OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY'S REPORT

October 16, 2012

MEETING OF THE OSSEO MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jason Green at 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Jason Green, Curt Barker, Gary Fena, Robin Dreyer, Ward Wallner, Bob Guisinger, Mark Pallansch, Dan Sanford, Don Myhre, Tom Cary, Chris Sullivan. Guests included Sandy from Clix, Mark from All Star Sports.

Open Forum:
Sandy provided a recap of the process this year. Clix offered 4 photo nights. Coaches signed up online or called the studio. Online order process received positive feedback. Parents were primarily pleased with the quality of photos and ability to view online and that photos were mailed to the home. If Clix is used next year, association needs to communicate to the parents earlier to increase response rate. Tentatively post information on website in January. Clix will work with us on information. $1800 contribution to the organization from Clix. We will recommend that Clix create $15 package for our members.

Secretary: presented the September Board minutes for approval
Motion to approve September Minutes
Motion was made by Don Myhre
Seconded by Mark Pallansch
Motion was approved

Treasurer Report: Storage facility bill went up to $400/month. Association has paid for September and October. Ward will contact current storage facility to terminate contract effective November 30 so that we may use a different storage facility.

Wells Fargo bank report was given and summary reports of expenses for 2012 season were handed out to League Director to review prior to budgeting for 2013 season.

Motion to approve September Treasurers Report
Motion was made by Dan Sanford
Seconded by Curt Barker
Motion was approved

IT Director: At the next meeting Don needs amount to charge and any changes to registration. A discussion was held regarding fees for each league. Tom will contact Chuck and report back at next meeting. Curt has been approached by other officiating associations who would like to present to the board. Curt will contact interested associations and schedule presentation to the board.

Equipment Director: Mark informed the Board that we do not necessarily need two storage units. Metro storage offers 11 x 30 unit, heated $367/month. Once we clear out the facility, sell all excess in the Spring for $5. A dumpster is needed for initial cleaning of storage area. After discussion, decided could go ahead and move equipment and begin payment in November. In conclusion, the final moving plan is: Saturday, November 24, 10:00 am. All board members are asked to attend and recruit assistance. Mark will handle arrangements with new facility. Robin will contact her youth group to request assistance, they will receive service hours.

Training Director: Not present

Fund Raising: Not present, open position. Don will forward to Jason names of interested parties.

Park & Rec: Not present

<u>League Directors</u> –

Junior House: Tom has received feedback from parents to split the league up into 8 and 9 year old leagues. A discussion was held, it was suggested that we contact other leagues, Champlin, for example, on how to handle the combination of leagues. Due to the discrepancy in skills among the 8 and 9 year olds, it was determined that we have some type of evaluation for an 8 year old. The 8 year olds will need to attend a clinic before registration and coaches will evaluate whether an 8 year old is ready for the league, if they are not, suggest they continue ball through Park & Rec. The expectations will need to be made very clear in the registration process and that this remains a House league.

The information needs to go out in the Wed envelope soon. May 1st birthdate cutoff date for 8 year old league. It was also suggested that we place an article in the Osseo Maple Grove Press and place signs around town. Gary will look into making the signs, 50. Curt's league will not include an evaluation process. Need to add 8, 9 year olds to clinics offered. Boys baseball league will now be considered an 8-9 year old league.

Senior House: Not present

Junior Traveling Baseball: Maple Grove High school coach approached Dan to co purchase a *fungoman* which simulates random baseball fly balls. We could use it during clinics and the high school team could also use for practice. Cost for machine runs between $9000-$11,000 with a service agreement included and specified. Need to make sure we have qualified people using the machines with restrictions. Currently, our facilities need to be shared but not necessarily the tools used to train. It was suggested that we charge a fee to other organizations who want to use it, provided a qualified person is operating it. It has been requested that Dan gather more information and we would discuss further at the next meeting.

Senior Traveling Baseball: Chris has no report

House Fastpitch: Leagues will be grades 2-4, 5-7, and 8-12 grades. All Star tournament was well received.

Traveling Fastpitch: Bob would like Curt and Jason to assist with Coaching interview session.

Vice President Report: Gary has been in contact with the Twins so as to receive more selective dates. Discussion on available dates was held. It was suggested that dates selected were not during the traveling season due to weekend tournaments. April 12, 13 or 14 with the Mets or April 26, 27 or 28 with Texas. Sunday day games were also recommended. Gary will submit *Sunday, April 28 with Texas* as first choice, with Mets on Sunday April 14 as second choice.

It was suggested that we include the Twin ticket information in the registration process as an add-on for purchase. It was also determined that focus should be on the House leagues and that we promote that the proceeds go to the Scholarship Program. Gary will firm up dates with the Twins and promote on the website in January.

Gary recommended that we start planning All Star game in January.

President Report:

Old Business –

Jason questioned if we are open to Fundraising in 2013. Vendors have contacted him. Decals for branding were discussed and helmet stickers but there was concern with distribution of these items.

New Business

Jason would like to open communication with parents and coaches. He suggested scheduling an open forum in the near future. This may also help to increase amount of parent participation. It was suggested that we hold a meeting during registration on a Saturday, 11-1 for coaches and parents from 1-3. A blast e-mail will go to all members

along with other advertising venues. A date will be discussed in the future.

Motion to Adjourn
Motion was made Don Myhre
Seconded by Gary Fena
Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robin Dreyer, OMGAA Secretary

Minutes are not considered official until approved by the Board at the next meeting.

Future Meetings: All meetings to be held at the Maple Grove Community Center, every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.