Coaches. Many have volunteered to assist.

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ASSEST MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Jackson):

Needed to place orders for additional equipment: 12 new bags, diggers, tapes, first aid kits. Equipment bags came back in really bad shape with a lot of equipment missing or bags were not returned. There are also more teams this year.

Uniforms will be in April 23rd, then we go to work adding patches and sorting.

Logowear was not a big success. St Manes will reopen the site (April 1st?) for new orders.

RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Cierzan):

Cierzan has less than half of the forms needed (BCA and Concussion Certificates) from coaches and their assistants. Board Members also need to turn in their forms.

Barnes will add the BCA form to the MYBA Website.

Dick's MYBA day had a good turnout. Jackson has requested Dick's certificate to buy balls, score books, etc. Certificates have been given the scholarship families, but there may not be enough certificates to distribute to Coaches.

COACH COORDINATOR UPDATE (Blumenfeld):

All Head Coach positions are filled and there are many new coaches.

OLD BUSINESS:

--FUNDRAISING (Sullivan):

--Sullivan has ordered 50 MYBA chairs. 20 have already been sold.

--Chipotle turned down our fundraising request. Pizza Luce has not responded.

--Heggie Pizzas (*The Best frozen Pizzas?*)

Are we interested in selling these as a fundraiser for individual teams. For every pizza sold, we would keep ½ of the money. 13AAA team is selling them. This opportunity will be extended to other teams and they can choose to do it or not.

Sullivan will give information to Barnes for posting.

Sullivan and Beazley requested the Head Coach contact list.

What about Buffalo Wild Wings? Sullivan will check.

--FALL VS SPRING TRYOUTS (Blumenfeld):

Discussion on whether there should be Spring and Fall tryouts. Blumenfeld asked MYBA families for their comments. Only one respondent, who offered the following:

- Not fair for kids that work/train hard during the winter.
- “defending your spot” was a bad thing.
- What if someone is new to the area?
- Coaches can’t winter train if they do not know their teams.

Other comments:

- Less accidents with older players.
- Discussed other locations with more space, but more expensive than the YWCA. Location should also be in Minneapolis(?)
- Teams would be locked in the Fall. New players could tryout in Feb for teams that are short players or if there are enough new players to field another team.
- Other associations have Fall tryouts (Mendota Heights, xxxxx).
- Fall tryouts for older players means performing the set-up/teardown work twice.

Motion: Tryouts for the majority of 14, 13 and 12U players in the Fall and the 11 and 10U players in Feb.

Motion carried (1 no, 8 yes)

--OPENING DAY (Skow):

April 27th is opening day.

Photographer – Linhoff will do it again.

Banners: Barnes has ordered (4).

Food Trucks: Benjamin is working to secure a food truck. 10% of profits go to MPRB, must have a City of Minneapolis permit, must be ok with a last minute cancellation.

PA System – Laird knows someone at Broadway rental and will check on this.

T-shirts: Barnes is working on this. Could pre-sell, then distribute at Neiman?

Selling goods – Sullivan would like to have players selling peanuts, seeds, etc during the day. Perhaps Logowear. We would need to give MPRB 10% of our profits.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Observing MYBA teams (Blumenfeld)

--During the season, Blumenfeld tries to see each team playing a game. Since teams know him, at times he will ask others to observe a game. Every Board Member should spend time observing at least 5 games by other MYBA teams at Neiman.

--15U teams (Skow)

--There will not be a 15U team this year. Lori spoke with players at SW, but they do not roster their teams until after Spring Break and no one contacted me. Reached out to Washburn and Roosevelt, but no response. South and DLS do not cut players.

Considering there are (5) 14U teams this year, we should have 2-3 teams next year. Skow asks that the 14U coaches and Board Member with 14U players discuss this option with these parents and players during the summer. 14U coaches should consider coaching next year as well.

Facts:

- School Teams have (1) Varsity, (1) JV and (1) C or freshman team
- Summer teams are typically (1) Legion and (1) Junior Legion or VFW.
- High School players can play on a School Team and MYBA, but not Legion/VFW and MYBA (however, it has been done).

,,,and we have roughly 60 players in 14U's. We should be proactive about this.

Motion made by Skow to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Fine. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.