

Minnetonka Girls Softball Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2004 at 6:00 pm at the Jeff Bailey residence
Attendees: Jeff Bailey, Pam Goon, Bob Lietzke, Jeff Schierman, Tony Livorsi, Scott Youngstrom.
Next meeting: August 20th, 2004 (Executive Committee)
Handouts: ISD # 276 Pledge Agreement, Meeting Agenda.

1. Year-end wrap-up

A. Most equipment has been turned in. Discussion re: buying new bats for next year (probably at each League's discretion).

B. Slowpitch 10U had some issues with the throwing strikes at the existing pitching distance.

Discussion re:

- using machine pitching early in the season, then transition to kid pitch.
- managing the coaches' expectations in regards to the pitching quality early in the season.
- identifying pitchers earlier, and providing pitching coaching for them.

C. Some conflicts occurred between the Slowpitch 16U and 19U tournament and rec schedules.

The resolution may be to go with Sunday night single games, or try scheduling other fields.

2. Treasurer's report was distributed via email prior to the meeting.

A. The \$40.6 K account balance is being transferred to an Americana Bank money market account. There was an uncashed \$4K check to MSF in question.

B. Discussion re: subsidizing player/coach costs for National Tournament appearances. If within budget, process would go thru the League Director. Maximum cost of \$500 for regional tournaments (e.g., Kansas City) and \$1000 for tournaments outside our region (e.g., California).

3. Tonka Dome update

A. Minnetonka Diamond Sports leagues (that is, ETL, STLL, TBR and MGSA have held out from signing pledges until certain issues are cleared up, primarily amenities to make the dome usable by baseball/softball. At this point, enough progress has been made to go ahead and sign the pledges. Jon Guy has been the point person for Diamond Sports. An "advisory board" has been assembled to bring up and address issues (storage, net dividers, rest rooms, access, etc.). It is noted that there certainly will be startup challenges the first year.

B. Discussion re: creating an MGSA "Director of Player Development" position (a paid position). Chris Gabler was nominated to the new position. Idea will be recommended to the full Board in September. Funding for dome use could come from a \$10 per kid Clinic fee. Jan 23rd was mentioned as the start date.

4. 2004-5 Board membership

Jeff B. has 2 or 3 volunteers already. Are looking for more people to serve as Board members.

5. Other business – discussions re:

A. Paid 3rd party coaches and more women coaches: use former players? Moms? PE teachers? Need to find out how other communities have fared with this approach.

B. In-house fall Fastpitch.

C. Organizational meeting in September @ Billy's Lighthouse.

D. MMFL Fall Fastpitch – 3 fields required for host teams.