

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2013**

**Absent**—Ted Carroll

**Acceptance of February 11th Minutes—**motioned and accepted.

**Committees**

* **Opening Day Parade—**Jen
  + Scheduled for Sat., April 20th 12 noon start.
  + Jen contacted Little League, assuming that they will be walking.
  + Last year we handed out Hoodsie ice creams to all girls in uniform as they walked into CU Park and charged $1 for slice of pizza and $1 for bottle of water. Magnets were sold as well. Hoodsie ice creams were hard to purchase so this year we will get popsicles and sell pizza as well.
  + Gary to ask Pauline Wells to sing again this year.
  + Should we honor someone this year?
* **Sponsorships—**Ken
  + Ken gave Bill first check at meeting for $500 from Dolan. We have $4200 committed this year thus far.
  + Shawn to help Ken out and contact a few new contacts (Abby Park, Steel and Rye and Jack Rabbit).
* **Rules Committee—**Bill/Laurie/Ken/Karen
  + Senior division—40 to 43 feet—approved.
  + Senior division—Infield fly rule—not approved.
  + Sophomore division—lots of discussion. Coaches’ meeting is next Tuesday, March 19th so we need everything finalized by this weekend (earlier the better) so that the rules can be handed out for that meeting.
* **Uniforms**—Karen
  + Several people requested larger shirts for the Junior and Senior division.

**Vice President’s Report—**Gary

* Pre-Season Clinic
  + Junior division girls were invited to go to Dirt Dawgs (19 signed up so far).
  + Senior division girls were invited to go to TJO (14 signed up so far).
* Coaches Clinic—Thinking of having 2 clinics, one K to 4th grade and the second 5th through 8th grade.
* Pitching Clinic—Thinking of having 2 sessions starting Sat., April 6th for 3rd and 4th graders and then for 5th and 6th graders.
* Additional Pitching Clinic—4 to 5 week session on-hold because of the $20 per person fee. Discussion around holding them on Sunday or Monday nights (no game night).
* Hitting Clinic—Discussion around Monday nights (no game night).
* Plaques—7 delivered and 6 to go.
* Thank You Notes—Need to create 20 notes, Gary to send dimensions to Kevin. Gary please make one additional card for us to send to the family that donated the registration.

**Treasurer’s Update—**Bill

* See budget handout.

**President’s Report—**Kevin

* Registration, see handout from Kevin.
* Player’s Agent—We still need a volunteer to take this on and it doesn’t necessarily have to be a BOD member.
* Something important for us to remember as the BOD, 1/3 of all girls registered are in the K-2 grades and Freshman division. We should put some thought into how we can make softball fun and a learning experience for these girls…skill clinic and/or skill challenge as well as create a coaches clinic and include age specific drills.
* Surplus Initiatives
  + New Catcher’s Equipment for Junior Division—Brian   
    Approved and Brian brought examples of the red equipment.
  + College Scholarships—Rich  
    Approved $250 x 2 for $500 total. Rich added more detail but this needs to be finalized a.s.a.p. so that applications can be due back to MGSA by 5/5. Need to determine who decides winner, Exec BOD or Committee.
  + Helmets—Kevin  
    Approved for Freshman and Sophomore for year 1 (2013) and Junior and Senior for year 2 (2014).
  + Scoreboard for Gile Field—Gary   
    Gary needs to do more research and come back to the board with more information including photos and prices. Location of scoreboard is still TBD.
* Neighboring Towns—Randolph and Dedham have approached Milton for Spring and Needham for Summer team playing additional games in the Spring. Exec BOD agreed not to pursue these options because it does not compliment the mission of our program. Something to think about in the future would be to have a Spring travelling program/team(s).
* Financial Assistance—Someone contact MGSA to offer a child a free registration fee. Last year we did not need it but this year someone asked and the family agreed to pay. We will mention this (no names) at the parade and thank the family that made the donation. BOD should sign “thank you” card and send to the donating family.
* ESPN subscription—Shawn agreed to research this fundraising program (75% of subscription comes back to the league. For example, one year is $20 and $15 would come back to MGSA and two years is $40 and $30 would come back to MGSA.)

**Equipment—**Dana

* Chin straps need to be ordered for the old helmets.

**Next BOD Meeting**

* Monday, 4/8 7-9, Milton Library

**Upcoming Coaches Meetings—**Everyone invited to attend

* Freshman—Tuesday, March 19th 6 to 7:30pm
* Sophomore—Tuesday, March 19th 7:30 to 9pm
* Junior—Tuesday, March 26th 6:30 to 8pm
* Senior (including draft)—Wednesday, March 27th 6:30 to 8pm

**Adjourn**