

MYBA MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Meeting convened at 6:33 P.M. at Fuller Park. Present at the meeting are Mike Blumenfeld, Lori Mittag, Bill Garrison, Erick Nelson, Bryan Barnes, Alicia Skow, Elise Fine, Scott Beazley, Cheryl Sullivan and Scott Zosel. Not present at the meeting are Guy Cierzan, Christine Jackson and Justin Benjamin.

Secretary Update (Mittag):

Blumenfeld moved to approve the minutes from October's meeting. Seconded by Garrison. Passed.

Officer Updates:

a. Treasurer's Report (Garrison):

Please see Garrison's treasury report attached to these minutes for a complete summary of the MYBA budget - Fiscal Report.

\$45,263.00 in the operating budget.

\$1,505.00 in the Travel Director's budget.

Still need to pay for fields. Fields are going to be around \$20,000.00, a bit higher than last year. Blumenfeld said we should expect about a 25 percent bump in cost. We had more teams.

More teams, an increase in tournaments, additional uniforms, fields all account for the increase in budget items.

Reserve of \$25,000.00! More teams and fundraising account for the increase over the years. Gives us relief on cash flow until registrations come in. We have talked of having a tournament, will have some costs--good to have more money. Also have talked about stipends for coaches.

For 2015, Garrison is projecting a \$100,000.00 budget. Less teams at 14 (top fees) in 2015 than in 2014.

Sullivan wants people who want to be on the fundraising committee for MYBA. She is meeting with these people next week. Sullivan believes we can make the kind of money Garrison thinks we will need for 2015.

Garrison budgets for 2015 is based on having 18 teams.

Garrison feels he has a good handle on numbers in the budget, fairly accurate for 2015. He would like to make an additional \$5,000.00 in fundraising, etc.

We need to determine fees for next year. We raised them last year with the exception of the Mini-Millers. Fees will be decided at the next monthly meeting.

Our projections for this year were pretty close. No surprises. Garrison didn't budget for fundraising, etc. that is why the numbers came in high against projections.

Discussion had about securing an additional Mini-Millers team and growing the program at 10U. A 15U team will be revenue neutral.

b. Travel Director (Skow):

No update.

c. Registrar (Fine):

Tryouts for the fall, 130 players between 12, 13 and 14. Able to field 3 teams at each level. At 12 we have a AA and a AAA and still waiting to decide on the level for the 3rd team.

Two players dropped out. One non-resident was turned away.

18 players on the wait list. 4 at 12, 8 at 13, and 6 at 14. Encourage those on the wait list not to ask for the return of their commitment fee until further notice. Wait to see if someone that is rostered drops out of the program. Will be taken off the wait list if ask for a return of their commitment fee.

Will send out a survey monkey to families at 12U to gauge their interest in playing A or AA. Majority rules. If a tie, the Team Formation Committee will make the decision as to what level the additional A team will play.

Fine will begin to work on winter tryout registration and clinic registration.

d. Asset Management (Jackson):

Jackson is looking into getting out uniforms from a business other than St. Manes. Options were discussed. Uniforms cost about \$100.00 per player.

e. Risk Management (Cierzan):

No update.

f. Coach Coordinator (Blumenfeld):

No real change at 13A. Spoke to other parents. 12A Blumenfeld spoke to Mike Bazzett. May speak to other parents. Would like to have these positions filled by next meeting.

10U and Mini-Miller coach reviews need to be done. Perhaps Nov. 15th.

2015 Planning:

a. Registration Site Standup:

Discussed.

b. Tryouts:

Skow discussed tryouts. Cannot get the Y on Feb. 22nd. Need options. We have secured the Y for 7th, 8th and the 21st. Times for the tryouts are 8:00 to 2:00 on the 7th, 5:00 to 9:00 on the 8th and 8:00 to 2:00 on the 21st. Skow will see if we can extend our time at the Y on the 21st.

