

MVSA FASTPITCH
MOUNDS VIEW SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

January 2017 Board Meeting

Ted Labey called to order the January board meeting of the Mounds View Softball Association on Wednesday January 5, 2017 at 7:14pm. The meeting was held at the Shoreview Community Center.

Board members in attendance: Ted Labey, David Van House, Mike Robertson, Nate Urfer, Troy Gaul, Debbie Teske, Mike Larson

Absent: Leah Kluz, Scott Louder, Dave Barrett

Guests present: Lora Hanks, Tim Hanks

President's report (Ted Labey)

Ted passed out the monthly checklist that lists what things the board needs to take care of broken down by which month they happen in.

The registration for 2017 summer softball has been opened.

Need to talk about a blast email. David will send it out this week. Suggest parents check the website for updates every couple months. There are openings in the clinics, especially for pitchers. Mike will send an email to 10U coaches he knows to suggest they get players to attend. Registration open, deadline, openings for clinics, openings for pitchers — check the website regularly. No detail on pricing.

Update the page about pricing to allow late-joining pitcher/catchers miss 2 of the remaining times.

Get volunteers to help with the cages and gyms.

Tryouts – 4th and 5th of March. 4:00 on Saturday. Scrap 10U evaluations except for pitching?

Saturday (warmups): no time limit for age groups (but speed of machine will be an issue). 14, 16 together 12s at 6. 2 lower gyms for pitching/catching. Can probably get pitchers for 16s done in ½ hour. Nate will work on the times for the tryouts. Email blast after we set up the page with times (though tentative).

Secretary's Report (Troy Gaul)

Produced minutes for the December meeting.

Started to update web site with information about changes to the board.

Treasurer's Report (Mike Larson)

David: Need to get Mike added to the account, transferred from John Peschel. Bank needs a resolution written. He will write and sign it for the bank.

VP – Traveling (Nate Urfer)

Need to figure out how to schedule the tryouts since we don't have Irondale for Friday. Warmup and evaluation needed for pitching/catching. Should we check for space elsewhere on Friday?

There was some discussion about how to partition the space during tryouts.

Nate is going to the Tri-County meeting on Monday.

Nate will meet with Ted about transfer of role. Ted will get the "Doug files" to Nate.

Will need to have the signers at the bank to transfer responsibility.

Troy will give Nate access to the registrations section of the web site.

Ted wants to make sure people who should no longer have access should get removed from the web site.

Concern about losing a couple of the pitchers at 12U. Still pretty solid at 14U. Concerned about 16U.

Nate: Our association seems to be the only one at 12U that doesn't have some separation of talent, so going to talk to other coaches about it. There was some discussion about this policy at 12U, and it was decided that we need to let coaches know about the philosophy MVSA follows at this level. Mike Larson: We should have meetings with coaches to go over this and equipment, etc.

8U and Player Development (Leah Kluz)

Leah was not present, so there was no discussion of 8U.

Concessions (TBD)

There is not currently a concessions coordinator.

Equipment (Mike Robertson)

All but one coach has turn in all their equipment (or maybe two).

Buying a couple more wagons, more duffel bags. In-house helmets should be sold to 8U players if we're not doing it (but might want to hang onto for a couple years in case in-house comes back).

Game balls – supply source needed. Ted can pick them up. Ask Tom about source for balls to get a good price.

Closer to the season will check for equipment requests.

Ted: Signs are in the equipment room for signups. Need to post somewhere so parents dropping off kids see them.

Mike Larson: Daily email blast from high schools sometimes reference other community groups.

Need to get keys from Tom, John, etc.

Umpires (Open Position)

Nothing to report.

MVSA Tournaments and Clinics (Mike Larson, TBD)

Mike Larson: Only 7 10-12U pitchers in clinics, 2 at older level. Some parents are concerned about cost. Suggests we would be better off just dropping the price.

Saturday hitting clinics 6 kids – 2 spots available.

2-4 at Molitor, one cage. Can bring a batting machine, but can't store it. Mike can't be there for this month. Nate going up on Sunday.

Gym time Highview: end of February for 3 hours on Saturday the 25th - one day, both gyms – will put it on the web site.

Tournaments (Madness) aren't making a bunch of money. Ted: should get an 8U tournament. Maybe not Madness. Hard to stand out in the tournament list. Have resorted to giving away free berths. Maybe combine with Centennial/Silver Bullets for a tournament so we have more fields and can host a bigger tournament.

Uniforms (Debbie Teske)

Working with Mike Blumer on trying to pick a new uniform.

Can't find ladies cut in the styles they want for getting multiple jerseys at prices they want to hit (possibly for 2 per player).

Reached out to Letterman's for the apparel. Probably won't be finalized until Feb.

Nate: Would like a window sticker (not a cling). Debbie: Have to be a large number. Troy: Perhaps have the organization buy them and resell at concessions? Ted: Or at tryouts.

There will be multiple order windows like last year for apparel.

Nate: 2 jersey idea is wonderful. But some parents will object.

Debbie: Do we need names on the back? Answer from board: Yes.

Will be doing shirts with sleeves since the previous survey had 75% wanting sleeves.

Uniform change should be on the registration page.

David will update the website with this when he does the email blast.

Debbie would like registration to require a number from her (or existing number) before it can be accepted. Rather than having a word document with the contact information for the number, would like it to be inline.

Mike Larson: What are they doing for roster registration this year? Nobody knows. ScoreMonster?

Ted/Nate: Coaches. Jordan will want to coach 16U. Returning 16U coaches (Maggie and Amy Irvine).

Fields (David Van House)

Permits with Shoreview to reserve the fields. Need to make certification and get insurance in place. David will be taking over insurance for this year from John Peschel. Goal to have in place by March. Function of number of teams, so going with same number, but with 2 16U teams to start the process.

Mike Larson: will set up meeting about fields and scoreboards. David will meet with them.

New Business & Discussion

Ted: MVHS wants to send email out about band blast.

Mike Larson: willingness to send out such information has to be open to Irondale too.

Debbie: what are we doing about concessions? Will give Laura contact information for Betty to look into what would be required.

A motion was made and seconded (Mike Robertson/Debbie) to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned around 8:35pm.

Draft minutes sent to board by e-mail on Feb 8, 2017