



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY’S REPORT

April 9th, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Greg Eckman, 7:04pm

Position	Name	In Attendance
Admin Directors		
President	Greg Eckman	X
Vice President	Matt Atkinson	X
Secretary	Lindsay Kelley	X
Treasurer	Scott Ross	X
Tournament Director	Jared Semerad	X
IT Director	Cody Billings	X
Training & Development Director	Tait Schneider	
Equipment Director	Joe Kelley	X
Volunteer Management Director	Karla Ruhr	X
League Directors		
Travel Fastpitch Director	Cassy Ludwig	X
House Girls Director	Kim Reed	X
Junior Travel Boys Director	Candy Anderson	X
House Rookie Director (8-9)	Andy Groettum	X
Junior House Director (10-12)	Mike Ryland	X
Senior House Director (13-15)	Jeff Ruhr	X
Senior Travel Director	Jeff Ruhr	X
Optional Attendees		
OMGAA Social Media Coordinator	Kelly Williams	X

Open Forum:

Mike Parenteau is in attendance.

Kasey Leanger is here to meet everyone. She is the new Concession Stand Manager.

- Michael Ross will start when school is out for the summer.

- Cody will set her up with an OMGAA email for communication.
- OMGAA Youth Night at Crimson Games (weather permitting)
 - Monday, April 29th, 2024- OMGAA Youth Baseball Night- Gleason Field 1
 - Wednesday, May 15th, 2024- OMGAA Youth Softball Night- Gleason 2, 3 and 4

March meeting minutes:

- Matt moves to approve meeting minutes.
- Jeff seconds motion to approve minutes.
- All in favor, none opposed. March meeting minutes approved.

League Director Reports:

- Rookie League: Andy
 - 80 kids for rookie league, 7 teams. The rosters are done.
 - All practices and games are scheduled.
 - A few late registrations are coming in and will find a spot for them. Registration is still open and he is ok with adding kids last minute.
 - Coaches meeting is April 23rd, and then they will reach out to families.
- House Fastpitch: Kim
 - Finalizing all 18 team rosters and coaches
 - Sizes and Uniforms- lots of lessons learned for next year.
 - Will work with Andy on scheduling Gleason.
- Equipment Director: Joe
 - Moved a lot of stuff out of the storage unit. The plan is to have a stand at opening day and sell gear. Will work with Matt (concessions) and Penny (opening day).
- Treasurer: Scott
 - Opened registration for Legion/Jr. Legion last night.
 - DIBS policy for these teams will be 8 hours/\$400 buyout.
 - Tryouts first weekend of May- Gleason Field 1
 - He went to the State Legion Quarterly meeting and signed the contract, so it's official!
 - Right now, we have Gleason, Osseo, and Delano fields. We need one more for the State tournament, so he is going down his list of contacts.
 - Once we close registration, let him know so he can start allocating registrations by league for the financials.
- Minor/Major baseball: Mike
 - Teams are finalized.
 - Uniforms are ordered.
 - All pants are at his house right now.
 - All coaches are assigned.
 - Is going to set up a OMGAA store with CA Gear- will finalize the end of this week

- Senior House: Jeff R
 - Thanks for Mike R for helping roster teams.
 - Coaches meeting will be held soon
 - Will talk to Mike P about Senior Babe Ruth league – he is getting interest.
- IT Director: Cody
 - Total reaction mode the last few weeks
 - 924 total registrations- a little above last year
- Vice President: Matt
 - Banners- what day are we installing them? He ordered 2 black banners for all fields for behind the pitch and those will be in next week.
 - Board decided on Monday, April 22, 5pm. Joe will spearhead this and communicate with the board on the event.
 - Working with Scott on Legion Tournament
- DIBS Director: Karla
 - Almost all Junior Travel have turned in checks.
 - Almost all Travel Fastpitch have turned in checks.
 - She is nagging house directors.
 - House baseball is not there yet.
 - Adding recruited DIBS for coaches currently
- Tournament Director: Jared
 - 13A, 13AA- everything is setup. Waiting on one check from 13A and that's it.
 - He got an opportunity from MYAS today about 13AAA (32-40 teams. Need 8-10 fields, July 19-21st).
 - Gleason is not setup for 13s
 - Most parents will be out of town for other state tournaments.
 - We don't maintain fields or have the staff to work 8 hour shifts- what if it rains?
 - Consensus is to pass on 13s but let MYAS know we would love to host 10s/11s where we can use Gleason fields where maintenance isn't an issue.
- Travel Fastpitch: Cassy
 - All 9 teams are done.
 - Games begin April 29th- home schedules are done.
 - Uniforms come in 2 weeks.
 - We currently do not allow any Gleason hours for MGHS or OHS. In future years, she would like to allot hours and work with the city so those kids can play at Gleason since they aged out after it was open.
 - Note for Secretary: Make sure this is added to the agenda starting in the fall.
- Penny Atkinson:
 - Just under 4 weeks out
 - 15 Vendors, all sponsors of Gleason. All will have tables/tens.

