**MGS Softball Meeting**

Tuesday February 9th, 2016

**Meeting Attendees:**

Kevin Oliveri, Bill Vaughn, Nick Tagney, Calece Johnson, Ted Carroll, Shawna Steuterman, Bill Giovanucci, Lloyd MacNeil

**Umpire Coordinator Update** (SMUA Board Member)

Don

* Works best if whole schedule, or until playoffs versus week-to-week; could affect assignment of umpires and shortages (can unassign when rescheduling games)
* All Coach’s will have access to the website Arbiter and schedules;   
  [https://www.**arbiters**ports.com/](https://www.arbitersports.com/)
* Varsity players did not like umping Friday night’s, in front of parents.
* 2 hours notification for cancelling without fee due to inclement weather

Kevin: We send complete schedule through June and have used Arbiter last season, 2015.

Discussion on what was working well/not well with the umpire association. Feedback varies on ump to ump, awareness of league and level (i.e. 3/4th grade girls and allowing coach behind home plate etc.)

Rule change for 2015 – chinstraps not required. One of others, local rules are open to change except when it comes to a “safety rule”.

Speeding up changing of innings (catchers putting on gear; pitchers 5 and then 3 warm-up pitches proposed for 2016).

Fees for 2016 is $50.00

Towns are able to flag or prioritize umpires that we like.

Motion – Bill V., 2nd Calece and Ted. Minutes approved

**Registration Update – 258**

* K in good shape
* Freshwomen is half-way
* Junior/Senior’s just small bumps

**Promotion Update**

* 2 Ads in the Times
* All local schools, parochial, Milton Academy, PTO’s, Superintendent
* Bonnie Devore (follow up for coming years)

**Banners**

* Cunningham/Collicot
* Pierce
* Tucker

Open

**Lawn signs:**

* St. Agatha’s
* Blue Hill Prwy

**Sponsorships** – No Update

**Treasure’s Update**

* $15k in the bank, rollover from 2015 season
* $26 was operating revenue from 2015
* $10k spent on clinics
* $5.5k Field Maintenance Capital (Gile Improvement)
* Fiscal Year starts Oct.1

**By-Laws –** updated to reflect new number of board members (14)

**League Calendar -**

* Clinics on Sundays @ Dirt Dawg’s
* Board Meeting March 9th
* March.16th Junior/Senior Coach’s Meeting
* March.22nd Freshwomen/Sophomore Coach’s Meeting
* April 2nd – Equipment Day (Bags, Game Balls, Umpire Check)
* April 23rd Opening Day Parade
* April 30th Summer Tryouts
* No Games Mother’s Day & Memorial Day Week-End
* June 12th Playoff’s Start
* June 18th Championship Day (June 19th Father’s Day Tournament)
* Summer Travel Playoff Week likely July 25th

**Pitching Clinics**

* February 22nd (4 Monday’s) 6-9pm

**Clinics Update**

* Light turnout first week (Patriots game)
* Good turnout second week (24 Fresh/Soph; 44 Junior/Senior)
* Pitching clinics booked; $1k school rental indoors (schools for price of 1)
  + First time registrants will be subsidized
  + Repeating pitchers will pay regular price
* 2+ week break, 2nd session outdoor at Kelley (less school rental)

**Station Based Drills in other Gym?**

* Brainstorming on what skills to run;
  + TCB hitting and bunting?
  + Catching skills?
  + Coaching Clinics?

**Lowell Clinics –** April 30th

**Coaching Opportunities –** depends on # of teams, incumbents have first option to renew.

**Player Rating for Team Assignments** – based on pitching, overall rating to help ensure balance.

**Umpires** – Ted in contact with association. No specific update

**Committees**

* Registration - Kevin & Lloyd
* By-Law’s – Calece & Nick
* Clinics – Bill V., Brian M., Brian C., Gary K.
* Rules Committee – Lloyd, Ted C., Bill G.
* Fall Travel – Ted C.
* South Shore – Bill V., Ted C.
* Scholarship Committee – Shawn, Brian M., Calece
* Equipment Committee – Dana R.
* Marketing & PR – Kevin & Lloyd
* Uniforms – Shawna, Brian C.
* Fundraising – Nick
* Umpire – Ted C.
* Coach’s Thank-You Event – (TBD, John Curley, Calece)
* Celebrate Milton –

5 Flaghship Events

1. Opening Day
2. All Star/Cook-Out
3. Freshwomen/K Skills Challenge
4. All Star
5. Championship Day

**Volunteer Requirement:**

Coach’s & Teams responsible for 2 hours each for All-Star week-end