

Gaithersburg Sports Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Minutes

1) Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Board Members Present – Michael McMillen, Jeff Rabberman, Lisa Harrington, Mike Abod, Bob Christin, Marc Bluestein, Jesse Frawley, Alfie Riley

Board Members Absent - Colleen Coffman

2) Old Business

Alfie contacted prior board members and by vote of 9-0 they approved new officers and new bylaws.

Colleen Coffman has agreed to be Legal/Insurance board member

Review of board positions and bylaws signed by Michael McMillen (President) and Lisa Harrington (Secretary)

Lisa will send pdf copy of bylaws to Brenda to put on website.

2) New Business

Wrestling (Bob Christin) – team has 35 wrestlers, the most they've ever had. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday, wrestling meets on Saturday at Wilson High School. High school kids help coach.

CRCBL (Jeff Rabberman) – Giants roster distributed, team is all set on position players, and team will need 22 host families. The Cal Ripken league might lose a team as Vienna River Dogs may not return. Season starts June 5th. Jeff and Jason Woodward will go to Anaheim to MLB meetings to request grant money. The games will stay at 3 umpires. Jeff commented that eventually Gaithersburg Giants games might be played at Gaithersburg High School. Jeff is trying to get deal similar with LA Fitness for Lifetime Fitness for Giants players

MCBL (Michael McMillen) – The roster was distributed, team needs 2 more catchers. 25 players are committed for next summer. Some home games will be played at Gaithersburg High School. A 10th team was added to the MCBL league, the Monarchs, the league is still discussing what the league format will be.

Communications (Brenda Dunham) – Brenda met with Dave the prior webmaster about website and she will have access to pages and be able to edit content. She is looking for an intern to write game summaries. Information will be pulled from league website to streamline the process and keep schedule and rosters current. She is looking to put links to other items on the website, including: MCBL, Wrestling and Board of Directors meeting minutes. Pictures of board members for website will be taken at next meeting.

Finance (Michael Abod) – we are switching the books over to new online banking system due to bank merger, everything should be set by year's end (2016). Currently there is 10K in the bank, hoping to do 25K from warehouse rentals. Income from field signs is about 15K, anything over 20K we split with the City of Gaithersburg.

Fundraising (Marc Bluestein) – Marc stated that our fundraising goal is to use industry relationships to get financial support. Medstar will provide a trainer for the games which will save money for the team. Marc will reach out to other large companies (Nike, Under Armour, M&T) for financial support or product like uniforms.

Host Families (Bianca Zinzi) – 10 Host Families have confirmed interest in hosting players next summer. A couple are still thinking, Bianca is trying to recruit 7-8 more. Melissa King will do email blast to assist in finding host families.

Game day Operations – Randy Berger and Kevin Teehan are no longer in charge of game day operations but will help out if need be. Jeff is going to talk to Phil Couturier and Barry Hackey to see if they are interested. Marc suggested posting ad on local college job boards.

Camp (Jesse Frawley) – Camp will be June 26-30 with possibility of another week.

Board meetings will be held in February, April/May and in the Fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Harrington
Secretary