

MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2014



ATTENDEES

Dj Sheridan
Fred Heller
Joe Mirarchi
Keith Hartman
Bill Roller
Trish Combs

Jenn Metzger
Matt Broomall

ABSENT

Denise Davidson
Peter Mroz
John Perlman
Bob Fadgen

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Fred Heller and seconded by Dj Sheridan and approved by the Board of Directors.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Pat Hanway, owner of the Front Street Fountain, has made a proposal to the Board of Directors, to provide for sale at Special Events, such as Opening Day and All Star games, ice cream novelty items, pulled pork and roast beef sandwiches, soup and chili and meatball sandwiches, and for Saturday Intramural games, breakfast sandwiches!! Mr. Hanway suggested specific Friday night Travel games at Barrall Field could be included.

The MAGS web site and the Front Street Fountain web site would be used to advertise the dates for these events.

The Board of Directors has tabled this proposal for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

The Softball Banquet is scheduled for January 25th at the Greek Orthodox Church on Forge Road. The Double Decker Pizza restaurant will cater the Banquet event this year.

A Banquet Committee is being formed by Keith Hartman to plan for this years' Award Ceremony. Sweat Shirts are requested by the Senior Division Champions this year instead of trophies and they will be available for sale at the Banquet.

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The coaches of each Junior Division Champion must notify Keith Hartman of the number of Trophies needed for their players at the Banquet Award ceremony.

Field Clean-up day at Barrall Field is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 am. Aeration of the field will be completed October 31st and seeding done on clean up day. Volunteers are needed to help rake and bag leaves. Bring gloves and rakes !! The rain out date is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th.

FINANCE

At each Board meeting, all expense receipts and deposit slips must be turned into the Treasurer. Email invoices through mediasoftball.org to Trish Combs and Fred Heller.

The balance in the Checking account and Money Market account as of November 3, 2014 is \$6723.18. The value of the Certificate of Deposit with the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union is \$15152.04. The balance in the League Pay Pal account is \$510.00.

SECRETARY

No Report

WEB SITE

Updated registration forms for the Intramural Softball Division and Travel Softball Division for the 2015 Season will be available online. Registration forms for Winterball 2015 will be available online as well as registration forms for the Awards Banquet.

The MAGS web site will provide a link to the Phillies ticket office web site for those interested in attending the Phillies game on May 17th vs the Arizona Diamondbacks.

FAST PITCH DIVISION

Steph D'Ortone will be retained as pitching coach for the 2015 Season. The fees are \$15.00 per lesson.

Fall Ball has started and practices are being well attended. This fall season, MAGS will have registered two (2) teams to play in the Del Val League: One (1) 10 yr and under team and one (1) 14 yr and under team. Their last games are being played on Tuesday, November 4th and Wednesday, November 5th.

The Friday night clinic begins November 7th at the Elwyn Gym and is tentatively scheduled for the 10 yr and under girls from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and for girls 12 yr and under, the clinic will be from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. On Sundays in November, the clinic will be held from 8:00 am to 9:30 am for girls 14 yr and older and for the 14 yr and under girls, the clinic will be from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

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The League would like to acknowledge Fred Heller for the field maintenance at Barrall Field that he has been responsible for doing, both during the summer season and the fall season as well. The fields have been in excellent playing condition throughout the 2014 Softball Season.

SLOW PITCH DIVISION

Winterball Clinic is being planned for this winter at the Penncrest High School auxiliary Gym. The Penncrest High School Girls' Softball team will be asked to participate with coaching at the Clinic with a donation to the Softball Teams' Boosters from the League based on the number of girls and the frequency with which they volunteer.

This year, the League has approved a \$1000.00 donation to the Penncrest H. S. Girls Softball Team Boosters based on the participation by the players at Winterball 2014.

Background checks are needed from all Coaches and Assistant Coaches prior to the beginning of the season. This requirement has been extended to all bench coaches, including bookkeepers, for each team. Jenn Metzger will inform current Board Members and/or Coaches who must renew their Patch Certificates by email.

The League will make an effort to notify all girls registered for the 2014 Season about the Banquet through their email addresses. Registration forms for the 2015 Season will be available at the banquet and online for early registration. Payment can be made using the Pay Pal account or by check payable to Media Area Girls Softball.

REGISTRATION

No Report

FIELDS

The Barrall Field intermediate playing field needs to be re-graded on the third base side of the field in order to drain better after rain fall.

The Pitching machine used by the Fast Pitch Division needs to be repaired or replaced before the start of the 2015 Season. Estimated cost to replace the Pitching machine is \$1500.00. The Lime spreader needs to be replaced before the 2015 Season begins.

The fields at the Rocky Run Y are in good condition. Keith Hartman will attend the Rocky Run Board meeting and inquire about the lack of attention to our needs and no field maintenance whatsoever the League receives from the Rocky Run Y facility. This past season the drag net used at the field to maintain a smooth playing surface was stolen.

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EQUIPMENT

Small helmets with face masks are needed for the teams in the Coach-Pitch Division.

Equipment should be inventoried by all coaches who are returning for the 2015 season. Players' Helmets are available for purchase through the League.

DEVELOPMENT

MAGS Phillies Night at Citizens Bank Park is being planned for the 2015 Season. The League will attempt to notify players and coaches through the Web site and/or by email of the details for the game in January or February.

The Board of Directors has approved Sunday, May 17th vs the Arizona Diamondbacks @ 1:35 pm as the MAGS Phillies night at Citizens Bank Park.

The MAGS League will be participating in the Modell's Team Week Coupon purchase over the Christmas Holiday shopping season (specific dates to be announced). 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 is to begin planning for the Lottery in January 2015. Promotion of the Lottery and materials for the raffle drawing must be started early in 2015 in order to be successful and have completion by the end of April.

The Sponsors can now donate to the All Star games and/or the Unified game. Sponsors can also contribute to the Banquet for the awards, trophies and door prizes and to the Unified game T-shirts, travel teams' warm up jerseys and the Web Site.

SNACK BAR

Thanks to all volunteers who helped manage the snack bar this season.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Directors approved a new Board position: Coach Pitch Commissioner.

A motion to change the name of the MAGS Softball Divisions was made by Fred Heller and seconded by Dj Sheridan and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors approved a name change to the MAGS League Softball Divisions: The Slow Pitch Division will be known as the "Intramural Softball Division". The Fast Pitch Division will now be known as the "Travel Softball Division".

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Nominations for the 2015 Board of Directors are as follows:

President	Keith Hartman
Vice President - Travel Softball Division	Matt Broomall
Vice President - Intramural Softball Division	Jenn Metzger
Treasurer	Trish Combs
Secretary	Open
Development / Sponsors	John Perlman
Registration	Bob Fadgen
Fields / Equipment	Fred Heller
Web Site Coordinator	Peter Mroz
Clinic / Coach Pitch Commissioner	Open
Junior Intramural Commissioner	Open
Intermediate Intramural Commissioner	Dj Sheridan
Senior Intramural Commissioner	Open

Tabled

The Board of Directors has tabled the issue of developing MAGS into an In-House Fast Pitch Softball League. The development of youth girls into an intramural non-travel Fast Pitch Division will enhance the pool of players needed to compete in the Del Val League and the School District Intermediate and Senior High School teams. Wind mill pitch and bunting and stealing will be taught to all girls interested in playing in this new non-travel Fast Pitch Division. New rules will need to be implemented considering the overall competitive nature of Fast Pitch Softball.

The Junior Division teams are being considered for the transition into an In-House Fast Pitch Softball Division. The idea is to teach the players the pitching fundamentals of the game and provide them the opportunity to choose between Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch when they move up to the Intermediate Division.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 8th at the Media Borough Hall Parlor Room