

M.T.A.A. GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Attended by: Jason Bill, Frank Pilat (*), Kelli Miller (*), Jeff Bieber (*), Sherri Fulp (*), Alonozo Fenner, Wendy Button (*), Jen Wilson, Cori Olmeda, Scott Yerger (*), Don Raifsnider (*), Brad Coley, Chris Rear (*), Jess Kochel
(*) denotes Board of Director member

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Frank Pilat

Approval of January Minutes: Motion by Wendy, second by Sherri. Majority in favor so approved

Girls Basketball Report (given by Commissioners Jen Wilson & Cori Olmeda)

- The sport is in the last week of their season.

- Cori wishes to remain on as commissioner for next year

- Jen is unsure if she will remain on as commissioner for next year

Fall Baseball Report (given by Commissioner Jeff Bieber)

- Nothing to report at this time

Field Hockey Report (given by Commissioner Wendy Button)

- Brenda Hoffman from Twin Valley has reached out to the commissioners of the other leagues to see if there is an interest in trying to form some sort of a league this year which would allow for games against each other during the week rather than just doing weekend tournaments. She is looking to have a meeting with everyone sometime in April.

Softball Report(written report submitted by Commissioner Kevin Button & read by Wendy Button)

- Kevin could not attend the meeting because of 12U evaluations going on at the same time

- There are 19 girls signed up at the 8U level which is one more than the league allows for one team. In the past, 10 players were needed on each team to play. The league has tweaked the 8u rules to allow play with only 6 per team (no outfield). Therefore, Kevin will split the girls into two teams. One team will be mainly first year players and the other will be mainly second year players.

- At the 10U level, there are 28 girls. There is almost an even split between first year and second year players so evaluations were canceled. Had we had evaluations, only one girl would have to be cut from the second year team which Kevin felt was unfair. The second year players will make up the A team and the first year players will make up the B team.

- There are now 24 girls signed up at the 12U level. Evaluations for the A team are happening tonight and tomorrow night.

- Equipment should not be a problem. Kevin is submitting his budget tonight for the Board to discuss at the Board Meeting

- The next league meeting is March 15th where rosters and schedule calendars will be handed in by coaches. The league will then distribute the game schedules on April 12th. The season will run from April 23rd to June 10th.

- Kevin is asking for board approval to hold the MTAA charity Softball Game in honor of Gabriella "Gubby" Hess on Saturday, April 14th with a rain date of the 15th. **All approved**

- Kevin is announcing his resignation as Commissioner of MTAA Softball as of June 11, 2012. He will continue on for the duration of this season, but once the season is complete, he will be finished. There were no problems that caused him to make this decision other than the fact that his daughter has informed him that she feels she doesn't want to play softball after this year, but rather concentrate on playing Field Hockey year round. While he understands she may change her mind next December/January, his fear is that if she doesn't, he doesn't want to be commissioning a sport that she is not involved in. Informing the Board one month before the "craziness" begins that he won't be coming back is not fair either. This way, the word can be put out now via the g-mail account to all softball parents and placed on the website so if anyone is interested, they can "shadow" Kevin for the rest of the season and have plenty of time to be prepared for next season. If no one steps forward now, then there will still be at least 6 months to find a replacement to be trained, attend the BCGSL meetings for the rest of 2012 and be prepared for sign-ups in January of 2013. It's been a great 3 year run, but it is time to hand it over to someone else.

Boys Baseballreport

- No report given as no commissioner was present at the meeting

Boys Basketball report (given by Commissioner Mike Eberhart) NOTE: this was given at the Board of Directors meeting after the general meeting as Mike was unable to get to the general meeting before it was adjourned.

- Mike brought Erron Archie before the board asking for him to be named as Mike's co-commissioner. **All approved**
- A motion was brought forth for Mike to secure 3rd party referees for all playoff games at the standard charge by the referee association. **All approved.** This was conveyed to Mike and he will make the arrangements.

Cheerleading report (given by Commissioner Jenn Eberhart) NOTE: this was given at the Board of Directors meeting after the general meeting as Jenn was unable to get to the general meeting before it was adjourned.

- Jenn has a girl registered on her squad who was not showing up for practices and games with no prior notification from her parents. Jenn reached out to the parents on several occasions asking that they contact her if the girl would not be at practice or games so she could make provisions for the empty spot. None of her e-mails or calls to the parents were responded to. Her last e-mail was to the mother asking that she turn in the girl's uniform at the next scheduled practice. She did not respond or return the uniform. Jenn is asking the Board to step in at this point. A motion was put forth to send a letter to the parent along with an invoice for the uniform. If not paid or the uniform returned by the date determined in the letter, she will be told that no child in the family will be permitted to sign up for an MTAA sport until that fee is paid. **All approved.**

- All magnets have been sold. We will look into getting more.\

Wrestling report

- No report given as no commissioner was present at the meeting

Football report (given by Commissioner Chris Rear)

- Nothing to report at this time

Old Business

- Nothing to discuss

New Business

- Jason Bill has offered to do the work of repairing the batting cage at the field for us if we just pay for the materials/auger rental. Kelli will meet with him at the field to go over what ProMax said they would do to fix it and see if he can do the same work and what his thoughts are on it.

Motion by Frank Pilat to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm was first by Wendy, second by Chris. **All approved.**

Minutes submitted by Wendy Button, Recording Secretary