

**PWYSA**  
Board Agenda  
Sept 8, 2010  
7 - 9 pm  
Plymouth Lunds upstairs Meeting Room

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Members in attendance:

Jeff France  
Mark Anderson  
Brian Ingemann  
Mike Rod  
Kent Sticha  
Mike Carter  
Gregg Williams  
Sue Edblom  
Tom Mertens  
Dennis Spindler  
Joe Waalk  
Jim Helseth – late arrival

Guests:

Mark Oelfke

**Call to Order / Introductions (any new attendees)**

7:07 p.m.

Mark Oelfke is our guest this evening. Mark coached last summer in D2 and D1, now coaching 10U travel. He has experience as an umpire in NAFA and ASA for 24 years. We are glad to have him join us!

Review of minutes from August meeting

Jeff moved to accept the minutes, and Brian seconded the motion. The minutes are approved. They are posted on the PWYSA site.

**Finance Report**

- **General Financial Update**
  - **Current State (review – financial sent previously)**
    - August was fairly uneventful
    - Coffee sales are finally complete!
    - Some registration income and fees have been collected
    - Coaching fees and league registration fees have been paid
    - Income from Elite leagues have been collected, expenses allocated slowly through the year
    - Volunteer buy out letters need to be generated to realize that income – families that did not volunteer and did not provide buyout checks need to be invoiced and funds collected.
  - **Plan for 2011**
    - Field improvements for some locations
    - Equipment needs

Gregg moved to accept the Financial report. Dennis seconded the motion. The financials are approved.

**Travel**

**Fall Ball 2010 Update -**

- **General update**

Wound up with one team at 10u with 16 kids. It is not ideal, but it is working. About half the kids played D2 in the summer so it is a learning experience. 12u wound up with 3 teams. We also fielded one 14u and one 16u team, as well as one 14u and one 16u Vortex team. Our numbers down slightly from last year, but close when Vortex is added in. Our coached did extensive recruiting for 10s to be able to create 2 teams. We need to increase our promotion for the league at the younger ages. The 16s team has 10 kids but no pitching. Pitchers are coming from 16u and 14u Vortex to help out. Need to work out issues for state tournament, conflicts with the pitchers and their own games.

Suggestions were made to talk with neighboring organizations – what have they done in the past to increase numbers in the younger ages? Free clinics? Work with coaches to encourage better players to play travel? Need to work on some solutions.

- **Information on shirts**  
Shirts were delayed slightly, missed the first two weeks of games, due to the facts that registration was late and teams were formed late. Need to buy extra time next year - vendor needs time to bring in the shirts from the manufacturer. Provided all players with DQ cards along with letter of apology, to help smooth over.  
Solutions:
  - put number choice on registration form, if they don't include it we choose for them?
  - Order shirts in advance based on past year's orders, so they will be available when we have numbers and names ready?
- **Inform on final #'s and teams**

## Winter Clinics

- **Planning Session**
    - **Sessions – proposed (Pitching, Skills, Hitting)**  
We have traditionally done three sessions.
    - **Dates – Tuesday Nights and Sundays start on 11/28**
    - Concerns have included making sure times don't get too late for the younger kids, there are always concerns about the day of the week, families want to pay for only one day not two. Promoted ideas to deal with 2 ½ hour session for three clinics on Tuesdays
    - Consider having shorter sessions on Tuesday nights - 45 minutes? Better organization for stretching and warm ups? Clearly communicate that clinics include warm up time. There have been some complaints about clinics “not really being an hour” since they include warm up time.
    - Look at the amount of overlap that has occurred for more than one clinic and how many took which combinations.
    - **Clinicians – updates**
    - Lindsay will continue to be involved but not same schedule. Piper has been rehired by U of M so she will continue to work on pitching clinics. Two U of M assistants (pitchers) being considered. Consider the role of the helpers – high school players – make sure it is clear that they are not instructors. Some misunderstandings about that last year. Amber, Kaia, Missy involved as well. Mike still working on contacting instructors for commitment.
    - Does FastSports charge for banner ads? That might be a good opportunity to promote the clinics.
    - Create flyers to hand out by last week of fall ball – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Registration open also by Sept 22
    - What did we need to include or ask for in registration that has not been included?
    - What ages and clinics were registered for – by grades
- Pricing:**  
Keep pricing the same as last year. Clinician fees and dome fees stay same: \$250 for pitching, \$175 for hitting, \$200 for skills.  
Considerations for offering reduced fees for first year attendees?  
It was moved and seconded to keep fees the same for clinics for 2010-2011 year. The motion was carried.

