



Mansfield Girls Softball Association

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017

Present

Leo Lake, Paul Muldoon, David Woods, Matt Cressy, Tim Quinn, Michelle Harnden, Sandi Conley, Dave O'Connor

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM at Jimmy's Pub. The following agenda items were addressed:

1. Previous meeting minutes were approved.
2. Matt presented current financial statement, and noted that the big expenditures approved last month brought our cash balance slightly behind where we were a year ago. It was noted we had a few large expenses not incurred in 2016. Dave Woods noted that over \$4600 was due us from Sports Manager for registration fees. Matt reported new donations and sponsors: Allied Auto Parts, Personal Best Karate, and Mansfield Police Benevolent Association. Dave Woods will add these sponsors to our website.
3. Matt submitted a grant application to the town for the \$2000 we donated to the Girls' Varsity Team for their new batting cage. He was awaiting word but things were favorable for approval.
4. Both the Spring travel and recreational programs have begun. Unfortunately, the second rec game was rained out. Paul noted the home team coach should contact the opposing coach to try and reschedule a make-up game, preferably on Fridays. He can coordinate fields and umpires.
5. The travel team also got rained out for their second game. Leo noted that practice turnout was very good.
6. Sandi reported she had favorably processed all CORI requests, but just received a few more she would get through in the next couple of days. Leo noted he included a CORI form in the packet he emailed all coaches with schedules, rules, and contact list.
7. Discussion turned to the Summer Hock League. Dave Woods reported that currently there were 8 girls registered for 10U, 8 for 12U and 2 for 14U. Leo noted these numbers should increase before tryouts this weekend. Dave O'Connor will coach the 10U team, Leo the 12U team, and Paul Muldoon the 14U team. Leo must submit how many teams we will field in each division by May 10th, and if they will be in the A or B pool. We must pay \$175 registration per team, so any tryouts and decisions must be completed before that date. With over 80 teams participating in total, the League is very competitive. It was indicated we likely would enter the 10U team in the B (non-playoff eligible) pool and the more experienced 12U team in the A pool.

There is a mandatory meeting for all Hock League coaches on June 14, and then the season begins June 19 and runs through the end of July.

8. Michelle discussed upgrading the Summer Hock uniforms to include a multicolored jersey, along with socks and a belt. The player's name would be on the back of the jersey, and number would be shown on the front as well as back. She would forward a sample mark-up when it was received. She determined most players purchased sliding pants or good quality pants, and therefore decided we would not provide them in the uniform package.

9. Michelle ordered medals for all players in the Rookie and Minor League divisions through Ink'd Mansfield, and the sweatshirt given to 8th graders graduating from the MGSA program.
10. Overall, there has been favorable feedback about the new uniforms from Ink'd Mansfield. Michelle reported she did receive several complaints about Spring travel and recreational uniforms in which the ink ran or the logos disintegrated in the wash. The franchise owner was willing to make good or replace any substandard shirts. Michelle also noted she continued to have numerous issues with the sizing of the uniform pants and the need to exchange sizes on several pairs.
11. Michelle next provided a follow-up on the Uniform Night/Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings. Due to a plumbing issue, the restaurant could not serve food, so we did not make any money off the event from the restaurant. The store was very willing to offer another date, and after discussion, it was decided to hold a second fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, 6/14. Notices will be sent out prior to the event, and teams will be encouraged to meet there for any award distribution, etc.

Thanks to several generous donations, we raffled several baskets at the April uniform night and held a 50/50 raffle. We also sold MGSA apparel and car stickers. Almost \$500 was raised. People could also purchase items through an on-line store (run by Ink'd) during April, but as there were only 2 orders, Michelle suggested revisiting the on-line store concept in the fall.
12. Dave O'Connor provided a status of new equipment purchases. We had made major expenditures on new catchers' equipment, bats, helmets, masks and bags. These have been equally divided and distributed within each coach's equipment bag. Dave also just received 1st aid kits which he will distribute to each coach.
13. Repairs done to QMS field were completed in late April, and the field seems in better shape with better drainage. The town has agreed to line QMS and East St fields over the summer to accommodate the Summer Hock League games.
14. Paul gave a status regarding our financial gift toward a new softball batting cage. MHS Varsity Softball Coach Lori Letendre is very grateful for our donation and has agreed we can access the cage when the high school teams are not using it. She is waiting for a donation from the High School Booster Club before she can have the contractor begin to erect the cage.
15. MGSA has invited players and coaches to march in the Memorial Day parade. Carolyn will coordinate if there is enough interest. It was decided we would not participate in the Downtown Family Fun Night over the summer.
16. The meeting adjourned, with the next Board meeting set for 8:00 pm on June 12, 2017 at Jimmy's Pub.