



## Mansfield Girls Softball Association

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

### Present

Leo Lake, Paul Muldoon, David Woods, Pete Gomes, Tim Quinn, Carolyn Kipp, Dave O'Connor, Sandi Conley, Eddie Jameson

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM at Jimmy's Pub. The following agenda items were addressed:

1. Previous meeting minutes were approved.
2. Presentation of the financial report was tabled due to Treasurer being out of town. Prior to the meeting, Matt reported donations received totaling \$2850.00 from the following businesses: Harbor One, North Easton Savings, Mansfield Co-Operative Bank, Mansfield Women of Today, Barrows Insurance, Mansfield Together We Can, Gerry Abbott Realtors, Sharon Credit Union, and Alberto's. Dave Woods has listed these kind sponsors on our website. Leo announced the current cash balance as of 3/31/17.
3. Dave Woods gave updated registration numbers. For all levels, we have 163 girls playing this Spring. This is down 9 from last year. Dave Woods had suggested sending a survey to those families who previously played but did not sign-up this year to identify any issues.  
  
Dave also gave a status of transitioning our on-line registration and website hosting to the platform operated by Dick's Sporting Goods. Dicks offers this to any athletic program at no cost as they can market and advertise off the site. Dave believes we would save a few hundred dollars per year.
4. Sandi gave an update on CORI reports run for volunteers. She will be at Uniform Night to make it easier for parents to drop off CORI requests.
5. Uniform Night and our Spring fundraiser is next Wednesday, April 12, at Buffalo Wild Wings. Michelle was out of town, but before the meeting told the Board that she had confirmed the details for the night with the restaurant manager, and that there would be adequate room and staff. In addition to the money raised through food sales, Michelle secured three baskets to raffle (thanks to Ink'd, Thirty-One Bag Consultant, and Scoops/Osborne Nursery). Sandi and Carolyn will help Michelle that night.
6. Michelle also announced a new Online Fundraising Store, operated through Ink'd, is up and running. She will have some samples from the store available at Uniform Night to encourage sales. MGSA will receive 30% of all purchases.
7. Leo confirmed he had spoken with the owner of Ink'd and that the uniforms will be ready by the weekend. The additional fielding masks purchased will also be delivered at that time.
8. Michelle ordered MGSA decals to sell at Uniform Night and other opportunities. The cost for 100 decals was \$165, and a voice vote was taken and unanimously approved for this expenditure.
9. Paul reported that the practice schedule has been finalized and we should be ready to begin practices, weather permitting. It was agreed that QMS field is in poor shape, despite the large expenditure of money last year. Absent the school department providing ongoing watering and maintenance, this will continue to be an issue.
10. Related to this, Eddie Jameson of Jameson Landscaping, and a head coach of a Major league team this year, approached the Board about doing a clean-up of the QMS field and trying to get the field into

playable condition for the season and beyond. He proposed an initial estimate of \$2300, with monthly maintenance costs. This would include leveling and dragging the existing playing surface, and weeding the infield. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate this funding, and the motion was unanimously approved. Eddie will be asked to attend the next Board meeting with an itemization of work done, and a plan for on-going maintenance.

11. Dave O'Connor provided a status on equipment for the upcoming season. Dick's Sporting Goods donated 10 equipment bags and 10 new helmets. They also gave us \$750 in gift certificates. With Board approval, Dave purchased new catchers' equipment for the travel teams and major and senior league rec teams. He also swapped out any old bats and helmets in all equipment bags. The remaining gift certificates will be used for purchasing batting tees, balls for the pitching machines, etc. Dave purchased game balls, score books and other game equipment for each team. He will have coaches pick up their equipment bags this weekend.
12. Paul and Leo brought up a request from Lori Letendre, MHS Varsity Softball Coach, for a donation to help fund a new batting cage at East St. field. Lori informed Leo and Paul that the MGSA would have access to the cage when the high school teams were not using it. After discussion, a proposal was made and seconded to make a \$2000 gift to the MHS Softball program with the proviso that a written agreement of understanding be made and filed with the Athletic Director at the high school ensuring the MGSA would have use of the batting cage "in perpetuity." This ensures there won't be any future misunderstandings as the MGSA Board and HS coaching staff evolves. The motion was agreed to unanimously.
13. About 15 coaches attended the coaching clinic Janelle ran for us, and the reports were very favorable. She provided a summary of coaching tips that Michelle forwarded to all coaches.
14. The High School softball program is sponsoring a clinic during April vacation that serves as a fundraiser for the teams. They are also gauging interest in running a softball camp over the summer.
15. Leo gave an update on the upcoming Spring Travel League (SHAGS), scheduled to start on Sunday, 4/23. All games, including the end of season tournament, will take place at the Stoughton complex.
16. Rosters for the summer Hock League are due by the next Hock meeting on 5/10. Registration is open for the summer league, with a 5/6 registration deadline. Tryouts will be needed, either May 6 or 7. We hope to get at least one team in each division (10U, 12U, 14U). The season begins June 19.
17. Leo voiced concern over some decisions the Board had previously agreed to verbally that should be formally incorporated into the MGSA bylaws. He presented the following bylaw changes; a motion to adopt each was made, seconded, and unanimously agreed to:
  - a. A player may qualify to be a travel player if they are registered with the league at the time of tryouts for travel teams, reside in the town of Mansfield and meet the age requirements associated with the specified travel team. Any exceptions must be approved by the board.
  - b. All players on the playing field must wear a league approved safety mask regardless of position on the field, in all games and practices that are associated with the Mansfield Girls Softball Association.
  - c. All volunteers associated with Mansfield Girls Softball Association and have direct contact with any children associated with the league must be CORI checked and approved by the CORI Administrator before being involved with any activities within the Mansfield Girls Softball Association.

- d. Mansfield Girls Softball Association enforces and mandates that all volunteers adhere to the "Three person" rule, which states that, "One adult is prohibited from being alone with one youth. A second adult must be present or a second youth must be present at all times for all activities associated with Mansfield Girls Softball Association."
18. MGSA were invited to march in the Memorial Day parade. Carolyn will coordinate if there is enough interest.
  19. The meeting adjourned, with the next Board meeting set for 8:00 pm on May 1, 2017 at Jimmy's Pub.