

Executive Meeting Agenda

How: Virtual

When: Monday, January 16, 7:00pm

Who: Mabel League Exec

In Attendance:

Ashley Fehr (Chair), Grace Mathisen (Secretary), Malloreigh Hamilton (Statistician), Amy Adams (Registrar), Kate Peterson (Fields), Jay Geeraert (Social Media), Cynthia Beebe (Member-at-Large), Angel Pederson (Member-at-Large), Kathleen Lehan (Communications)

- 1) Call to Order at 7:00 pm
 - a) Land Acknowledgement

- 2) Events

- a) **Meet Mabel**

Jay has been doing the leg work on this. London Pub has been contacted but not officially met.

Proposing February 22 the Wednesday, as it does not conflict with the basketball league and we will have greater chance of turnout. Never had to pay a fee for the venue.

Can potentially order food but not necessary. Approximate start at 7 pm.

Amy would live to have a table close to the front with a sign in desk and a banner. Each team can have their own table. The event can be very busy.

- 3) Treasurer Report

- a) Budget proposal

- i) Budget requests

Budget \$500 approximately for the signage as per what was spent on the finals last year.

Signage would be used for both tournaments as well as the kick-off.

- b) Team fees: \$1750 - \$1200 for season fees, \$350 for LIL, \$200 forfeit bond

- 4) 2023 Mabel Calendar (*consolidated with no mention of holidays or festivals of note*)

Date	Event
January 23	Special General Meeting
February 6	Executive Meeting /Team registration begins
February 13	Team Rep Meeting
February 22	Meet Mabel - <i>returning teams should confirm interest before this date</i>
February 28	SPN Registration
March 6	Executive Meeting
March 13	Team Rep Meeting Team registration ends, \$250 deposit due

March 23	Executive Meeting
April 3	Executive Meeting League schedule draft available
April 17	Team Rep Meeting - Final Schedule Ready
April 22	League Start Date
May 1	Exec Meeting
May 6	Skills Clinic and Kick-Off Pitching Clinic 1
May 8	Team Rep Meeting LIL registration and fees due
May 9	League Fees due
May 13	Pitching Clinic 2
May 29	Executive Meeting <i>pre-LIL meeting, replaces June 5th meeting (unless at the time we decide we do need an exec meeting immediately after the LIL)</i>
June 2 – June 4	LIL Tournament Friday and Saturday night events
June 12	Team Rep Meeting – Moved back a week so it's not immediately after the Lil.
June 26	Executive Meeting
July 10	Team Rep Meeting Scorebooks due
July 17	Executive Meeting (pre-finals meeting)
July 21 – 23 OR 28-30	Finals Tournament (Jay's are coming to Seattle 21-23 that weekend. Less likely turnout) 28-30 more likely. Pride is in early August.
August 14	Executive Meeting
August 21	Team Rep Meeting
September 11	AGM

2023 Mabel Calendar Con't

- Returning teams confirm interest before Meet Mabel: *ie February 21*
- C from Sway has offered to help with the pitching skills clinic. Amy proposes that we do 2 skills clinics on May 6 and May 13. This is up to Nat if we can get enough people to help facilitate this. Soft hold until a later time.
- Kate needs to include the skills clinics for booking as well.

- Potential parks for the clinics: Laurel street, **Douglas Park**, or **Jonathan Rogers**. Booking doesn't open until February.
- Could do BBQ but would need special permits. Jonathan Rogers has the possibility of food trucks.
- Second May Lil meeting on May 29, right before the Lil. Considered if June 12 too late for a team rep meeting, but we want some space after the Lil so no meeting June 5. Important to get some rest. If you haven't got your health, you haven't got anything.

Action: Check in with Katie at Connaught. Mal will do this.

Night at the Nat – do we want to do this again?

- (This is not the Pride Night at the Canadians)
Pride Night happens with the Canadians. We usually do a separate night where we block off a section and have a good time. We get a cut of the proceeds for the sales. If they offer again this year it would be great. Preference to have Night at the Nat and Nat Pride Night take place several weeks apart instead of consecutive weeks.

Action: Angel will contact the Canadians about potential Night at the Nat dates. Firework Nights are preferred.

Exec Meeting Dates, Team Rep Meeting Dates

potential to change due to Tuesdays being big for other sports leagues and have games on Mondays instead.

