

OMGBA Board Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2009

Meeting Called to Order : 7:05pm

Missing Board Members: Sara Aasgaard, Carla Brednesteiner, Sue Drag, Tami Eckber, Doug Erlien, Charlie Horton, Dave Lutz, Russ Nikko, Chris Sullivan, Ed Wicker, Kris Wilner

Visitors: Cory Marsch, Kevin Berg

Secretary's report:

Motion to approve November's minutes. [Motion Approved](#)

Gaming Update: (Todd Leyse reporting due to Sue's absence)

Gambling report will be sent out with the January minutes.

Sue would like to retire from the gaming manager position. We are currently looking for someone to replace her. Notice of the opening should be put in the OMGBA website as well as asking volunteers that currently work with Sue. Sue will begin to transition out as someone takes over the responsibility.

Motion to approve expenses for Month of November. [Motion approved](#)

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Berg (visitor) is in attendance today so he could learn how the 5th grade traveling process works and how he can assist in building up the Osseo girls participation. He is currently coaching a 4th grade house league girls team, made up of 6 Osseo players; and would like to coach an Osseo girls traveling team next year, therefore is trying to get 10 players. Kevin was asked to speak directly with the traveling commissioner regarding this during another time.

OLD BUSINESS-

High School donation:

- Sue will issue a check from gaming funds and the remaining amount will come from OMGBA account. Donation to girl's teams is \$1000 for each team. Donation to boy's teams is \$1250 for each team.
- January 5th is Girls OMGBA Night at Maple Grove. Cori Davison will present the check.
- January 22nd is Girls OMGBA Night at Osseo. Ron Jones will present the check).

Open Enrollment (Todd Leyse)

There was a short discussion regarding the pros and cons of open enrollment. The vote to change the by-law to allow open enrollment will be tabled until January 18th so more notice can be given and feedback from coaches and parents can be heard.

- Jodi Bland (V.P.) will draft an email by January 4th notifying parents of 3rd thru 7th grade OMGBA participants of the Open Enrollment proposal as well as the proposal to combine the Osseo and Maple Grove traveling teams for the 2010-2011 season.
- The open enrollment proposal and combining Maple Grove and Osseo will be discussed at the next two board meetings respectively (January/February 2010).
- Jim Davison will work on a document for FAQ to be emailed.

COMBINING TEAMS

There was a short discussion regarding combining the Maple Grove and Osseo traveling teams.

- Proposal given to HS coaches in the past 6 months and they indicated they do not want teams combined. Coaches want their kids wearing their jersey.
- Members of the board should try to meet with the coaches one more time prior to February vote.
- Discussion will be held during February meeting regarding combining Maple Grove and Osseo teams. Coaches should be invited to the open hearing as well.
- Jim Davison will work on a document for FAQ to be emailed to OMGBA participants.

Department Reports:

BOYS OMGBA TOURNAMENT (Jeff Tyer)

The tournament went well without any significant issues.

- It was very nice having the high school kids helping out at the scoring tables.
- Feedback regarding the use of t-shirts instead of trophies was mostly positive. There was one long email though from a parent of a 5th grade player that was disappointed he got a t-shirt instead of a trophy. The plan in the future is to hand out trophies to the fifth grade teams and t-shirts for all other grades.
- There were also positive comments from coaches about how nice it is to have athletic trainers at the site. The idea of using fire fighters that are EMT trained during the tournaments to help keep costs down was brought up by Cory Binstock. Cory will investigate and provide details to the board if this is an option.
- Feedback from other organizations/coaches regarding how nice it is that Jeff seems to be cognitive of how far teams are traveling when setting up the tournament brackets; not giving early morning games to teams traveling long distances.
- This was Jeff's last tournament and he does not have a replacement yet. He indicated that he will assist in training the Fall Traveling Boys Tournament Director.
- No Financials yet from the tournament per Gary LaPalme.

ELEMENTARY COMMISSIONER (Cori Davison)

1st and 2nd Grade House League

- 1st – 2nd grade Fall season went well
- 1st – 2nd grade Winter registration filled quickly. It was opened at 9am and was filled by 3pm. Registration was left open for another week and a waiting list made to determine if enough children were registered to add a couple more teams.
- The use of the referees in the Winter program will be expanded.

- A referee will explain/instruct to the coaches and players the correct way to do the drills (layups, short shots, passing and dribbling) during the first two practices.
- The official will referee the first 10 minutes of each game. Allowing the coaches to see how the games should be officiated.
- Eddie will be at the coaching meeting to discuss the changes and answer any questions.
- Coaches will be notified of these changes so they know referees will be assisting them in running the drills correctly.
- Carla had been sending out regular letters to 1st – 2nd grade coaches. In the future the idea was brought up that this letter should include a point of emphasis for each week. Example: Jump stop one week, bounce pass another week.

