

**Mahtomedi Fast Pitch Association
Board Notes
November 19, 2009
6:30 p.m., District Ed Center**

Members Present: Kevin Brown, Greg Eick, Tom Moore, Kari Rambo, Tina Ziemer, Mark Kuschke, Paul DeWitt, Susan Anderson

Members Absent: John Kieger, Bill Putney

Website Update

The website will be up and running on Friday, November 20th with the Mahtomedi Fastpitch Logo in the corner. A link will be sent to District Education so that on-line registration will have a direct link to our new webpage.

Action Item: Greg to send email to parents this weekend regarding our new webpage.

On-line Registration

Community Education catalog is due out December 28th with information regarding fastpitch registration and a link sending participants to our new webpage.

There will be one night in January for parent/player information and sizing of uniforms.

The season schedule will be placed as April through June, with registration from February 1 through March 1.

The fee schedule will also be placed.

Uniform costs also listed and ordering will be available on-line.

We may have an early bird registration which would be from February 1 through February 14 with a discount on cost. After the 14th of February through March 1st no discount.

Play dates will be displayed on registration page, ie: U10 plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Summary of fastpitch policy regarding placement on a team, refunds and evaluations will be placed on the website not in the Community Education catalog.

Action Item: Greg will work with Community Education to make the necessary changes to the CE Catalog and Registration forms. The board will discuss whether or not to have early bird registration.

Open Gym Schedule

John will meet with Pam Klinkhammer next week to confirm open gym for fastpitch on Wednesdays from January 13th through mid March.

Action Item: Greg will send out confirmation on dates to all school publications.

Coaching Incentives

Coaching incentives were discussed with players fee being waived if parent is head coach, paying coaches, or shirts and/or windbreakers provided for coaches. Other communities do not offer compensation for coaching, but some communities do provide waiving of player fee or program shirts or windbreakers. With cost as an issue to the program, it was recommended and approved to provide shirts or windbreakers to the volunteer head coach and co-coach.

Action Item: Tina will get pricing on shirts and windbreakers from several sport shops. She will also get pricing on new uniforms since TJ's is no longer providing our uniforms.

Preliminary Coach Identification

Estimated number of head coaches needed:

10U - 2

12U - 3

14U - 2

16U - 2

Parents interested in coaching:

12U Tina Ziemer, Lee Erickson

14U Heather Kuschke

16U Kevin Brown, Paul DeWitt and John Kieger

Several other individuals were suggested and will be contacted to determine interest. We will also send out notes to former Mahtomedi Fastpitch alumni for interest in coaching. Deadline for coaching recruitment is January 1, 2010.

Action Item: Greg to send email to parents regarding coaching. An ad will also be placed on the website for recruitment of coaches.

Fee Schedule

Our fees were discussed and several items need to be priced before determining player fees. Uniforms, tryout fees, helmets, equipment, etc. Kari did speak with several of our surrounding communities and the average player fee is \$225.00 without uniforms.

Action Item: Tina will be getting bids on new uniforms. Paul will be getting bids on helmets.

Evaluation Task Force

The task force will meet the week after Thanksgiving. Mark Kuschke joined the team. The following items will be discussed:

- Should there be a U10 evaluation?
 - Outside evaluators and cost
 - Tryout fee
 - Refiguration of evaluation and scores
 - Notification to parents and players regarding evaluation expectations
 - Policy regarding “minimum evaluation score level” and player cuts

Action Item: The task force will report its findings at the next meeting.

On-line Waiver Form

The waiver form will now be on-line. Changes to be made:

- Type of medication will be added
- Photo waiver will be included
- “Copy of Birth Certificate” will be placed at the bottom with Greg’s address to send to.
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities will change to reflect: Coaching (Level __), Fundraising, Help in an way

Insurance Policy

There are several other insurance providers for our teams. Kari and Bill to procure RFP’s and up-date board at the next meeting.

Open Discussion

Pictures of each player will be taken at try-outs during sign-in for identification cards.

Visors to be sold if team requests, at \$15.00 each.

**December Board Meeting on December 16th, Wildwood Library
Submitted by Susan Anderson**