

OMGBA Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2009

Meeting Called to Order : 7:05pm

Missing Board Members: Cori Davison, Eddie Drag, Doug Erlien, Charlie Horton, Bill Hutchinson, Dave Lutz, Mitch Ringe, Ed Wicker, Kris Wilner

Visitors: Cory Marsch, Joe Butorac

Secretary's report:

Motion to approve last (October) month's minutes. [Motion Approved](#)

Gaming Update: (Sue Drag)

Gambling report handed out.

Financials are provided to the executive board each month electronically. If you have specific questions or need more information about the financials, feel free to contact any of the executive board members

Bingo will be played on Tuesdays at Broadway Pizza. In a gesture of gratitude for changing Bingo nights, OMGBA will pay to have the windows painted at Broadway

Bingo will be played on Wednesdays at Sundance.

After monitoring the number of pull tabs sold per hour, the decision was made to keep the same hours. OMGBA will re-evaluate again in January 2010.

Sundance donated 1,000 discount coupons to be handed out during the girls and boys OMGBA tournaments.

A broadcast email with the sponsors of OMGBA will be sent to all OMGBA parents encouraging them to support our sponsors. Motion to pay expenses for next years license and the past month's expenses (mileage & stamps): [Motion approved](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal made to the Board by the Maple Grove Boys Booster club president (Joe Butorac)

The boosters are proposing to put each of the boys traveling team pictures in the Maple Grove varsity game program for the entire year at the cost of \$100/half page. Total cost would be \$1200 for the 12 teams. The boosters are asking if the OMGBA would sponsor the pictures.

Discussion:

- The feeling of the board members discussing the proposal is that if this is done for one team (MG Boys) then it should be done for all the other HS teams as well (MG Girls, Osseo Boys and OsseoGirls).
- OMGBA should give to the boosters since the majority of high school players are coming through OMGBA programs.

- Joe was encouraged to make a form to hand out to the traveling team coaches next year. The coaches can give the option to the parents of paying \$10 per child to have their team picture in the high school varsity program all year.

A motion was made to have the OMGBA sponsor a one half page ad for no more than \$100 per add for each HS program. [Motion Approved](#)

Action: Julie H will design the one-half page advertisement for the program. She will contact the other three coaches (MG girls, Osseo boys and Osseo girls) to add advertisement to other programs.

Funding High School Programs (Jim Davison)

In response to the high school coaches requesting a larger donation from OMGBA, a proposal has been written indicating dollar amounts given for specific help (*see attached*). It includes proposed donations all four basketball teams (MG girls & boys, Osseo girls & boys).

Over the past couple years the OMGBA and high school coaches have been trying to work together more. Coaches have been helping out with coaches clinic, approximately a 2-3 hr commitment. Our youth teams have been playing at halftime of the varsity games.

The proposal has a few new ideas listed below:

- High school coaches help with the boys tryout evaluations. This would be approximately a 7-8 hour commitment.
- High school coaches annually attend an OMGBA meeting
- High school coaches would be tournament host. The responsibilities would include organizing help from their players to cover the score table (score book and score board).
- Also included is a one-time donation given to each program designated as “combine the traveling program” fee.

Discussion:

It was brought up that coach Arzdorf is requiring 8 hrs of community service from each of his players if they want to letter. Also discussed was the complexity of the OMGBA because it is a combined program compared to other organizations that only feed one high school.

Three different specific areas arose from this discussion.

1. Proposal of funding the four different teams
2. Proposal for one-time donation
3. Combine traveling teams

There is a lot of work to do before a decision is made to combine teams. Because of this, it will be necessary to establish a calendar with tasks to be completed such as:

- meet with HS Coaches
- send out notice to the parents of OMGBA participants
- put notice on website
- put together a list of frequently asked questions
- have a public hearing open for public comments,

- modification and approval of by-laws

Following the decision, if it is decided to combine teams there are many other important details needing to be addressed prior to the next season beginning, such as what name to put on the uniforms, what would be the uniform colors, who would coach the newly formed combined teams, etc.

A motion was made to approve funding of \$1,250 for the boys programs and \$1,000 for the girls programs yearly as stated on the proposal unless changed. [Motion approved.](#)

Amendment made to the funding motion: The money will come from gaming as the law allows and the funds are available. [Motion approved](#)

The one time donation will need a secondary motion once the high school coaches are informed this will come up.

Open Enrollment (Jim Davison)

A proposal was written and Jim reviewed its contents (*see attached*).

MYAS allows players that attend schools in a boundary to participate in that boundary. Some of our neighboring communities follow the same rule as the MYAS, but currently OMGBA does not. The OMGBA rules were initially put in place to keep “AllStar teams” from being formed in the traveling program. The rule has caused problems over the past few years though, because more participants are being stopped from playing with schoolmates because they reside outside the boundary but go to a specific school.

See attachment for details regarding the open enrollment proposal:

- Priority #1 Residency
- Priority # 2 Public schools & Private schools
- Priority #2a Park Center Resident

Discussion:

- Priority #1 there is no discussion because it is the current OMGBA practice
- Priority #2 (school attended)
 - **Cons:** This proposal will displace our own kids that actually reside inside the boundaries.
 - **Pros:** Kids are going to the school within the district but just live outside the border. They would like to tryout and play with their friends/schoolmates.
 - Other thoughts: Put language in regarding participation in OMGBA (need some history of playing in organization before playing traveling).

