MEDIA AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 01, 2012



ATTENDEES		ABSENT
Dan O'Loughlin	Bob Fadgen	Pete Thomas
Bill Roller	Dj Sheridan	Terri McCabe
Jenn Metzger	Fred Heller	Harry Moore
Tony Tana	Peter Mroz	Steve Byrne
Keith Hartman	John Perlman	•

Joe Mirarchi

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by John Perlman and seconded by Tony Tana and approved by the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY

No Report

WEB SITE

The New Web Site has been activated since March 10th and can be accessed using the web site location at www.mediasoftball.org. Establishing the Pay Pal link to the MAGS web site is proceeding. Accountability features will need to be worked out as we proceed.

Pictures from this past summer's Challenger game are now posted on the Web Site and more information concerning the Fast Pitch Division, such as, schedules and location of playing fields will be available on-line.

FAST PITCH DIVISION

The 2012 Season was very successful and the Media Area Girls Softball League has one (1) 12 yr and under team in the Fast Pitch Fall League.

The Fast Pitch Division is beginning a Friday night clinic on November 2nd at the Elwyn Davidson Gym from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for 10 and 12 yr old girls and on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for girls 14 yr and under. All girls interested in playing fast pitch softball are encouraged to participate in the clinic.

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SLOW PITCH DIVISION

The 2012 Season was very successful and as a result most coaches will be returning. The League has received requests inquiring about the Softball Banquet and the availability of Sweat Shirts which will be available for the Banquet.

Complaints in the Junior Division have been directed mostly toward the problem of walks. The League has considered addressing the problem with a change in the rules which would possibly effect the pitching and/or batting. Discussion of any rules' changes has been tabled.

REGISTRATION

The Slow Pitch Division registration number for the 2012 Season was approximately 340. Improvements for the registration process have been implemented and comments and suggestions for improvements will be considered by Peter Mroz. The Fast Pitch Division registration will take place on-line for the 2013 Season.

Registration must be completed in its entirety before the application can be finalized – Including players' information, the Medical Release form and the Code of Conduct form signed by Parents and Coaches.

Contact information can also be found on-line should anyone have questions.

FIELDS

Clean up day at Barrall Field is tentatively scheduled for November 10th at 9:00 am.

The League is looking into reconditioning fields at Rose Tree Elementary and Cherry Street – contact with the School District and with Upper Providence Twp. is an ongoing, long and painstaking process.

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.

FINANCE

The Balance in the checking account as of October 1, 2012 is \$15,572.00 and the value of the Certificate of Deposit with TD Bank is approximately \$20,000.00.

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DEVELOPMENT

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.

SNACK BAR

The Snack Bar needs volunteers for the 2013 Season. The Slushy machine may not be available for the new season – its operating practicality will need to be evaluated before the season begins.

NEW BUSINESS

The Girls Softball Banquet is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2013. The League is considering a new venue for the event this year but accommodations and catering for at least 200 people is the most important aspect of our search.

Recruiting interested girls Sixteen (16) years and older as Junior Division Umpires is an important necessity in our development strategy for the League. If you know any girls who would be interested in being trained by an Umpire Association and be paid by the League to umpire Junior Division games, please call Bill Roller @ 610-636-2369.

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. All parents and coaches are encouraged to participate in this very popular clinic for girls in grades 1 through 5.

The MAGS League recognizes the need for a professional Fast Pitch pitching coach and will consider sponsoring a clinic for girls interested in pitching who are willing to commit to a rigorous coaching and practice schedule. More details available as the winter Board meetings continue.

Nominations for the 2013 Board of Directors will be accepted at the November meeting.

Comments from the public

NEXT MEETING: November 5th at the Media Borough Hall Parlor Room