

## MAGFA - 3-15-17 – Meeting Agenda

**Board Members Absent:** Jeff Johnson, Tomm Richards, Ashley Hanley, Randy Stoltzman

**Staff Absent:** Dan Goettl, Doug Sorenson

1. **Staff/Board Members Present:** Steve Slechta, Matt Mangulis, Brian George, Nate Hagen, Mike Brielmaier, John Considine, Craig Bode, Chris Schreiber, Jon Thompson, Jessica Wendinger, Kari Young, Jean Clarke, Steve Caron

**Quorum Present – Yes**

- I. **OPEN/CALL TO ORDER:** Steve - 7:07  
Introduction of Steve Caron – Tournament Director
- II. **SECRETARY MINUTES:** Jessica – Approved and posted to the website.
- III. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Steve – no updates
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Email Motions/votes since last meeting –**
    1. **Travel league** – The following motions was made by Jon and seconded by Tomm. I motion that Mankato Peppers A & B teams will leave Suburban League and join the Big West League, with the understanding that we are provided and comfortable with bylaws and organizational structure of Big West League and Minnesota Softball respectively. If neighboring associations do not also choose Big West, the board will reconvene. **Motion passed with 13 “yes” votes and 1 member note voting (abstain).**
    2. **8U-12U travel policy** – The following motion was made by Jon and seconded by Chris. In keeping with the state organizing bodies for softball in the state of Minnesota the Mankato Peppers 8U-12U programs are meant to be community based. It is also our goal to cut as few players as possible in these programs. I move that we amend our procedures as follows:

We will not tryout players from other communities at 8U-12U going forward. Once tryouts have been held we will look at our pool of players at each age group and if more players are needed we will first look to our Peppers-SSL player base for players that are of travel quality to fill in any needs of our travel program. If and only if we have exhausted this resource will we entertain possibly allowing a player from outside our draw area. The travel committee will have final say on if outside players are needed and if any will be allowed into our program. With players from outside our draw area our first priority will be kids that are unattached before any kids that are attached to another program. If we allow a player from outside our draw area to play for us that player will become a Pepper with all tryout rights moving forward

as long as they do not leave our program for another. **Motion passed with 11 “Yes” votes and 3 members not voting (abstain).**

3. **Goettl tree** – The following motion was made by Chris and seconded by Brian. I propose a motion to have \$500 budgeted for the purpose of a tree/memorial in honor of Michelle Goettl at Caswell. **Motion passed with 12 “Yes” votes.**

**B. East/West Banners** – Banner proofs approved for printing – SPX to deliver to schools

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

1. **Facilities – Steve** – Mike Brielmaier to take over as Committee Chair
  - a. **Umpire training at PIT – March 26<sup>th</sup> (1:00-3:00)** – Bring in pitchers/catchers for practice.
  - b. **Umpire Fees** - Budget has been approved already for 2017 but will consider raising prices per game for 2018.
  - c. **PIT closing date** – March 30th
2. **Equipment – Jean**
  - a. **UTE update** – Peppers apparel handout – post to website  
UTI agreed to partnership - outfitting coaches/board members
  - b. **Uniform ordering deadlines** – May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline (SSL)
  - c. **Equipment handout dates** – 8u - 12u bags are ready to go
  - d. **Locks** – Sibley Park and Tourtelotte (needs new locks)
3. **Sponsorship/Fundraising – Matt**
  - a. **Update** – Sponsorships/HOF/Hotels
  - b. **Youth 1<sup>st</sup>** – involvement for future tournaments
4. **Tournament – Nate/Steve C.**
  - a. **Registrations update**
    - i. **Changes to May Madness** – Cost, Level “C”, pitching machines for 8u
  - b. **Hotel rooms** – reach out to sponsorships - Peppers Classic
  - c. **NAFA** - \$80 for each tournament (qualifier fee)
  - d. **Lexi Memorial** – Slideshow of pictures/story at Caswell
5. **Lil’ Peppers – Steve S.**
  - a. **Rules** – No update
6. **Peppers SSL – Steve S.**
  - a. **Evaluations update** -
  - b. **Team formation** – Saturday, March 18th, still need coaches
  - c. **Southern Star update** – next meeting on 4/9 @ West, 3:00 pm
    - i. **League fees due April 15<sup>th</sup>**

- ii. **SSL tourneys**
  - a) **12U lower** – Mankato JC Fields - June 24-25 (Concessions by Peppers)
  - b) **14U-18U** – Mankato Caswell Fields - July 15-16

**7. Peppers Travel – Brian**

- a. **Tryouts update** – Thanks to everyone who helped out
- b. **Big West update** – Coaches meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>
- c. **Teams** – Posted to website

**8. Player Development – Steve S**

- a. **Clinics update** – no update

**9. Org/Web site update – Kari**

- a. **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – T-shirts
- b. **Master calendar** – format

**10. Finance – Jon**

- a. **United Way** - paperwork completed for 2018

**11. Operations –Steve**

- a. **Board openings** – Sarah Dryden and Jeff Johnson resign
- b. **Sports Commission** – Jon Thompson, Ashley Hanley and Jay Reasner added to the Sports Commission board
- c. **HOF April 29<sup>th</sup> – Jon**
  - i. **Candidates** – Jon and Tomm to connect with candidates
  - ii. **Planning, menu, tickets, silent auction, programs, MC, etc.**
- d. **Nationals Pins** – Jon
- e. **General manager position** –

**VI. Other/Open – Steve**

- A. **Gambling** – tabled for now.
- B. **2018 fees meeting** – June
- C. **Bylaws update** – Steve to check with Dan regarding Articles of Incorporation – no update

**VII. ADJOURNMENT – Steve 9:**

**Next MAGFA Board Meeting: May, th 2017 -7 pm at Taylor Corp.**