

Southern Star Softball League
Regular Board Meeting
North Mankato Police Annex
February 11, 2018

Present: Brian DeVos, Joel Schmidt, Jon Thompson, Jan Schwanke

Several Communities Present

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Brian DeVos at 2:00pm.

Introductions of communities

Financial Report--Joel presented the financial report. Balance in checking is \$3,697.90.

New email address southernstarsoftball@outlook.com

Do not use an existing email sent out to reply back to us, make sure you change the subject line before sending out another email or we will miss.

Discussion Items:

1. New Communities:

- A. Madelia – 10u maybe 12u, getting ready for HS
- B. Albert Lea – AD emailed 1 time have not heard from them since
- C. Siegl – Sending them to Essig & New Ulm
- D. Tracy – 16u
- E. Fairmont – 1 maybe 2 teams

10s-12s you can only play in your school district/draw area. Both towns need a player release form signed by both teams to play in a different town.

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/resources/readablewritable-forms>

Discussion with Fairmont, Siegl & Essig.

Motion and 2nd to allow Madelia and Tracy to join Southern Star Softball League, with 1-year probation. Motion passed.

4. Youth First – Mark Arjes spoke about program, 3rd year doing, some communities will be doing it all season long but majority will only be doing at year end tournaments. Working on recruiting and retaining officials. Partner with Twins., 190 total teams got to attend game 60+ were from Southern Star. Would like to get 300 or more teams this year. Teams needed to play in 4 games of the tournament and all teams that got moved up to play in upper division and received 3 good marks got to attend.

Twins has a job for anyone 18-22 years old and know the sport of ball \$13.00/hour wanting to be foul line ball chaser (See attached flyer)

2. Rule Changes

- A. None – these will be done at year end meeting

3. Scholarship – Registration needs to be postmarked by April 1st to Brian DeVos, his family will do unless anyone wants to be on the committee. There are 4) \$250.00

scholarships will be awarded and a transcript is needed to receive payment, it will be paid by January 1st.

5. League play –
 - a. 8u – same as last year
 - b. 10u, 12u, 14u, 16/18u, B & C/D/Rec
 - i. B league you will need to travel more and more neutral site games
Discussion brought up from fall meeting
All registrations are due to Brian by April 2nd
April 8th Brian will present team breakdown by teams by areas and towns can switch if they feel they want to play in a different upper/lower division.
 - ii. Neutral Site Fees
 - a. Single Umpire - \$40.00 per team
 - i. \$80.00 - Umpire
 - ii. \$10.00 - Host Site
 - b. Two Umpires - \$85.00
 - i. \$80.00 - Umpire
 - ii. \$10.00 - Host Site
6. Start Dates: If dates don't work you can reschedule just check with other coach
 - a. 8s – Monday May 21st
 - b. 10s – Monday/Wednesday May 21st
 - c. 12s – Tuesday/Thursday May 22nd
 - d. 14s - Monday/Wednesday May 21st
 - e. 16s/18s - Tuesday/Thursday May 31st
7. Umpires
 - a. Registration – umpires required to be sanctioned ASA (link on website)
 - b. Back ground checks
 - c. Umpire Clinic – April 29th at coaches meeting, Jackson May 9th (link on website for all locations if can't make these).
8. Local tournaments – send us information to put on website
9. League Fees
 - a. Due registration to Brian by April 2nd
 - b. Payment must be received before team is put into schedule (April 8th)
 - i. Amounts
 - a. 8u - \$25.00, \$50.00 if only playing 8u in league
 - b. 10u & up - \$300.00
 - i. State Tournament - \$210.00 due with registration 1 check for each team
 - c. Youth First Vote – Motion to raise team registration to \$300.00 and \$5.00 will go to Youth First M/S/P
10. Qualifier Tournament – will vote fall 2018 meeting to change locations
 - a. Dates
 - i. 8u – July 14th New Ulm
 - ii. 10s & 12s June 23rd-24th
 1. 10s New Ulm
 2. 12s Mankato
 - iii. 14s & 16s/18s
 1. All in Mankato

11. Meeting Dates

- a. April 8th 2pm - North Mankato Police Cenex – Make final team play decision
- b. April 29th 2pm Coaches Meeting – Mankato East – Speaker Cindra Kamphoff from MSU

12. 501c3

- a. Tax ID – done
- b. Articles of Association
- c. ByLaws
 - i. Review & make changes replay to all use a different color when returning
 - ii. Sending out to town reps for final review
 - iii. Vote on at April 8th meeting
- d. Vote in Officers
 - i. President – Joel Schmidt M/S/P
 - ii. Vice President/Treasurer – Brian DeVos M/S/P
 - iii. Communication Coordinator – Jan Schwanke M/S/P
 - iv. Scheduling Coordinator – Jon Thompson M/S/P

13. Open Forum

- a. Email for bills – Need team email treasurer to send bills
- b. National Tourney – You have to play in the state tournament to play in this\$

The next meeting will be April 8, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Mankato East High School

Meeting was declared adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Schwanke
Communication Coordinator