

Oakdale Athletic Association

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakdale Athletic Association Board of Directors was held at 8 PM on August 14, 2013 at Sgt. Pepper's in Oakdale.

Attendees

OAA Board of Directors:

Role	Name	Present	Role	Name	Present
President	Steve Adamsky	Yes	Basketball-GTravel	John Cater	Yes
Vice President	Todd Thoms	No	Baseball K-B1	Steve Meyer	No*
Secretary	Mike Barrera	Yes	Baseball B2-3, Minors	Greg Bearth	Yes**
Treasurer	Dan Bushard	Yes	Baseball B Majors	Greg Bearth	**
Communications	DaNae Klimek	Yes	Baseball B Midgets, Seniors	Greg Bearth	**
Flag Football	Eric Delacy	Yes	Baseball BTravel	Todd Klingsporn	Yes
Football co-directors (1 vote)	Cory Lynch	No	Lacrosse – Boys	Keith Rossman	Yes
	Joe Schara	No			
	Paul Lockhart	Yes			
Soccer U5	Erik Benson	Yes (8:45)	Lacrosse – Girls	Laurie Aaronson	No
Soccer K-2	Megan Zeilinger	No	Fastpitch Softball Travel	Charlie Ring	No
Soccer B3-9	Erik Ayala	Yes (8:45)	Fastpitch Softball Rec	Mike Head	No
Soccer G3-9	Chris Holthe	No	Slowpitch Softball G1-2	Steve Meyer	*
Volleyball	Jennifer Brown	Yes	Slowpitch Softball G3-4, 5-6	Amy Richie	Yes
Basketball-Boys	Dan Peterson	Yes	Slowpitch Softball G7-10, U19	Gary Masterman	No
Basketball-Girls	Mark Lindner	Yes			

Attendance = 16 of 24 current directors

Quorum (35% of 24 = 9) Satisfied

Review Minutes

- The draft July 2013 minutes were reviewed. A few minor corrections were made. The Board approved the minutes with the corrections.

Motion 2013-072: Approve July 2013 meeting minutes after corrections. *[Motion by Bearth, second by Delacy. Passed without objection.]*

Gambling Report

- Gary Masterman was absent due to illness. Steve Adamsky and Paul Lockhart reviewed the Gambling updates that Masterman provided them. It was noted that accounting fees were double this month since there was no payment made last month. For the July 2012 – June 2013 fiscal year, Gambling contributed 34% of its profit to OAA program expenses. This amount met the state requirement of 30% minimum. Adamsky advocated increasing this percentage towards 100% once a base balance (e.g., \$25,000) is established in the Gambling account. The annual audit was completed and sent in.

- Gambling monthly financial reports (June 2013 actuals and July 2013 projected expenses) were reviewed.

Motion 2013-073: Approve the LG1004 June 2013 Actuals for Gambling. *[Motion by Lindner, second by Bushard. Passed without objection.]*

Motion 2013-074: Approve the LG1004 July 2013 Projected Expenses for Gambling. *[Motion by Bearth, second by Bushard. Passed without objection.]*

- Things continue to go well at Sgt. Pepper's. PINZ has been improving slowly. Bingo at Guldens has been slow. Lindner suggested that Board members make an effort to attend bingo nights.

Treasurer Report

- Dan Bushard gave a brief overview of OAA's overall balances. Year to date OAA is showing a net positive (~\$13,000), but Bushard noted that most Fall registration money has been received while a number of expenses for Fall sports have not been incurred yet. Therefore, this positive balance is expected to shrink in the coming months.
- Bushard noted that several Summer sports had no uniform expenses, which seemed unusual. He asked the directors for the summer sports to check for any invoices that have not been submitted yet. Invoices need to be submitted promptly to avoid late payments by OAA to vendors.
- The switch in tax status is still being worked on but has not been completed yet.
- Bushard reviewed the Refund Process: (1) director e-mails Laurie Aaronson and Stacey Lockhart (admin e-mail) with the information on the player, (2) director e-mails Dan Bushard and OAA accountant (Paul) the refund amount, participant name, league, and mailing address for the refund check, (3) admin will deactivate the player for that sport in the registration database, and (4) refund check will be cut and mailed.
- There was a question about deactivated players continuing to show up on the Roster list. This creates confusion for directors. We believe that a fix is required in the software by NGIN. Stacey Lockhart will call NGIN to raise this issue and get their response.

Communications Update

- DaNae Klimek reported that only 24 responses have been received thus far from the electronic survey to members. She plans to send out another reminder e-mail to solicit more input. In general, feedback has been favorable (e.g., fees are reasonable). Some criticisms have been noted as well (e.g., difficulties with web site). Klimek intends to summarize the responses to share with the board when the survey is finished. She will work with Mark Lindner to send out surveys to participant families following the completion of sports seasons to get program-specific feedback.
- The Oakdale Fall Flatables event is scheduled for September 21. The City of Oakdale has approached OAA about sponsoring an inflatable as it has done in the past. Todd Klingsporn has an inflatable and will talk to Mike Anderson about using it. The Board approved a motion to go ahead with a sponsorship.

