

Oakdale Athletic Association

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakdale Athletic Association Board of Directors was held at 8:00 PM on August 13, 2014 at Sgt. Pepper's in Oakdale.

Attendees

OAA Board of Directors:

Role	Name	Present	Role	Name	Present
President	Steve Adamsky	Yes	Basketball-Boys	Dan Peterson	Yes
Vice President	Todd Thoms	No	Basketball-Girls	Mark Lindner	No
Secretary	Mike Barrera	Yes	Basketball-GTravel	Kari Armelin	Yes
Treasurer	Denise Katchmark	Yes	Baseball K-B1 (Tball, Coach Pitch)	Steve Meyer	Yes*
Communications	DaNae Klimek	Yes	Baseball (boys): Rookies (2-3), Minors (4-5), Majors (6-7), Juniors (8-9), & Seniors (10-12)	Greg Bearth	Yes
Flag Football	Eric Delacy	Yes	Baseball BTravel	Todd Klingsporn	Yes
Football co-directors (1 vote)	Cory Lynch Joe Schara Paul Lockhart	No No Yes	Lacrosse – Boys	Keith Rossman	Yes
Soccer U5	Holly Colemer	No	Lacrosse – Girls	Laurie Aaronson	No
Soccer U7, U8B/G	Megan Zeilinger	No	Fastpitch Softball Travel	Jason Schuler	Yes
Soccer U10, U12 G	Jodi Hietpas	Yes	Fastpitch Softball Rec	Christine Telin	No
Soccer U10, U12 B	Erik Ayala	No	Slowpitch Softball Rookies(1-2)	Steve Meyer	*
Soccer U15	Chris Holthe	Yes	Slowpitch Softball C(3-4), B(5-6)	Amy Richie	No
Volleyball	Jennifer Brown	No	Slowpitch Softball A(7-8), AA(9-10)	** open **	
			Slowpitch Softball Seniors (U19)	Gary Masterman	No

Attendance = 15 of 25 current directors

Quorum (35% of 25 = 9) Satisfied

Visitors: John Mazlowski, Erik Benson (OAA Gambling Oversight Committee)

Review Minutes

- The draft July 2014 minutes were reviewed and amended to correct the attendance list and to include mention of Mary Brown's resignation from the Board. The minutes were approved as amended.

Motion 2014-059: Approve the July 2014 meeting minutes as amended. *[Motion by Bearth, second by Armelin. Passed without objection.]*

Gambling Report

- Gary Masterman was unable to make the meeting but sent an e-mail with a summary of the gambling activities. Denise Katchmark reviewed the key points.
- OAA is now completely out of PINZ.
- As detailed in the July minutes, there was a theft of gambling money at the Arcade Bar by a bar employee. The employee will be criminally charged within the next few months. Although she had

agreed to pay restitution, OAA cannot accept any money from her until after the criminal case is resolved. Masterman requested explicit Board approval before resuming pull-tabs at Arcade. Masterman did not want to resume unless the bar owner fronted the money for the bank and the reserve (which the owner has verbally agreed to do). After some discussion, the Board decided to suspend charitable gambling operations at the Arcade Bar until the theft issue is resolved.

Motion 2014-060: Suspend OAA Charitable Gambling operations at the Arcade Bar until the theft issue is resolved. *[Motion by Delacy, second by Peterson. Passed without objection.]*

- As detailed in the July minutes, a power outage at Louie's Bar caused a machine malfunction and improper pay-outs. The bar owner approached some of his customers to try to get some of the money back but did not have any success. Masterman will contact the machine provider to see if it is possible to get some restitution that way. He is also filling out the paperwork to report the loss to the Gambling Control Board. Finally, Masterman is removing one of the two machines at Louie's as he only needs one there based on activity levels.
- Masterman reported that OAA had a good July at Gulden's with continued strength at Sgt. Pepper's.
- Denise Katchmark presented the monthly report for gambling (June 2014 actuals and September 2014 projected expenses). Printed copies of the monthly gambling reports prepared by MGS were available for review by the Board members. The June spending for supplies was higher than projected, and the Board would like some more details on this item from Masterman at the September meeting.

