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President:
Ryan Kapsner
Vice President:
Dan Grack
Secretary:
Kelly Biedscheid
Treasurer:
Brenda Stevermer

Positions

Tournament Director:
Phil Tostenson
Organizational Coordinator:
Ashley Staunton
Social Media Coordinator:
Emily Hudspith
Finance Manager:
Katie Faugstad
Umpire Coordinator:
Rose Veldhuisen
Concessions Coordinator:
Steph Davis

Ryan Kapsner	X
Bob Elsen	X
JJ Helget	X
Kelly Terrell	X
Dan Grack	X
Brittany Schoessler	X
Mike Kirchoff	X
Jamie Aanenson	X
Kelly Biedscheid	X
Brenda Stevermer	X
Ryan Altmann	X
Grant Poehler	
Eric Davis	X
Katie Faugstad	
Ashley Staunton	X
Phil Tostenson	X
Rose V	X
Emily Hudspith	X

Agenda

Mankato Peppers Softball Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 7:00PM @ Peppers Performance Facility

• Welcome and introduction – Ryan 7:01pm

• Adoption and/or correction of the minutes of the last meeting –Voting Item – March Minutes have been posted, no changes needed. Brenda motioned, Mike K 2nd all yes, motion passed

• Financial Report – Not ready yet, will send them out later

Committee Reports

- **Tournaments:** Rising Star does not need Friday night, all numbers are the same as last year. Just need 2 more HS teams for the Showdown. T-shirt links have been sent out. Classic is at 68-70, won't have to use St Peter this year.
- **Umpires:** Using the spreadsheet again this year, beginning of the year is tough to find umpires. Same amount of umps as previous years. Umpires are supposed to register every year though USA which is

$75, working on putting that in her process for newer umpires. Can we look at doing a clinic which would require all umpires to attend and we would pay for the registration fee, estimate $500 a year. Ryan K is checking to make sure Umpire and tournament directors are covered under our insurance policy.

- **Concessions:** Resecuring a new trailer for concessions, Hyvee will provide trailers as long as we staff someone to collect payment.
- **Equipment:** Scheels order arrived. Coaches need scorebooks and game balls. Putting together in-house bags. Get a pitching machine back at Thomas.
- **Performance Facility:** Couple little things needed for open house. Friday night cleaning for opening.
- **Jerseys/Appearal:** All uniforms have been ordered, Travel will be here 27th 10u will be first. Going to ask for in-house date.
- **Travel:** Everyone is registered for tournaments, couple need to register for Nationals. Needs a couple of girls for 16u. Teams have been using the facility. Has 3 college coaches, figuring out payments for those and at what capacity are they helping. Travel is under budget.
- **In-House/Lil Peppers:** Idea to have high school girls volunteer to run practices and give back to the schools program.
- **Marketing/Social Media:** Looking for team media coordinators to facebook posts. Working on the slideshow. Are we going to do the East/West softball game with the Peppers?
- **Sponsorships:** Posts from Facebook are a huge help. Opening up more opportunities. Bob is working with verizon for 3 new lines and iPads.
- **Hall of Fame:** Have names from girls that were nominated back in 2019, will probably wait until next year to do a banquet.
- **Camps/Development:** Megan's clinics are all full and will add new clinics with her. Will add more clinics in June when more people are available. Looking at doing tier level clinics.
- **Gambling/Fundraising:**

Old Business:

New Business:

- Grand Opening Plan – Send out another email blast, Hyvee is catering and bringing in all tables/lines. Maddie is going to be here the whole time for videos and photos. Ryan K is bringing a speaker/microphone, a few short speeches. Sign in book on the iPad. Table is coming on Friday and needs to be put together. Friday at 1:30 GMG will be here for a Ribbon cutting. Everyone will be asked to do a job.
- Peppers Player Experience Fund – Dr Pepper approved us to use the logo, shirts are $25, tons of opportunites for more sponsors to match donations.
- Sponsorships Update – At least 10 people have reached out to ask how they can help. Look at tournament sponsorships
- Gambling Manager – Megan G is waiting for hear from Nicollet County, gambling manager needs to be a board member for 90 days. Needs to take a 2 day class in May. Motion to have Megan Grack as a board member and gambling manager. Brenda 2nd all voted yes. Motion passed.
- Snell Motors Opportunity – Missy wants to help do more for the Peppers. Put cars at the different tournaments. Going to keep the conversation going with Snell.

- Greater Mankato Growth Membership - $325 a year for the membership, good opportunity to network, they will do a lot to help promote. Jamie motions to become a member of Greater Mankato Growth membership, Brenda 2nd. All yes, motion passed.
- Coaches polo or shirt (in-house and travel) - New P logo polo, going to vote on Band once we recieve the prices.
- Media Day – May 3rd 10am-3pm (tentative) - Pictures, silly videos, ect.
- National Pin design – Jamie is going to design pins, Brenda is going to send him all the information she has.
- August 14th is the Golf Tournament fundraiser.

Adjounment: Ryan A, Dan 2nd – all yes