Motion 2013-075: Approve \$230 from the General Fund to the City of Oakdale for the Fall Flatables event. *[Motion by Delacy, second by Bearth. Passed without objection.]*

Steve Adamsky will send out an e-mail to the Board to line up volunteers to staff the inflatable during the event. This is an opportunity to spread the word about OAA programs.

- The Choice Loyalty program generated \$356 over the past quarter. This money will go to the General Fund. Choice Loyalty has a new representative for our area. Cory Lynch continues as the key contact from the OAA Board.
- Fall Sports registration is nearing its completion. Numbers for all sports (football, soccer, and volleyball) are down compared to previous years. It was noted that the frequency of scholarship requests increased for the older age groups in football. Is this trend due to the higher costs of the program at those ages or some other reason? It was suggested that the scholarship form be updated to say that income documentation may be requested as a way to ensure that only people with true needs are accessing scholarship funds. It was also suggested that we put more information on OAA's website and Facebook page about TAYE funds and how to earn reimbursement money through volunteering hours.

Director Reports

- **Slowpitch Softball (B & C Leagues)** – Amy Richie reported on the softball season. OAA had teams play in the North St. Paul league this year due to low numbers. The 2 B-League teams played in the 6th/7th grade league, so they were typically younger than their opponents. In general, the seasons for the B-League teams went well. In contrast, there were a number of problems with the C-League teams, in particular during the play-offs. One OAA team allegedly failed to follow certain player substitution and position rotation rules. There was also some unsportsmanlike behavior (arguing with umps, other coaches, etc.). Richie is planning to suspend a coach for next year's season. Although there has been some interest expressed by NSP to combine leagues due to declining numbers, there have been some NSP / Oakdale frictions that would need to be addressed. Since numbers are down, Richie concluded that we do need to look at possible combinations with other communities and associations to form viable leagues.
- **Boys Lacrosse** – Keith Rossman reported the season went well this summer in general. One issue was that there was a significant talent disparity between the A Team (used Tartan coaches) and B Team (winless regular season but solid performance in play-offs). Will this approach to forming teams drive away participants in the future? Rossman plans to return the lacrosse nets to the OAA Shed after soccer completes its equipment hand-out for the fall season.
- **Boys In-House Basketball** – Dan Peterson is expecting to have registration run from early / mid-September through the end of October with the start of practices in early November.
- **Girls Traveling Basketball** – John Cater needs to start registration soon to enable try-outs on September 23rd. He is making preparations for the season.
- **Flag Football** – Eric Delacy presented the budget for the upcoming season.

Motion 2013-076: Approve the 2013 budget for Flag Football. *[Motion by Benson, second by Bushard. Passed without objection.]*

- **Boys Traveling Baseball** – Todd Klingsporn reported that the season is done. He is collecting coach evaluations.
- **Girls In-House Basketball** – Mark Lindner is working on getting organized for the season.
- **Girls Volleyball** – Jennifer Brown has been working with Jennifer Bihner (previous director) to make preparations for the season. The league is run by Maplewood, so they do most of the work.
- **Boys In-House Baseball** – Greg Bearth reported that the season is done. There were no issues with North St. Paul this year in the older leagues. Kid pitch went smoothly too.
- **Football (Tackle)** – Paul Lockhart mentioned that practices are getting started.
- **U5 Soccer** – Erik Benson indicated that there are 4 teams this year. A coach's clinic is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th at Skyview. Benson mentioned that he has spent lots of time trying to learn the NGIN system. He found it very difficult and recommended that other directors start learning the system early and in advance of their seasons. More training for directors was needed in Benson's opinion. Adamsky commented that OAA representatives should attend future NGIN User Group meetings to ask questions.
- **Boys Soccer** – Eric Ayala said that coaches are set and most have their equipment.

Other Items

- Field questions from directors should be directed to either Oakdale Public Works or ISD 622. Steve Adamsky has the appropriate contact information.
- There were apparently some field conflicts last year between fall baseball (traveling) / softball (traveling) and soccer. Steve Adamsky will check with Charlie Ring to see what's planned for this fall. Soccer has priority over baseball and softball for fields in the fall.
- The question about the number of OAA-paid background checks for coaches that was discussed in July was raised again. A review of old Board meeting minutes and motions did not find any clear guidance regarding the number to be covered by the General Fund. The following motion was adopted by the Board.

Motion 2013-077: Background checks for up to 3 coaches per team will be paid from the General Fund. Any checks above that number would be paid from the sport budget at the director's discretion. Background checks are valid for 1 year. *[Motion by Lockhart, second by Bearth. Passed without objection.]*

- Directors should e-mail Laurie Aaronson with the names and e-mail addresses of their coaches to initiate background checks.
- Elections for sport directors, OAA Vice President, and OAA Treasurer will take place in December with nominations at the November meeting of the Board. Todd Thoms is still considering a run for re-election as Vice President. However, Dan Bushard will not be seeking another term as Treasurer. This position is a key one for the association. Board members should be spreading the word to help identify nominees for this position as well as successors for their own sports if they are not planning to return for another season.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:00 PM. A motion to adjourn passed without objection [*Motion 2013-078, by Klimek, second by Peterson*]. The next meeting will be at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Sgt. Pepper's.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Barrera

Approved by: OAA Board Motion 2013-079

Approved on: September 11, 2013

Approved