Exec Meeting Dates	Team Rep Meeting Dates
February 6	February 13
March 6	March 13
May 1	April 17
<i>May 29 pre Lil</i>	May 8
June 26	<i>June 12 one week post Lil</i>
July 17 – <i>pre finals</i>	July 10
August 14	August 21

5) Scheduling and Field Bookings

Returning Teams

Rec		Intermediate		Competitive	
yes	Bat Intentions	yes	Rebels	Maybe	<i>Wombats</i>
yes	McGlovin'	yes	Mood Swings		Royals
yes	Fruit Forward	yes	Reckless	yes	Sway Competitive
yes	Hit Happens	yes	Isotopes	yes	<i>Hummingbirds</i>
tbc	Heavy Hitters	yes	Swingers	yes*	TBD
yes	Heartbreakers!!	yes	Oddballs	yes*	<i>Plan B</i>
		yes	Sway Intermediate		Grizz

Action: competitive team leads conversation about being competitive if they do not want to be competitive.

Existing Competitive teams don't want to be only 4 teams, regardless if there is still a large amount of cross-divisional play. Include Plan B and TBD heavily in this discussion. Flip side is intermediate is up to 7 teams already. No one can move down. We can move down TBD to Intermediate potentially. Lots of cross divisional play.

- Bottom teams in intermediate may not play the top teams more than 1 time. Have we ever considered intermediate A and Intermediate B.

We could have 4 smaller divisions. Point system works with the divisions. Bat Intentions may move up to intermediate. Try out a schedule of 4 divisions. We have 20 teams so this might be easier. Heavy Hitters might not return. We might have the possibility of no more new teams. Could we get more fields on our play days. Get more fields for Thursdays. Exec feels positively about this change.

- **Sway needs more players for a competitive team.** We'll find out more at meet Mabel. No amount of max players for teams regarding insurance.
- A lot of returning teams have questions about Tuesdays. A lot of sports leagues have games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Potential to schedule games on Monday and instead have meetings on Tuesdays if the scheduling is an issue.

Action: Talk to team reps about potential to schedule games on Monday and instead have meetings on Tuesdays if Tuesday is a major scheduling issue. Ashley will do this.

Mal will talk to Katie with Connaught.

- a) Scheduling restrictions, no more than 2 games in a week, no Friday and Sunday consecutively, no 2 days consecutively.

6) Merchandise

a) Merch count

The exec will do an existing merch count in early February, as merch is currently being stored at Ashley's work warehouse. Will figure out what is needed to order from there.

b) Vendor Switch

- The guy from the Goods is really great. Dog merch, he can do the research but he doesn't typically do that. noted that inventory has been weird since the pandemic so better to start sooner than later but typically asks for about one month of lead time.
- Important to maintain a better size range up to 5X (The goods does this). Issues with the previous vendor last year. We are hoping this won't be a problem this year. The Goods doesn't do an order if they cannot supply it. Kate talked to authentic t-shirt company. Kate would need a ballpark of how much would be needed. If we like the Goods, Kate supports it.
- There is an initial set up cost for graphic set up for each graphic. If we do kids items and onesies there would be a second initial set up cost as the graphic is significantly smaller.

Action: Ashley and Kate will coordinate for numbers to figure out quotes from both ATC and the Goods.

c) Merch Plan

- Move forward with what we have from last year, don't change labels but maybe change colours.

Keep:

Crew neck sweater – Club Med style logo, maroon colour

Pullover Hoodies - D.A.R.E., dark grey heather

100% White cotton tees,

Black with White Mabel logo

6 fingered gloves (right handed)

50/50 Blend Tees: Athletic Heater Grey, Heather "Autumn", Heather deep teal.

- Tank tops are hard to find in the necessary size range. ATC ones are quite large. Angel likes ATC as well for Heavy Hitters. ATC has tank tops. No vendor can do festival tank tops. Consider which styles of tank tops would be popular. The Goods examples didn't include tank tops in 5X.
 - Look into onesies and kids shirts.
 - Socks: stirrup would be cool but expensive.
 - Last year had a tie dye station, maybe we prep some pre-tie dyed (Ashley also saw this at a Rugby tournament last year and people were stoked about it)

Malloreigh wants to tie dye and sell pre tie dyed shirts.

7) Comms - Social Media Schedule and Email Schedule

Kathleen wants to get more advanced notice for stuff. Kathleen and Shelby just need the info. Add people to the new players list with Mail chimp, and will draft rain out posts in advance.

8) New Business Arising - None

Next Week's AGM. Any implementation will follow for next year's Exec, not ours. It's One motion, should be an easy conversation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm