

MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2014



ATTENDEES

Dj Sheridan
Fred Heller
Joe Mirarchi
Keith Hartman
Bob Fadgen
Trish Combs

Jenn Metzger
John Perlman
Peter Mroz
Matt Broomall
Bill Roller
Steve Byrne

ABSENT

Denise Davidson

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Fred Heller and seconded by Peter Mroz and approved by the Board of Directors.

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.

Field Clean-up day at Barrall Field is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 am. 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 October 6, 2014 is \$10104.06. The value of the Certificate of Deposit with the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union is \$15149.50. The balance in the League Pay Pal account is \$306.88.

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SECRETARY

No Report

WEB SITE

Updated registration forms for the Slow Pitch Division and Fast Pitch 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.

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.

An email will be sent out to all Junior Division players notifying them of the Clinic.

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 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.

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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 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.

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.

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The League was able to show a profit of \$250.00 for the 3-digit Lottery Ticket fundraiser this past season. 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

The Snack Bar made a profit of \$924.00 during the 2014 Season. Thanks to all volunteers who helped manage the snack bar this season.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for the 2015 Board of Directors will take place at the November meeting.

Modell's has donated two gift cards totaling \$300.00 to the League for the Awards Banquet.

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.

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.

Keith Hartman will present guest speakers from local area community leagues to the Board of Directors to help understand the process.

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**NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 3rd at the Media Borough Hall Parlor
Room**