3rd and 4th Grade House League

- 85% of the 3rd -4th grade house league evaluations were returned
 - The negative feedback was the same as last year
 - Stacked teams
 - Officiating not consistent
 - A request was made for a rule that requires each child on a team gets equal playing time throughout the season. This will keep teams with 9 or 10 players from always having their best players playing the extra time each game.
- There are 13 MYAS teams being formed this spring in 3rd & 4th grade. This is causing a problem with trying to get enough gym space for practices.
- There are basketball clinics being held at Maple Grove Senior High on Saturday mornings, January 23rd, 30th and February 6th for 3-4th grade girls and boys.
- Feedback was given to Sue by the coaches regarding the year-end playoffs. The coaches did not want new officials to be brought in at tournament time because there is not enough consistency. They officiate differently by making more calls, etc. Discussion: Eddie didn't feel there were any new officials were brought in during tournament time but was going to investigate it.

5-6th grade Grade House League

Games begin after the first of the year. It is going well thus far.

Scheduling (Cori Davison)

- Gym space is limited for practice during the months of January and February.
 - There are only 3 days available at Osseo Jr and Sr high during January
 - There are only 7 days available at Maple Grove Sr high during January
 - Practice time must be purchased at Northview Jr.
- There were 3 times that OMGBA teams showed up and could not practice because other events were going on even though OMGBA had a permit. (1 time because of girls basketball, 1 time because of boys basketball and 1 time because of volleyball)
- 5th – 6th grade traveling teams will be in elementary for Jan/Feb
- OMGBA received a bill for \$120 per day for custodial fees. Mark Saari had indicated previously that OMGBA should not be getting charged this fee.

Scholarship (Jodi Bland)

Scholarship requests have gone up 3 times this year. They should be given on a “need basis”, but it is difficult to determine “need”.

There was a discussion regarding how to deal with scholarships in the future.

- Make one specific deadline for all levels and grades.
- Stop giving out scholarship money and provide persons requesting help information on fundraisers.
- Give scholarships to House league only.
- Give scholarships to individuals but they must pay back by working volunteer hours for OMGBA. If anyone has any ideas, please bring them in.

Adjourn: 9:05pm

Next Meeting: January 18, 2010 @ 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
Gym Scheduler Manager	Cori Davison
Web Site Manager	Julie Scheidler (FOB)
Uniforms/Equip Manager	Tami Eckberg
Referee Coordinator	Sue Drag
Referee Scheduler	Eddie Drag
Player /Member Recog Mng	Julie Hamilton
Traveling Commissioner	Jim Davison
MG Boys Traveling Coordinator	Dave Lutz
MG Girls Traveling Coordinator	Karen Lee (FOB)
Osseo Boys Traveling Coordinator	Dave Lutz
Osseo Girls Traveling Coordinator	Teresa Swanson (FOB)
Elementary Commissioner	Cori Davison
1st and 2nd Grade Coordinator	Carla Bredensteiner
3rd Grade Girls Coordinator	Sara Aasgaard
3rd Grade Boys Coordinator	Kris Wilner
4th Grade Girls Coordinator	Sara Aasgaard
4th Grade Boys Coordinator	Charlie Horton
5th/6th Grade Girls Coordinator	Shawn Tharp
5th Grade Boys Coordinator	David Schock
6th Grade Boys Coordinator	Bill Hutchinson
Jr. High Commissioner	Russ Nikko
7th Grade Boys Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
7th Grade Girls Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
8th Grade Boys Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
8th Grade Girls Coordinator	Josh Halgrimson (FOB)
Senior League Commissioner	Chris Sullivan
9/10th Grade Boys Coordinator	Chris Sullivan
11/12th Grade Boys Coordinator	Ed Wicker
9th-12th Grade Girls Coordinator	Cory Binstock
Concession Manager 1	Susan Schmidt
Concession Manager 2	Dan Schmidt
Fall Traveling Boys Tournament Director	Jeff Tyler
Fall Traveling Girls Tournament Director	David Schock
Special Olympics Commissioner	Mitch Ringe
President	Todd Leyse
Past President	Doug Erlie
Vice President	Jodi Bland
Records Director	Susan Schmidt
Treasurer	Gary LaPalme
Information Director	Chuck Barta
Insurance Manager	John Baumiller (FOB)
Gaming Manager	Sue Drag
Gaming Manager Asst	Charlotte Albu
Administration Position	Cori Davison
Board members without position	David Mauch, Ron Jones