

December OSA Board Meeting

December 8, 2008

In attendance: Jon Arends, Jen Arends, Scott McKown, Lori Delay, Marty Earley

Absent: Kelli Woessner, Jen Geelan,

Jon went through Action items from November meeting.

Meeting Notes from November – Kathy approved. Marty seconded.

Finance/ Budget Update - Jen

- Updated budget provided to everyone
- Outstanding checks received in the amount of \$90
- No outstanding invoices

Website – Lori

- Current website pages handed out to all board members to review.
- Board members to send any changes to Lori.
- Update all emails on web
- Discussion re: new website

In-House Director Update – Scott

- Discussion around providing more instruction for coaches – Create outline of practice, level by level instruction; Example: Practice #1, Practice #2, etc.
- Discussion on adding a Coaches clinic for in-house.

Program Director Update 10U – 18U – Kathy

- Sunday Clinics:
 - December 14: Marty Earley and Lori Delay
 - December 21: Kathy Smith and Jon Arends
 - December 28: No Open Gym
 - Open to all school age girls interested in softball. Free. Coaches and parents to help. Need to find parents and coaches to help staff. HS coaches to run pitching area.
 - Discussion around clinics for 09 season.
 - ACTION ITEM: Jen to start drafting the flier
- Try-outs –
 - Discussed utilizing same evaluators as last year. Kathy to contact and find out availability and cost

- Discussion regarding how girls would be evaluated. Changes from last year, etc. Board to research and review other association try out procedures and discuss evaluation elements at February meeting.

Field/Equipment Update – Marty

- Equipment inventory needs to be done when it is not so cold outside. All equipment is in the shed. Inventory sheet from end of last year is available as a benchmark.
- Used equipment program – ask parents to donate their old or outgrown equipment for th association to utilize. Lori to put on website.
- Discussion around bats – what age group do kids start using their own bats? 8U competitive kids have their own bats. Scott suggests one good bat, lighter bat for each team. Lower level needs good bats.

Old Business:

- By- Laws – Board members to review and send comments to Jen
- Survey – Board members to review, highlight suggestions and discuss at January meeting.
- Player/Parent Pledge and Coach Code of Conduct: Kathy to create a Orono document using the samples previously provided.
- Teams: going back to A, B, and C.
- Community Ed Discussion. The board reviewed the benefits of being part of the Community Ed program including discounted field rental, registration fees, sports alliance member, field maintenance, etc.
 - Softball newsletter – New in 09. Jon to create monthly and send out to everyone in the database.
- Sponsor Thank You's – 4 left to be delivered from 08. To be done by the end of the month.

New Business

- Sponsorships: \$45/200 for renewal. \$50/250 for new sponsors. Go to the bank in January and ask for pitching machine sponsorship.
- Wayzata Dome Ball: Orono will combine w/ Maple Grove to create a 12U team.
- MMFL Tournament and coaches clinic – Kathy to send both info to Lori. Lori to send email coaches.
- 501C – Jen G. to continue to review.
- Team Pictures – ACTION ITEM: Kelli to set up date. Make sure to include comp. coaches (Team) photo's (like they did for hockey). 4 – 5 x7.
- Baseball Relationship – Scott is our point person!
- 09 Dates – Tuesday's: 6:30 – 8:30, January 13 at McGarrys.

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