- Park board attendees will confirm by Friday (currently about 6 will attend)
- Inflatables are confirmed.
 - Will need to connect with Chris Morrow from the city on rules.
- Will send volunteer forms to coaches to give to team managers in hopes of getting more volunteers for the day.
 - Will work with Karla on what DIBS to open for the weekend.
- Will do a couple more social media posts with Kelly to get the word out.
- First Aid Table
 - Jared will give Penny info to Save a Life, which he has used before.
- Venmo- set one up for the board?
 - Scott will look into this and circle back.
 - Should we just use our Square account?
- Junior Travel: Candy
 - First time in 3 years that she didn't have to order tons of extra uniforms.
 - Currently working on home Game schedules, umpires, and tournament refund checks for teams that can't make certain tournaments.
 - We talked about opening Acuity scheduling next Monday.
 - Someone needs to open logins (1 per team). Who is creating the logins?
 - The login should be linked to a team name, so they can be used next year.
 - Cody will work with Candy on creating the logins and how to handle resetting passwords, etc.
- Secretary: Lindsay
 - Submitted Insurance for baseball and softball leagues.
 - Will check on D&O and get back to the board with this information (from Bob)
 - The City is requesting proof of insurance, so as soon as I get that from JA Price, I will send it to Chris Morrow
 - Confirmed with Chris that we have no insurance on gear stored in the shed. If we want any insurance, we need to do that on our own.
 - Lindsay will check in with OMGAA Insurance to get info on our policy.
- Chris Morrow, MG Parks & Rec:
 - 6 hopefully 7 teams in coach pitch, 4 teams in machine feed. More than normal!
 - Joelynn- summer supervisor. Everyone (board members, coaches, etc) needs to have her number saved in her phone. She is the main contact for everything- big and small. 612-790-7174 (city work phone).
 - Weather line- updated at 4 pm! NOT EARLIER. 763-494-5959
 - Field Reminders:
 - Mound covers HAVE to go back on at the end of the night- even if it's not raining. The city has irrigation that will go over the fields.
 - Lock everything up at the end of the night.

- Put bases away at the end of the night! Even if you are going to be back the next day. If they stay in, we don't get the clean drag around the bases.
- Gleason Updates:
 - They just added new safety bases for Softball. All 2,3 and 4 will have spider bases, not peg bases.
 - They are working on speakers. Tomorrow Field 1 should be done, and soon all 4 fields will be completed along with the Concessions stand speakers.
 - New lost and found box- right by Concessions.

New Business

- Waived registration for Grady Krantz
 - Following our Compensation and Waived Fee Policy, Greg will work with Scott to waive registration.
- Gleason use for MGHS and OHS Softball and Baseball Teams (see Cassy's earlier update where we talked about this)
- Rice Lake batting cage improvement – Zac Ruhr/Jeff Ruhr
 - Pulled up the turf, it's right on the clay.
 - Will put some class 5 under it.
 - Project is signed off and approved by BSA.
 - Will pick a weekend to do the work.
 - Will check with Sam to figure out who will haul the old turf away.
- OMGAA Shed build-out – Upstairs
 - Sent a proposal to Matt, Greg and Joe.
 - Matt moves to approve G&S Home Solutions Estimate for Upstairs Shed build out.
 - Mike seconds motion to approve G&S Home Solutions Estimate for Upstairs Shed build out.
 - No one opposed, no discussion. All in favor by raised hand.
 - G & S estimate is approved
- Legion State Tournament host committee – Scott Ross
- Legion State Tournament Checking account – Scott Ross
- Legion State Tournament/Prime Advertising Program – Scott Ross
 - Potential for going directly to businesses to recruit rather than through Prime.
- Dome passes / open dome time – discussion
 - Would like to possibly allow members to rent some dome space when it available, will table this for a later date.
- OMGAA Pictures – need to fill open coordinator position/2025
- L-screens – order for all fields used?
 - Joe will order 10 to start out with
- Discussion on wants/needs list for future spending/improvements, etc. Cody to house this in our shared drive for future reference.
 - The process for things to get approved by the City is that we would write up a proposal to the City.
- Maple Grove Days Parade

- Lindsay submitted application and will hear back in May
- Matt Atkinson moves that OMGAA subsidize a state tournament/gate fee or an additional tournament for 13 A teams due to larger team sizes.
 - Jeff seconds
 - No discussion, all in favor by voice vote.
- Matt moves to allocate up to \$5000 for one time capital expenditure for Gleason Concession equipment.
 - Mike seconds
 - No discussion, all in favor by voice vote.

Adjournment

- Greg moves to adjourn the meeting.
- Jeff seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm

Submitted by Lindsay Kelley, OMGAA Secretary

Minutes are not considered official until approved by the Board at the next meeting.