## Dome Ball

- **Planning Session**
  - **Sessions**
  - **Dates – 12U Sat 1/1, 1/15, 1/29, 2/12**
  - **Dates – 14U Sat 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19**
  - **Dates – 16U Sun 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, 2/6**
  - Limited number of teams. We may need to do some recruiting but have already received calls. Recommended to put an ad on fast sports if we don't get enough signed up. Will have a Wayzata team at each age group. Vortex has committed at 14 and 16. For 12u we need to put a team together. Saturdays will be from 6-10, a couple evenings may be 7-10. Sunday is in the morning. We will use a scheduler and have umpires for games.
  - Consider having umpire training at 12s and 14s games? Have evaluator along with student umpire.
  - Last year fee was \$900 per team, plan to hold the price the same if possible

## Rec. - In-House

- **Season final review and planning**  
Need to send an email to coaches about reimbursing for registration fees, or donating back.  
Biggest concerns were around training for rec coaches.
  - Asked one D3 coach to put on a coaching clinic, and add information to the PWYSA website for rec coaches. We want to have this up before registration in January.
  - Consider possibility of providing a list on the PWYSA website of instructor's names who provide lessons. We would need to make sure that we ask them first if they want to be listed.
  - Consider roving instructors at practices?
  - A clinic night for coaches during clinic times?

- Have training times prior to start of the rec season (for a couple of weeks) and have the travel coaches and clinicians provide instruction to rec coaches?
- Provide practice plans – how to keep all the kids busy during practice.
- Provide links on PWYSA site to videos on MMFL site for drills? Create our own videos to distribute?
- What kind of training and reference materials should we consider providing?
- How to engage the high school coaching staff to help develop their pipeline?

**Soft goods – Uniforms – Fall – to be discussed at Oct. Meeting**

- **Travel** Spring uniforms to be addressed in October
- **Vortex**
- **Spirit Wear**

**Operations**

- **Winter Dome**
  - Schedule is set and times are reserved for dome ball and clinics
- Will look at equipment after fall ball finishes to find out what we need to replace, enhance, etc.
- **Spring Gyms**
  - Permits for next spring already established for practices and meetings

**Fundraising**

- **General Update**
  - Payment from Tanel also hit financials this month
  - Nothing planned right now for winter – need to consider
  - Bring thoughts to October meeting
  - Open dome night? Varsity players attending?
- **Winter Plans**

**Communications / Website**

- **General Update**
  - No major updates, consider monthly email updates to our email distribution list? Mark will take a look at a draft for consideration.
- **Requirement for Winter Clinics / Dome Ball**

**Volunteer update**

- **General Update – no update this month**

**Board Positions**

- **Open Position discussion**
  - Some positions open for a long time, looking for new members
  - Current positions open are secretary, player development, coaching development
  - Gregg resigning since his kids are now out in other organizations. Gregg has been managing fundraising and marketing.
  - Mike R wants to resign travel director role, stay on as vice president to better focus. Transition role to new person.
- **Nominations**
  - Accept nominations through next month until October meeting.
  - Mike Carter nominated Joe Waalk for the position of Player Development position. The nomination was second by Mike Rod. The motion was carried. Congratulations Joe!

**Other Business**

- Sue applied for and received volunteer matching funds from her employer, RBC. These funds can help upgrade our fields!

**Close Meeting**

Mike Rod moved to close the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Dennis. The motion carried and the meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.