

Steel Valley Youth Baseball Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 17th, 2015

Location: Munhall Borough Building

Meeting Commenced: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Typed by: Secretary, Danielle Daley

Board Member Attendees:

Position	Name	Yes	No
President	Chris Phares	X	
Vice President	Nelson Horvwalt	X	
Treasurer	Frank Chiarizio	X	
Secretary	Danielle Daley	X	
Player Agent	Tony DeMartino	X	
General Board:	Bill Vrbin	X	
	Roy Cochrane	X	
	Lynn Cochrane	X	
	Mike Dugan	X	
	Patrick Sikorski	X	
	John Long	X	

General Member Attendees (PER ATTENDANCE SHEET):

The sign-in sheet was inadvertently left at the borough building. Therefore, I don't have the people that attended the meeting. (The following are people who I recall attending the meeting: Jim Ligeros, Brian Versetti, Rick Gartska, Cara _____, Ryan and Angie McConnell, Boomer, Bernie Shields and Joe Fedor.

Meeting Minutes From Previous Meeting

Date of previous meeting: May 17th, 2015

Approved: Yes

Adjustments from prior meeting minutes: None

Financial Statement

Type	Starting	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending
Checking	\$8,440.25	NONE	\$2,157.60	\$6,282.65
Savings				\$6,598.35
Concession Stand				

Financial information:

- Frank identified the deposits and withdrawals made for the month.

General Information

- The trophies were ordered for the playoff games. Each team gets \$500.00 for All Stars.
- The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

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- Frank talked to Rob Falce and gave him the bill from Advanced Turf Solutions for the dirt that the league bought and the borough inadvertently used to patch holes on the small field.
- The Duquesne Light project is still in effect. Nelson said that Duquesne Light indicated it would get done when it gets done.
- Background checks were discussed and to find out who did not turn them in for the All Star managers and coaches.
- The concession stand is in the red. Denny contributed this to the lack of games being played at the field and having to pay the workers. The league decided to pay for 2 employees a night during the All Star games. Someone stated that Denny would likely not handle the concession stand next year. At this time, not sure if SVYBA will receive any money from the concession stand.
- The letter to Coach Vickers was approved by the board and sent.
- In regards to rainouts, Mike indicated that managers never responded to him with make-up dates.
- Brian V. was concerned if the playoffs didn't start on June 18th, the All Star teams would have some issues.
- Frank indicated that the trophies ordered might not make it in time for the playoff championship.
- Cara spoke on how the trophies were not ordered in enough time and the board knew when the playoff games were, so it should have been ordered in an appropriate fashion. Tony D. commented that it was not done appropriately.
- Nelson commented that he would not have enough players to play on Thursday/Friday for playoff game.
- The breakdown would be 4 v 5 on Friday, 2 v 3 on Saturday and 1 v the winner of 4/5 Friday. The World Series would be on Monday.
- All Star managers indicated how many tournaments they were going to enter their team into: 7 year olds – 3 tournaments, 8 year olds – 4 tournaments, 10 year olds – 2 tournaments, 11 year olds – 4 tournaments, 12 year olds – 1 tournament and the Vipers were not getting any money, but would have a free entry into the SV tournament.
- SV tournament would cost \$275.00 per team and would receive 2 balls. The 7u team has 4 teams attending, 8 year olds have 8 teams coming, 10 year olds have 2 teams coming (thus far) and 11 year olds have 8 teams coming.
- In regards to the Metro teams paying the league for use of the fields, \$250.00, Chris was only having the league give him \$250.00 for the All Star games and the league would keep the other \$250.00. There were some disagreement regarding this plan.
- The umpire fees are coming out of the tournament money. Mike was going to work with the umpires. The leagues wanted 1 coach or someone to help with the baseline umpiring.
- The managers of All Stars need to let P.J. know how many balls are needed for their tournament. Each All Star team manager will get 1 dozen of balls for their travel tournaments. Get extra balls for the home tournaments.
- The uniforms were ordered for All stars. Individual managers set their price for their players to pay.
- A trophy will be given to 1st and 2nd place winners in the tournaments.
- If parents of the All Star teams are willing to volunteer their time in the concession stand, that would be helpful.

