



Mansfield Girls Softball Association

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2017

Present

Leo Lake, Paul Muldoon, David Woods, Michelle Harnden, Tim Quinn, Carolyn Kipp, Tim Kelly, Sandi Conley, Matt Cressey, Megan Rogoff, Brian Radley

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at Jimmy's Pub. The following agenda items were addressed:

1. Previous meeting minutes were approved.
2. A second motion and vote was needed for filling the Treasurer position. This was to allow the new Treasurer complete access to the bank account, financial and insurance information, post office box, etc., and become the lead signatory for these. A new motion was made to include these requirements, and it was unanimously agreed to select Matt Cressey as Treasurer. After the vote, Leo acknowledged all the work that Tim Kelly and his wife Linda have contributed to the MGSA, including fundraising, completing the annual non-profit financial statements and taxes, managing finances and receivables, and being present at all Board meetings and events. Likewise, Linda Kelly has been equally involved in the organization, helping Tim with finances, volunteering at events, and coaching. All present expressed their sincere appreciation to Tim and Linda.
3. Paul reported that Amy Dolores agreed to serve as Coordinator of the 8U League and that he would serve as 12U Coordinator. Coordinators were still needed for the Rookie and 10U leagues. Tim Quinn and Paul agreed to split some of the Rec League Coordinator responsibilities, with Tim notifying other town coordinators about rain-outs and Paul notifying the umpires. Tim will again make the call on rain-outs based on weather and field conditions. Paul also received commitment from the two women who umpired the recreational league last year that they would be back for the upcoming season.
4. The Financial Report was approved. Tim Kelly noted he had filed the annual Form PC for non-profit organizations to the state Attorney General's office. He also paid the premium for the Association's Directors' and Officers' insurance policy and annual rental fees for our storage locker and post office box. Looking ahead, Tim suggested monitoring the town's schedule for non-profit organizations to apply for grants. It was noted that MGSA received approximately \$12,000 a few years ago, and we may want to apply for a grant to redo the fields again in 2018. Tim also suggested hiring Mike Trowbridge's son again this summer if available to do field maintenance based on his good work last year.
5. Spring registration is strong, with 58 girls registered so far. Carolyn reported that our large banner will be hung over Rt. 106 by the train underpass beginning 2/13. Also, registration signage would be posted at the DPW yard and the LED board at the High School. The town will try to accommodate us with the signage as long as possible. Tim Quinn made a motion, seconded and approved to purchase a second, smaller banner that could be put on the East St. field backstop and used for other events.

Carolyn also noted that she had made a registration flyer that would be distributed at Robinson and J-J in the next two weeks. Pete Gomes was very cooperative in helping to get the flyers printed. Dave Woods would send email blasts reminding parents of the registration window and any openings still available for upcoming pitching and catching clinics.

6. A formal vote was needed to change the Association's by-laws to reflect a previous decision by the Board that all players at all levels would be required to wear fielding masks while playing on the field. This amended the previous decision that masks were required only by pitchers and infielders. A motion was made by Leo, seconded by Paul, and unanimously approved to adopt this new requirement into the by-laws.
7. Michelle provided details on the holiday on-line store through Squadlocker. We received 13 orders that will return about \$100 to the Association. Due to the ease in operating the on-line store and fulfilling orders, Michelle suggested coordinating another store with Uniform Night before the season begins. She will research and report at the next meeting.
8. Michelle then gave an update on Uniform Night. She is negotiating with Buffalo Wild Wings for Wednesday, April 12, 5:00 – 9:00 pm. BWW is offering 10% of all sales back to the League. She is waiting for confirmation that we can run a raffle or sell apparel during the event. She should have a decision soon.
9. Michelle was able to negotiate the same pricing and package for this year's uniforms. We would purchase from the same vendor, perhaps with some minor improvements or changes. She provided sample styles, colors, prices and other options to which everyone agreed.
10. The individual from Attleboro who had run the Spring SHAGS League has resigned. Stoughton has offered to assume coordination of SHAGS, but all games, including the end of season tournament would have to take place at the Stoughton complex. As there wasn't interest in another town taking over the league, that will likely be the plan for this year.
11. Leo suggested looking at options for each travel team to have indoor practices beginning in March. He will research costs at the indoor facilities in Easton and Wrentham.
12. Session II of the Pitching and Catching clinics run the week of January 25 through week of March 18. While the pitching clinic was full, there were 4 openings for the catcher's clinic. It was felt those openings would be filled with a few phone calls to people who previously had expressed interest.
13. Betsy Roche offered to assist in approaching businesses for donations before the upcoming season. Tim Kelly had been in touch with her, and while he will continue to coordinate fundraising, he will provide a fundraising template letter to be used in soliciting corporate donations.
14. The meeting adjourned, with the next Board meeting set for 7:00 pm on February 6, 2017 at Jimmy's Pub. Subsequently, the meeting was changed to February 13th at 7:00 pm.