

## GGSA Board Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2016, Nelson Library

*Board Members present:* Karen Henning, Chad Baker, Mike Bernard, Alice Cole, Dick Cole, Phil Grass, Greg Marr.

*Others present:* Pete Cardoza

Secretary's report: Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Some more registrations have come in. The report was approved.

Correspondence: Elsa Baker to do the Facebook page. Need to update admin credentials.

Sponsors: Forms have been reworked, ready to be printed. Addresses updated, labels printed.

Bushel & Peck agreed to sponsor a team. Community Animal Hospital is interested.

Forms will be out by the first of the year.

Rec season for 2017: Flyers have been distributed to two of the schools. May distribute to preschools and daycare in the spring.

Registration:

23 signed up: 3 Cole 2 Gemme 4 Intermediate 13 Junior 1 Little Miss

10U workout: 11 12U workout: 7 14U workout: 14 Winter Skills: 9 14U TVL: 2

Marketing:

Old signs around town. Looking to get new ones up that are more visible.

Winter Clinic:

Phil is going to run clinics. Bella Thornton to help out. Phil needs help for Fridays with 10U.

Diamonds Program:

Tournament updates:

10U 5 Teams, 2 Paid

12U Invitational 5 Teams, 2 Paid

12RR Sold out, 3 on the waiting list, 4 paid

14U 9 Teams, 3 Paid

Bring back Frank Herzog to do team photos for tournaments.

USA Softball meeting on Saturday, Karen and Phil:

Best practices for tournaments. Class C: needs to go to National

In 2017, A and B are self-selected.

Was supposed to be discussion on tournament rules (good, back, should be changed), ran out of time.

11" Ball requirements:

new stamp on 11" balls for tournament. Need to make sure we have enough of the proper balls, and only buy the newer balls for that size.

Millbury/Sutton/Grafton alliance:

Met with board members of Millbury and Sutton about potential for 2017/2018 season. No connection to Millbury Machine, and no representative present, trying to get in touch with head. The meeting was about whether it's time to look at a tri-town summer travel team. Millbury and Sutton needed to take the discussion back to their respective boards. A new board would likely need to be set up to handle this. Sutton doesn't do summer teams and offseason workouts, so there was definite interest from them. Millbury president wanted to talk to her board before providing feedback. There would probably still be individual TVL teams. This league would have try outs for membership and be based on ability, not quotas per town or anything like that.

The Grafton board was generally positive towards the idea, but needs to see what the other towns want to do before proceeding further. The board approved continuing discussions with the other boards about setting up such a tri-town league.

Misc.:

Winterizing is complete, water is turned off and sprinkler system has been blown out.

The John Deere machine is up at the dealership on 146 for routine maintenance.

The roll down door was installed today. Weather stripping of some form needs to be added to the bottom of the door because the wood is warped. The door touches in the middle and has large gaps at the ends.

The other set of keys is still missing, and Phil is going to have a new one made.

Field maintenance is complete.

Need to review equipment during the off-season. Catchers gear and updated team bags are needed. There is a surplus of small bats from when there were more teams, some could be donated to free up some room. Could also use some more of the smaller helmets at the Intermediate level.

*Next meeting:* January 9, 2017

Meeting adjourned.