Motion proposed to draft a by-laws change with the exception to the private schools. This includes the priority #2a (Park Center resident) but excludes private schools from priority #2. [Motion approved \(with five against\)](#)

A motion to draft a by-laws change that allow private schools to be included into the open enrollment. [Motion not approved \(one for\)](#)

Department Reports:

OMGBA Girls Basketball tournament (Dave Schock)

This year there were 78 teams participating in the OMGBA girls tournament.

- Girls from high school basketball team helped out this year by running the score board and keeping the official scorebook on Saturday. This really helped reduce the number of hours the youth players parents had to work.
- Concessions went very smooth. Dan Schmidt did a phenomenal job. A comment was made regarding outside vendors selling product onsite and if this takes away from our own concessions being sold. This should be looked into next year. Complaints were heard because there were no concessions at Osseo Jr High.
- T-Shirt sales seemed to go well. David indicated he was contacted by a company that would like to sell t-shirts next year, on consignment. Julie H stated that OMGBA makes more money selling them on our own.
- T-shirts for the champions seemed to be a hit except for the 5th grade team. One fifth grader was upset because she was looking forward to a trophy. Idea was stated to have trophies for the 5th grade champion and t-shirts for the remaining grades champions.
- Complaint was made via email by the Centennial 7th grade coach about the Chaska team playing down a level. They felt Chaska should have been playing at the A level. Waiting for a reply from the Chaska team.

Junior High Commissioner (Russ Niko)

League had difficult start because of incorrect information being distributed by a Sportability email and the Park & Rec regarding dates of tryout. Next year a broadcast email should be sent out by OMGBA as well as getting information into the schools. The biggest issue was for the 7th grade girls house league. Otherwise everything went well.

Senior High House League (Chris Sullivan)

Sign up for the league ends November 30th with the tryouts scheduled for Dec 6th.

1st and 2nd Grade Coordinator (Carla Bredensteiner)

Fall league finished this past Saturday and evaluations have been summarized (*See attached*). Kids in current program are very interested in the winter program. An email has been sent to the coaches to get feedback to Eddie Drag about the new program this year of having an official available on-site each week. Sue Drag states Eddie feels it was not productive because coaches and parents didn't know why they were there. Many times when the referees did try to assist with the skills competition the coaches were not receptive. The officials would like to assist the coaches by explaining to them the correct form or way to do a drill, etc.

Discussion: In the future, maybe the officials can spend time on the first date explaining the rules and setup for the skills competition. Another possibility is to have the referees officiate about 10 minutes on each court, allowing the coaches to see the best way to teach the young basketball players the rules of the game. It is felt the official's need a clear understanding of why they are there and their role should be explained to the coaches/parents. Currently, the officials have been told to be available but to interrupt unless asked. The discussion will be continued between Sue and Carla.

Adjourn: 9:35pm

Next Meeting: December 21, 2009 @ Maple Grove Community Center

OMGBA BOARD POSITIONS

Listed below are the Board positions for the 2009/10 season. Highlighted in yellow are Open positions.

	Position	2009 - 10
1	Gym Scheduler Manager	Cori Davison
2	Web Site Manager	Julie Scheidler (FOB)
3	Uniforms/Equip Manager	Tami Eckberg
4	Referee Coordinator	Sue Drag
4a	Referee Scheduler	Eddie Drag
5	Player /Member Recog Mng	Julie Hamilton
6	Traveling Commissioner	Jim Davison
7	MG Boys Traveling Coordinator	Doug Erlie (Dave Lutz take over 1/1/10)
8	MG Girls Traveling Coordinator	Dave Lutz (Karen Lee beginning 1/1/10 as FOB)
9	Osseo Boys Traveling Coordinator	Jodi Bland (Dave Lutz take over 1/1/10)
10	Osseo Girls Traveling Coordinator	Teresa Swanson (FOB)
11	Elementary Commissioner	Cori Davison
12	1st and 2nd Grade Coordinator	Carla Bredensteiner
13	3rd Grade Girls Coordinator	Sara Aasgaard
14	3rd Grade Boys Coordinator	Kris Wilner
15	4th Grade Girls Coordinator	Sara Aasgaard
16	4th Grade Boys Coordinator	Charlie Horton
17	5th/6th Grade Girls Coordinator	Shawn Tharp
18	5th Grade Boys Coordinator	David Schock
20	6th Grade Boys Coordinator	Bill Hutchinson
21	Jr. High Commissioner	Russ Nikko
22	7th Grade Boys Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
23	7th Grade Girls Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
24	8th Grade Boys Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
25	8th Grade Girls Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
26	Senior League Commissioner	Chris Sullivan
27	9/10th Grade Boys Coordinator	Open
28	11/12th Grade Boys Coordinator	Ed Wicker
29	9th-12th Grade Girls Coordinator	Cory Binstock
30	Concession Manager 1	Susan Schmidt
31	Concession Manager 2	Dan Schmidt
32	Fall Traveling Boys Tournament Director	Jeff Tyler
33	Fall Traveling Girls Tournament Director	David Schock
34	Special Olympics Commissioner	Mitch Ringe
35	President	Todd Leyse
36	Past President	Doug Erlie
37	Vice President	Jodi Bland
38	Records Director	Chuck Barta
39	Treasurer	Gary LaPalme
40	Information Director	Susan Schmidt
41	Insurance Manager	John Baumiller (FOB)
42	Gaming Manager	Sue Drag
43	Gaming Manager Asst	Charlotte Albu
44	Administration Position	Cori Davison