

STMA Girls Fastpitch Association
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2012

Opening

The regular meeting of the STMA Girls Fastpitch Association was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 19, 2012 in St. Michael, MN by Jon Davis (President).

Present

Jon Davis (President), Jim Kessler (Travel League Director), Chad Wenzierl (Asst. Webmaster) Stephanie Puncochar (Treasurer), Mike Gilbert (Secretary), Jen Pipp (Volunteer Coordinator), Lori McCabe (Equipment Manager), Karie Lake (Asst. House League Director), Tracy Williams (Field/Umpire Director), Jody Kangas (Fundraising Coordinator)

Absent: Brian Burditt Vice President), Deanna Mosley (Webmaster), Danny Salas (House League Director)

Secretary's Report

January 5, 2012 Minutes Approved. Minutes have been posted on website.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Year Balance 4,644.28
Less Net - Revenue and Expenses(2,665.34)
Ending Balance 1,978.94

Pitching clinic payment \$1,125 made

Bill for website coming due.

Evidence of insurance is being provided to the school system as required.

Presidents Report

Agenda Approved

Action Items

1. Uniforms: The owner of Promotech, Jeff Mork was present to provide sample and gather Travel Uniform ideas for 2012 uniform bids. Promotech is a local STMA company that has been in business since 2003 and the incumbent vendor. The board was presented sample uniforms, illustrations and discussed timelines.

Uniform specifications for 2012 were discussed including colors (blue, yellow, black and camouflage), neck styles (V Neck most favored) and uniform cut (traditional, 2011 style and racerback). Quality was also considered, including the need for them to hold up for 35-40 games and have snag-free material.

Promotech will provide a quotation based on various options. Separate indications will be pursued through Logo Stop (Albertville company) and Dave's Sport Shop (locally owned operation). If time allows, the board will consider posting options online and allow for a vote to weigh in for final determination. Sock options will also be considered. Regardless of vendor, samples will need to be available at 2012 tryouts for sizing.

2. Equipment Report: It was noted that K-1 helmet sizes were not ideal in 2011 and plans were made to shuffle some from 3rd grade level and possibly obtain additional helmets. Lori McCabe brought the board up to speed on difficulties in obtaining the smaller size helmets in 2011. Lori will check to see if the supply is still unavailable. The board agreed that better fitting helmets is ideal.

Disposal or sale of the house league pitching machines was also discussed. The house league decided to discontinue their use and they are currently in storage. Consideration was given to attempting to sell them on Craigslist or other means as preferable to disposal.

3. Registration Report: Registrations are tracking nearly identical to 2011. Based on compared notes among board members, the NGIN site charges differing fees based on type of credit card used. The board was aware a charge would be made, however, specifics were not provided. Board will continue to track so that we can inform our membership of best payment options available.
4. Website Calendar: Currently the key Suburban League dates and board meetings have been posted. Other important dates will be populated as appropriate.
5. Suburban League Meeting: It was decided the Jim Kessler and Tracy Williams will attend this year. Payment for each team's league fee will be required at that time.
6. House League: Discussions with Rockford went well and the board agreed the partnership should continue. Rockford shared they are experiencing growth and anticipate additional teams this year and in coming years could be positioned to have their own in-house league.

The board discussed options for splitting age groups, due to our own growth. The board was asked to consider options and prepare based on actual registration 2012.

The board believes there is a need to incorporate more emphasis on proper mechanics in house league instruction in 2012 and intends to find ways to encourage this to the coaches. The board was also asked to consider whether or not to allow house league players to choose their numbers in a manner similar to Travel players.

7. Concussion Awareness: Chad Wenzierl presented CDC materials. He has completed the first order of maximum units per order and will continue to do so until there are enough for all coaches and parents, to satisfy MN Concussion law requirements.

The law was reviewed and the board intends to institute procedures as required and look to league mandates for further instruction. Chad Wenzierl is developing a tracking system for reported incidents of possible and actual concussions, in order to comply with the new law.

8. Open Gyms: General discussions on open gym dates, volunteer opportunities and online posting were covered.
9. Fundraising: Applebees proposed fundraiser date was immediately following the Easter Holiday and the board agreed that the timing presented little opportunity for fundraising. An alternate date will be pursued. The board was asked to consider alternate venues, particularly local establishments.

Lori McCabe and Jody Kangas have divided a listing of local businesses they intend to approach regarding sponsorship. They will focus first on prior sponsors and expand from there.

Stephanie Puncochar presented an idea to sell magnet and vehicle displays that promote STMA Fastpitch. The board unanimously agreed the idea should be pursued. Additionally, the board considered whether to include them in sponsorship rewards, with plaques.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm by Jon Davis (President).

Minutes Submitted by: Mike Gilbert (Secretary)

Minutes Approved by: Jon Davis (President)