

MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 04, 2013



ATTENDEES

Dan O'Loughlin
Dj Sheridan
John Perlman
Peter Mroz
Keith Hartman
Joe Mirarchi

Jenn Metzger
Trish Combs
Fred Heller
Steve Byrne
Tony Tana
Denise Davidson

Pete Thomas
Bob Fadgen
Bill Roller

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Tony Tana and seconded by Pete Thomas and approved by the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY

No Report

WEB SITE

Fast Pitch Division and Slow Pitch Division registration forms are available on-line. A payment option to pay the fees on line in Pay Pal or send payment by check to the League mailing address will be available. Registration will not be completed without payment of the registration fees.

FAST PITCH DIVISION

The Friday night clinic has been well attended by the 10 yr old and 12 yr old girls with (40) forty girls at evaluations on Friday nite March 1st. The possibility of only one (1) 14 yr old team in Fast Pitch is a concern to the League. There is possibly (5) five Fast Pitch teams registered for the 2013 Season.

Registration for Fast Pitch players will be closed as of Sunday, March 10th. Late Fast Pitch registration forms should be sent to Tony Tana - Vice President - Fast Pitch.

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Rules changes for Fast Pitch players – 10 yr old, 12 yr old and 14 yr old first base and third base position players and pitchers are required to wear face guards and the entire infield is required to wear mouth pieces at all times on the field.

SLOW PITCH DIVISION

The League would like to thank Pat Dougherty for his years of dedication to the MAGS organization and for developing the Clinic into the present stepping stone it is today.

The new Clinic Directors for the 2013 Season are Brian Shuffler and Nicole Nyzio - they will be taking over the clinic from Pat Dougherty. The Clinic will be held on **Wednesday's and Saturday's** until further notice.

The Slow Pitch Draft is scheduled for March 9th at 8:30 am at the Media Community Center.

Barrall Field Clean up day is scheduled for March 16th at 9:00 am. The clean up will proceed to the Rocky Run fields which are in need of a full days' maintenance.

Opening Day for the 2013 Season for all Divisions in Slow Pitch is Saturday, April 20th.

Rescheduling of all rainouts and cancellations of games will be processed through Jenn Metzger and Fred Heller.

The All Star games for all Slow Pitch Divisions is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st, with the rain date scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd.

All Coaches are required to complete the Coach's Registration Form for the 2013 Season. Background checks are needed from all Coaches and Assistant Coaches prior to the beginning of the season. Jenn Metzger will inform current Board Members and/or Coaches who must renew their Patch Certificates by email.

A motion to approve the following rules changes in the Slow Pitch Division was made by Steve Byrne and seconded by John Perlman and approved by the Board of Directors:

Rule 2. A continuous batting order is used. If a player arrives late to a game, they must be added to the end of the Batting Order.

Rule 7b. The pitch must be delivered at a slow rate of speed so as to not overpower the hitter, following an arc.

Rule 7c. Junior Division coaches: If the pitcher has walked three batters and then throws four (4) additional balls, that pitcher must be replaced by a coach for the team at bat, who will then complete the inning.

Rule 9h. Play is declared stopped:

Intermediate and Senior Divisions – When the ball is returned to the pitcher in close proximity to the pitching rubber.

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Junior Division – Infield ground ball – runners advance one base unless umpire declares ball out of play/awarding an additional base. All other Junior Division plays – If an attempt is made to throw the ball to the pitcher or when play is stopped by an umpire.

REGISTRATION

The Winterball registration totals for the Friday night clinic was fifty-one (51) girls. The Winterball Clinic also instituted a pitching clinic for the girls and coaches in the Junior Division.

Registration for the 2013 Season as of March 4th is 213 players with approximately 190 registrants using the Pay Pal account to make on line payments.

Late registration fees are effective after Team Formation Day (draft day) which is being held on March 9th at the Media Community Center.

FIELDS

Permits have been received for the Penncrest High School Softball field and Rose Tree Elementary. Rocky Run Y field and Barrall field permits have also been received. Fred Heller will speak with Rocky Run Y personnel concerning the availability of the bathrooms for the players and spectators during the softball games.

Volunteers are needed for Clean-up day, Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 am at Barrall Field and Rocky Run Y fields.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment should be inventoried by all coaches who are returning for the 2013 season and any orders for new equipment should be sent to Dan O'Loughlin @ oloughlinsoftball@gmail.com or call 484-574-4007. Players' Helmets are available for purchase through the League.

Equipment requests will be available for coaches on March 9th, which is draft day at the Media Community Center and uniforms should be ordered by March 13th.

Coaches who are not returning to the Softball League for the 2013 Season are being asked to return all equipment to a Board member.

FINANCE

The Balance in the checking account as of March 4, 2013 is \$15,541.31 and the value of the Certificate of Deposit with the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union is \$20,100.60.

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DEVELOPMENT

The MAGS League is selling tickets for the Lottery Ticket fundraiser this season which is based on the PA Lottery daily 3 digit drawing. The raffle drawing will take place in the month of May. The ticket purchase price is \$5.00 per ticket for one (1) three digit number for the entire month.

The League is in need of new Sponsors for the 2013 season and any inquiries should be directed to John Perlman at JnathanP@aol.com or call 610-659-5283.

The MAGS League will be participating in the Modell's Team Weeks Coupon purchase from March 15th to April 18th. The Coupons offer a 15% discount on all regular and sale priced merchandise and the League receives 5% of all purchases made with the coupon and each purchase entitles the buyer to MVP awards while supporting your team.

The Board of Directors would like to encourage our teams to support our sponsors by using their business facilities and visiting their restaurants' as much as possible.

SNACK BAR

Snack Bar Clean-up is needed at Barrall Field on March 16th and team parent volunteers from each team on the field will be asked to work the snack bar during the games this season.

NEW BUSINESS

The League is considering a MAGS nite at the Phillies this year at Citizens Bank Park in June. As more information is available, the Commissioners of each Division will notify Coaches and Players about the event. Our participation in the Phillies night will be based on its popularity and game night availability.

The Board of Directors has approved a donation of \$1000 to the Mike Ferguson Scholarship Fund which benefits youth in an established local Theater Program. The League has also approved a silk screen image of a camera on each players' jersey with the initials MEF on the lapel and will sponsor an alumni game for all Media Real Estate players and coaches this season.

Comments from the public

NEXT MEETING: April 8th at the Media Borough Hall Parlor Room