Motion 2014-061: Approve the LG1004 June 2014 Actuals for Gambling and require an explanation at the September meeting for the unexpectedly high spending on supplies in June. *[Motion by Delacy, second by Meyer. Passed without objection.]*

Motion 2014-062: Approve the LG1004 September 2014 Projected Expenses for Gambling. *[Motion by Bearth, second by Hietpas. Passed without objection.]*

- Masterman reported that he has been approached by two other locations about the possibility of having OAA run charitable gambling at these locations. Each site does have certain other considerations that would need to be taken into account before proceeding. The general consensus of the Board is that we should proceed slowly to avoid overextending ourselves at this time.
- Erik Benson reported that the 3-person Gambling Oversight committee is still learning about the details involved in charitable gambling. Benson noted that there are lots of regulations to follow.

Non-Profit Status Change

- Hard copies of the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation from Jenn Urban were distributed to the Board. The members are asked to review the proposed changes in advance of the September Board Meeting where they will be discussed.

Treasurer Report

- Denise Katchmark gave the Treasurer's report. OAA currently has a bank balance of approximately \$120,000. There was some discussion about whether OAA should consider putting some of these funds into higher interest vehicles? All sports are showing positive account balances except for

Traveling Baseball. However, scholarship reimbursements from the General Fund to the sports accounts for spring / summer sports have not been done yet. These scholarship transfers should help reduce the negative account balance for Traveling Baseball.

- Choice Loyalty presented a check to OAA in the amount of \$351.14 for the second quarter. OAA thanks the Choice Loyalty reward program for its support of youth athletics.
- Fastpitch softball tried to set up a “fall ball” program, but there were not enough sign-ups. Therefore, all registrations will be refunded.
- Update on “blocked registrations” for old open balances: There have been some issues with people getting around the block by creating new NGIN accounts. OAA will need to develop a mechanism to identify these situations.
- Mike Barrera gave a brief update on scholarships. In general, requests have been at the very end of the sign-up period which creates lots of logistical issues with late registrations. Changes to the application process will be proposed at a future Board meeting.

Registration and Communications

- DaNae Klimek gave an update. She is planning to send out a flyer for winter sports by the second week of September. Directors should get their information to Klimek to enable the flyer to go out on time. The Board approved funding to print the flyers.

Motion 2014-063: Approve up to \$200 from the General Fund for printing by Minuteman Tech for fall flyers. *[Motion by Klimek, second by Schuler. Passed without objection.]*

- Klimek will propose a budget for communications at a future meeting to allow these types of regular expenditures to occur without having to wait for a specific authorizing motion from the Board.

Other Items

- Skyview Batting Cage Update: Steve Meyer reported that everyone is on board to complete the batting cage. A contract has been written up and needs signatures from 2 OAA officers. The cost of the project for OAA will be in the range of \$22,000 to \$25,000. Meyer will bring the paperwork to the September meeting.
- There was a brief discussion about the possibility of OAA using the Tartan bubble in the spring when hockey is done. More information would be required in terms of how the time would be used, what the costs would be, when the time would be available, etc., before this option could be seriously considered.
- There was some discussion about the need for improvements to the ball fields at the elementary schools and at Northdale. There are problems with weeds on the infields if they are not dragged regularly. Steve Meyer suggested that OAA might spend some of its money on field improvements. This issue will be discussed further at future meetings.
- Directors are reminded that they should keep their web pages up to date and include a refund policy on their page.