We like to hold tryouts for two days for those that cannot make one tryout date. Fine will reach out to the Kennedy Activity Center. Skow will look into high school gyms.

c. Clinics:

Will only conduct clinics for 10U, 11U and Mini-Millers.

Clinics will be at DeLaSalle on January 11, 18 and 25, 2015.

Discussion had about where to hold future clinics.

d. Marketing:

Barnes discussed the marketing strategy from last year. Ads in local papers, signs, etc. Will get Wicker and the public schools involved again this year.

Barnes will update marketing on the website using new photos. Have a wear your MYBA uniform to school day. Zosel would like to see weekly emails to the AD's at the schools to remind the AD's to inform their students about MYBA tryouts on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

e. 2015 MYBA - Hosted Tournament:

For 14U teams only. We need to determine the availability of Dick Cassidy field. Perhaps Quilicy field as well.

Blumenfeld has had discussions with Coach Barry Bernstein who works for Apple Valley Parks and Rec on how to conduct such a tourney. Barnes is exploring weekend dates with Wicker. Potential dates are June 12 - 14th, May 29th - 31st. Skow will talk to the Park Board about additional fields for the tournament.

New Business (Directors):

Blumenfeld indicated he would like to add additional tournaments to teams' schedules next year. We had many rainouts last season.

Discussion had about adding additional tournaments to teams' schedule.

Have had two requests for kids to waiver to St. Louis Park from MYBA. We granted the request for one player, but not another. Blumenfeld discovered the latter on a team roster on St. Louis Park's website. Discussion had.

Fine discussed that in December when the younger players register, at that time she would like to open up the 12, 13 and 14 season registration payment. Then this group would have a few months to make payments on the upcoming season. A way to get payment sooner from the older rostered players. May help with cash flow.

Blumenfeld moved that the MYBA monthly meeting be adjourned at 8:05. Seconded by Beazley. Passed.

MYBA ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Blumenfeld called the Annual Meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Present at the meeting are Justin Benjamin, Scott Zosel, Bill Garrison, Cheryl Sullivan, Scott Beazley, Lori Mittag, Elise Fine, Alicia Skow, Bryan Barnes, Erick Nelson and Mike Blumenfeld.

Not present at the meeting are Guy Cierzan and Christine Jackson.

Blumenfeld gave a brief discussion about MYBA, its accomplishments over the years, its teams, coaches, players and parents.

For 2015, looking to grow MYBA. Wants to market and recruit more players. Need to improve oversight of our new coaches. Looking to host a tournament at 14U. Major undertaking for our organization.

Blumenfeld discussed the composition of the board and the different director positions. He discussed the at large positions. He discussed the different directors who are up for re-election and the duties they perform. He discussed the different committees on the board--team formation, fundraising, marketing, coach selection, tryout, and discipline committees. We also have a Mini-Miller's director.

Blumenfeld discussed expectations of board meetings--attend meetings, be objective. Need to serve the interests of the whole and not just their kid. Last expectation is to assist with the tryouts.

The following directors are up for re-election and are on the ballot: Bryan Barnes, Elise Fine, Bill Garrison, and Alicia Skow.

The following members have indicated an interest in running for a board position and are on the ballot: Scott Fazio, Sean Laird and David Poindexter.

Not running for re-election are board members Lori Mittag and Scott Beazley.

The board members running for re-election gave a short speech on why they want to continue to serve on the board.

Next, we heard from members who are interested in serving on the board.

Ballots were passed out by Secretary Mittag. Voting was had and the ballots tallied by Mittag and Director Beazley.

The results are announced:

Re-elected to the board:

Alicia Skow
Bryan Barnes

Bill Garrison
Elise Fine

Newly elected members to the board:

Scott Fazio
David poindexter

Motion made to adjourn the Annual Meeting by Blumenfeld. Seconded by Mittag. Meeting
adjourned at 8:53 P.M.