

Old Dominion Girls Softball League

Agenda:

November 17, 2005

Topic	Topic Owner	Time
Meeting Minutes Review from Previous Meeting	Jay	7:00-7:10
Treasurers Report	Paul	7:10-7:20
Officer Election	Darlene	7:20-7:45
Community Awareness of ODGSL	Mark	7:45-8:10
Tentative 2006 Calendar	Mark	8:10-8:15
GAYAA Concerns	Mark	8:15-8:55
Miscellaneous/Close	All	8:55-9:00

Action Items Determined from Meeting:

- Send reps an Email listing their Spring '05 fees as an estimate for '06 – Paul
- Inform Paul on umpire refund info - Bruce
- Follow up on filing a tax return – Paul
- Check into Richmond Times Dispatch free Friday ads - Charlie
- Put Spring season notice w/ org contact info on home page - Jay
- Inform Mark on any scheduling concerns or dates to look out for – ALL
- Look into feasibility of having a dinner meeting for next meeting in December – Lisa
- Capture and distribute meeting minutes – post on ODGSL website – Jay

Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance – Darlene Pierce, Charlie Hogue, Mark Vasco, Rich Trala, Kim Barnes, George Siedel, Chris Fowler, Lisa Harris, Melissa Stone, Paul Saunders, Bruce Frye, Jay Firebaugh

NOTE: Organizations not represented: Varina, New Kent, Beaverdam

Location: Hunton Recreation Center

Meeting Minutes Review from Previous Meeting:

Jay went over the highlights from the meeting minutes Darlene completed from the previous meeting (10/30/2005). All Action Items from last months meeting were accomplished with the exception of one for next years Fall Ball Committee. This has to do with getting Fall coaches to sign the Manager's Pledge. This will be done next year.

Treasurers Report:

Paul led discussion on the following topics:

- Fall Ball fees have been paid.
- ODGSL has not filed a tax return in the past but we will file one for next year. The cost should be < \$500.
- Request from Paul for notice whenever anyone is going to plan on spending money. We had an unbudgeted expense recently related to Fall Ball.
- Paul reminded everyone of the tradeoff of the timeliness of organizations providing team info and Paul's notice on the fee amounts due. The longer you wait to deliver your Spring team info the longer it will take for Paul to get your organizations fee amounts .
- We will possibly use some of our current surplus to reduce fees in the Spring.
- Paul will send out reminder Emails, possibly when the Spring season gets closer, to let organizations know how much their fees were last year so they'll have an estimate.
- The web site service will be paid 1 year at a time. Paul and Jay will work this out.

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Officer Election:

Darlene first recognized and led the vote on a new member, Melissa Stone. Vote was unanimously in favor of having her on the board. Melissa is with the Glen Allen organization.

No more nominations were received. The following officers were unanimously approved:

Darlene Pierce, President
Charlie Hogue, Vice President
Mark Vasco, League Commissioner
Rich Trala, Assistant League Commissioner
Paul Saunders, Treasurer
Jay Firebaugh, Secretary

Darlene reminded everyone that a lot of good people have left in 2005 so we need to try and get some new members on board. It will be a challenge. Charlie had a good idea involving distributing fliers or posting notices at the ball fields.

Community Awareness of ODGSL:

Mark led a discussion on the possibility of placing an ad in local newspapers to raise awareness. In addition he brought up an idea of how we need to modernize and maybe build an online registration facility to our current website. The difficulties of making this happen were discussed. One option might just be to collect contact info on the website and relay that info to the various organizations.

Charlie agreed to check into free Friday advertising with Richmond Times Dispatch. Paul brought up fact that we should utilize annual "Discover Richmond" insert as well. We could also check into Henrico Citizen as well as other papers.

As a related topic it was suggested we change the website to mention the fact that Spring season is just around the corner. Also, we should post each organization's info on the home page for easy access. Jay agreed to make this happen.

Tentative 2006 Calendar:

Mark handed out a hard copy to all in attendance. Mark requested everyone provide feedback prior to the next meeting via Email.

GAYAA Concerns:

Mark led a discussion on the letter received from Lisa, GAYAA. See Email from Lisa and/or forwarded from Darlene dated 11/17/05. Mark noted that many of the concerns were related to the game schedules. The following specifics were discussed:

- Lots of discussion about how scheduling gets done and how it used to be by committee.
- Use of Fridays for younger players. Most agreed this was okay but it was noted that some parents might not like this.
- There was discussion on whether we should accommodate travel ball schedules and stay away from weekends. Chris and Paul made a point that most of ODGSL players are not travel ball players.
- Rich noted that at the recent Babe Ruth meeting we were given authority to cross district boundaries in order to get some older age groups on the game schedule. Madison has a team.
- Rich also noted that having an 18U age group might open up the 16U age group and allow us to have 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U. We'd just need enough girls.

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- There was a request from Darlene to mention the following prevalently in these minutes:

SPECIAL NOTICE

18U can be offered for Spring season registration. We will need at least 4 teams to make this happen.

- Whether or not to have ODGSL Opening Day was discussed. Some want to keep it, some have doubts. No vote was taken but the general consensus was that it would stay. It's the only time the ODGSL skills competition awards can be made. It's also a good kickoff for the fastpitch season since we schedule the first games for that day.
- It was noted that it's going to be tough to get the schedule done one month in advance this year. We're starting 3 weeks earlier (April 2) and some orgs don't register till late Feb.

Miscellaneous/Close:

A short discussion was held on meeting attendance in general. One suggestion was that we go back to the old rule of organizations losing their voting rights if they miss two meetings. This topic was tabled for future meetings.

There are lots of issues to resolve so it was decided to have a December meeting this year. The tentative date is Wednesday night, 12/7, 7pm. Lisa is looking into the possibility of organizing this meeting as a dinner.

A request was made to post meeting minutes on the ODGSL web site. Jay agreed to take care of this.

A general thanks was given to Paul for all his hard work over the past year.