Director Reports

- **Boys Traveling Baseball** - John Mazlowski, a parent from one of the traveling baseball teams, attended the Board Meeting on behalf of parents from that team to discuss options to address the fact that the team had one of its three tournaments rained out. An alternate tournament had been proposed by the director in an attempt to provide a third tournament but did not work out. Options presented included a partial refund or providing funds for a team outing or party. Ultimately this decision belongs to the program director unless the Board chooses to overrule him (citing the “best interests of the association” clause in Section 4.6 of the By-Laws). Steve Adamsky was opposed to setting a precedent of providing partial refunds based on weather. It was suggested that better communication would have helped avoid misunderstandings. Todd Klingsporn is not planning to issue partial refunds, and the Board took no action to overrule him.
- **Boys Lacrosse** - Keith Rossman reported that the season is finishing up.
- **Girls Traveling Fastpitch Softball** - Jason Schuler reported that 2 teams went to Nationals this year. Sign-ups for Fall Ball did not generate enough players to field teams, so the registrations received will be refunded. He also mentioned that Fastpitch plans to do some fundraising before next season. Finally, Schuler mentioned that the Tartan HS coach would like a Tartan Fastpitch sign on the shed at the high school field, which would cost about \$350. Schuler would need to get Board approval for the use of OAA general funds or present an amended budget to use Fastpitch funds. Board members expressed the opinion that OAA should be mentioned on the sign.
- **Boys Basketball** - Dan Peterson plans to start registration in mid-September. Maplewood runs the league that includes teams from Stillwater, Woodbury, Mahtomedi, and OAA. They are planning to have “one grade” teams this year instead of teams consisting of kids from 2 grades. Peterson believes that he will have sufficient registrations to field a team at each grade.
- **Flag Football** - Eric Delacy reported that numbers are up this year. All teams are practicing, and games will start after Labor Day.
- **U15 Co-Ed Soccer** - Chris Holthe reported that having OAA teams in the Woodbury league will not work out (apparently issues from the Woodbury side). There are 5 OAA teams, so Holthe will run our own league.
- **Traveling Girls Basketball** - Kari Armelin mentioned that previous director John Cater had told 2 coaches that they would be paid for the 2013-2014 season. However, these coaches (which includes Armellin) have not been paid yet. It was not clear at the meeting if the budget from last year included a line item for payments to coaches. The Board indicated that this budget would need to be amended to allow any coaching fees (presuming that the original budget did not include it).

Motion 2014-064: Amend the 2013-2014 Girls Traveling Basketball budget to include \$599 per coach for the 2013-2014 season. *[Motion by Armelin, second by Hietpas. Passed without objection.]*

- **Soccer** - Jodi Hietpas gave an update for soccer. A meeting was held with Maplewood (members of the recreation department) regarding an “administrative fee” that Maplewood would collect from OAA for “running the league”. There were some issues about who was doing what and whether a fee was justified. There will be no fee for 2014 but Maplewood would charge \$20 per OAA team for providing scheduling and oversight duties during the season starting in 2015. OAA’s expectation is

that Maplewood would perform these functions well with better coordination and communication with OAA (since OAA has the vast majority of the teams in the league) and complete them in a timely manner to justify the “administrative fee”.

- **Tackle Football** - Paul Lockhart reported that numbers are down about 18 percent this year. He noted that MEYFL may start a flag football program next year. Lockhart had e-mailed his 2014 budget, which showed a positive balance for the season.

Motion 2014-065: Approve the Tackle Football budget for the 2014 season. [*Motion by Bearth, second by Peterson. Passed without objection.*]

- **Boys In-House Baseball** – Greg Bearth reported that the season is complete.

Directors should review their financials to identify any places where a “gambling” item is listed twice to make sure expenses are properly assigned. Also, nominations will be coming up at the November meeting. Any director that is not planning to run again should be trying to identify potential successors. We will want to advertise on the OAA website the need for volunteers for any open positions. Paul Lockhart suggested that the Board may wish to create a position to maintain the database with coaches registrations (background checks, concussion training).

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:00 PM. A motion to adjourn passed without objection [**Motion 2014-066**, by Rossman, second by Bearth]. The next meeting will be at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Sgt. Pepper’s.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Barrera
Approved by: OAA Board Motion 2014-067
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