

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2013**

**Absent**—Kevin Olivieri, Dana Rundlett, and Nick Tangney

**Acceptance of February 10th Minutes—**motioned and accepted.

**President’s Report—**Karen (in Kevin’s absence)

* Registration Update—as of today 323 (Freshman 9 teams, Soph 7 teams, Junior 6 teams and Senior 5 teams). Still sorting out a few coaches and then teams will be assigned (Seniors will have draft).
* Pitching Clinic Registration Open—after Kevin sent email this morning looks like a total of 3 (10 max for 7-8pm and 10 max for 8-9pm).
* Coaches Meetings—scheduled for:
  + Freshwoman Thurs., 3/27 6-7pm at library
  + Sophomore Thurs., 3/20 6-7pm at library
  + Junior Thurs., 3/20 7:15-8:15pm at library
  + Senior *Draft,* Tues., 3/25 6-8:30pm at library

**Vice President’s Report—**Bill

* Pre-Season Clinic Update
  + Maximum attendance was 81, low was 54 and average is 66 girls per week. Very minor issue happened a few weeks ago where a few of the younger girls were talking back to the instructors, issue was addressed this week and we don’t anticipate it happening again.
  + Suggestion is to invite all coaches to the sessions to watch how Dirt Dawgs organizes and runs the practice drills. Bill to follow-up with Kevin.

**Treasurer’s Report—**Calece

* Working with the attorney that Nick recommended, total cost will be $1500-$2000 total. Calece is working with Kevin to obtain the past 5 years financial statements. We will have to file a 1099EZ form every year, cost will be $400-$600 (we need to add this to our budget). We are moving forward to establish MGS as a 501c3 non-profit organization.
* PayPal account still has some cash in it, we need to move that to the Citizen’s account. We will keep the PayPal account open.
* See handouts.

**Committees**

* Bat Purchase**—**Rich  
  In process of purchasing 33 bats for Spring and Summer teams for a total of $2200. Bill needs to go to Citizens bank to raise the credit card limit so that Rich can order them.
* Positive Coaching Alliance—Gary
  + Coaches were last Monday, consensus was that the content was a little shallow and a lot of the information we already know and use. The booklet was useful to read. Gary to find out the cost of the book.
  + Parents meeting is this week, Wed. 2 sessions will be held, one for high school and the second for youth sports.
* Pitching Open House and Clinics—Gary
  + 22 girls attended last Friday, a lot of the girls were brand new to pitching and @80% were 3rd and 4th graders.
  + We can get the Glover gym for 3-4 Tuesday nights in April for $80/night to cover the janitor and facility charge and we would need to hire a professional to run the clinics. Should we continue with a free clinic? Consensus was yes, Gary to finalize information and connect back with Kevin to advertise.
* Coaching (and Team) Clinic—Bill/Gary
  + Dirt Dawgs’ proposal is to run drills and work on skills with one team (coach and girls) cost is $50 for one hour, total would be 27 teams $1350.
  + TJO’s proposal is to have a division of girls or 5-6 teams at a time for a organized practice, less structured but the cost is free.
  + Discussion was to send the Senior girls to TJO and the Fresh. and Soph. girls to DD and then decide on the Jr. girls where to send them. Bill and Gary to finalize information and connect back with Kevin to advertise.
* Parade—Ted  
  Need to get Jen’s information from Kevin. Contacted American League and starting discussion. American league is installing a new flag pole and asked MSG if we want to fly a softball flag? Gary mentioned that we can ask Pauline Wells to sing again. We will need someone to throw out the first pitch.
* Scholarships—Ted  
  Committee needs to meet.
* Coaches Appreciation Event—Karen  
  Scheduled as an introduction event instead, scheduled for Mon., 3/31 7pm at The View. Same as last year with appetizers.
* Equipment Report—Karen
  + Catching equipment—1 set per team for Freshman and Soph. ordered.
  + Helmets—4 per team for Jr. and Sr. divisions ordered. Fit kits and chin straps were also ordered.
  + Balls for all divisions ordered.
  + Books for Soph., Jr., and Sr. divisions ordered.
  + Clipboards—1 per team ordered, Karen to order plastic bags and dry erase markers. Suggestion was to add team name to the clipboards in permanent marker.
  + First aid kits—Ted will ask Fallon for donations, need 27 for 27 teams.
* Uniform Update—Karen  
  We will be staying with visors. Uniforms will be ordered as soon as teams are assigned.
* Sponsorships—Karen (on behalf of Nick)  
  19 teams sponsors this year (including 1 owed to The View from last year). Waiting to hear back from Milton Health Care, M. Susi and Planet Fitness. No commitment from Curry Hardware or Fruit Center yet. Shawn following up on all supermarkers for the water donations.

**Items not on agenda**

* Team assignments—when will Fresh., Soph. and Jr. teams be assigned. As soon as all coaches are assigned, should be soon.
* Anchors for bases—Gary to follow up and do research on costs. Gile and Kelly field are going to have them installed and town of Milton won’t charge for the installation. MGS to pitch in for new bases and anchors. Cunningham field installation and equipment costs TBD.
* Summer Tryouts—we need to schedule them.
* Practice Time slots—should we change our schedule and have 2 time slots, one for 5-6:15pm and the other 6:15 to 7:30pm? The downside is if rainy season then 2 practices would be cancelled to schedule 1 make up game.
* Fresh.—Was there a coordinator last year? If yes suggestion is to have 2 coordinators last year to make sure that games are made up, rules are enforced and communication takes place within the division. Calece does not recall a coordinator.

**Next BOD Meetings**

* April 14—7pm Cunningham Hall

**Adjourn**