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- The schedule for the All Star tournaments are as follows: July 3rd to 9th is the 7 & 10 year olds, week of the 11th is the 8 & 11 year olds, the 17th-23rd is for the 12 year olds and the week of the 24th-31st is for the Vipers.
- It was mentioned that the All Star rules should be put in the dugouts in the future.
- There was an issue in previous games of board members coming on the field during the game and indicating the game needs to be stopped because of time limits. Therefore, the following for playoff games will be followed. The time issue was discussed for the playoffs and that was a game that starts at 8:15 p.m. should be done by 10:00 p.m. A new inning would not be able to be started after 8:00 p.m. in a game that started at 6:00 p.m.
- Someone brought up the issue of other teams coming to the SV tournament and if their coaches/managers had clearances. A waiver was drafted and e-mailed to every manager to have the teams in their tournaments sign off on the waiver.
- It was mentioned that SV and West Mifflin could combine and make a 6 division league.
- Jim Ligeros spoke about how there hasn't been this many problems in years. He stated that kids are embarrassed by the fighting coaches and managers have done during games. There has to be set rules and no gray areas. He also indicated that he would help out with matters.
- The board members spoke about what Jim said and indicated there were rules in place but the coach/manager would not leave the field. It was a tough position because these are grown adults that are not listening. Frank C. addressed the issues of the suspension of several managers and how the board is not at fault. Frank said the new board will see how parent participation is (or lack thereof).
- Rick Gartska told Mike Dugan that he should resign as well, since he was a previous treasurer. Mike told Rick he no plans on resigning.
- Several board members stated that nobody has the right or are in a position to force any board member to resign.
- Rick Gartska discussed that he was on the Park & Recreation Board. Rick stated that the SVYBA league was discussed during the Park & Recreation meeting, in particular, the missing funds and board members who have held several terms should resign. Rick then discussed that the Park & Recreation board would be overseeing the SVYBA league and they indicated that all board members should disband and allow new board members to take over. (In regard to the above statement, Danielle Daley contacted councilmen, Rick Brennan, regarding the statements of Rick Gartska. Rick Brennan indicated that nobody specific was mentioned during the meeting and there was no slanderous statements made. Rick Brennan also told Danielle that not only would Parks & Recreation Board would be involved with SVYBA, but also involved in any sports team that plays in Munhall, including girls' softball, not just SVYBA, like it was stated.)
- Councilman Bernie Shields spoke about the approval of West Field being remodeled. Someone asked why is Trautman not getting any money for updates. Bernie indicated it doesn't work that way.
- Brian V. spoke about some additional issues. He stated that probably nothing will be done that was addressed in the meeting. Brian said that if we are going to make it right that all information needs to be divulged. Brian stated what was wrong with the league and wanted to know who was going to resign. He kept on asking the question, even though Frank, Danielle and Bill continuously stated they were going to resign.
- Frank C. indicated his intention to resign as Treasurer. Frank said he would bring all the information he had to the next meeting. During that time period, a new person needs to

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be voted for position of treasurer and a new bank card would have to be signed at the bank.

- Danielle D. indicated her intention to resign as Secretary. Danielle said she would bring all the information she had to the next meeting. In addition, Danielle spoke about how she got registration setup, entered in all names of families into an excel spreadsheet, prepared books for all managers with their teams and copies of the registration/medical papers for each player. Also made master binder of all divisions, keeping the calendar for Calhoun, setting up opening day and making sure we had spray painter for helmets, face painting. Also, alone setup and donated the majority of baskets for the Chinese Auction on opening day. Lastly, she arranged the date for the pictures and make-up date, distributed all pictures to managers and coordinated any issues with pictures.
- Bill Vrbin issued his intention to resign.
- Ryan and Angie McConnell spoke about the “elephant in the room”, being the league hemorrhaging kids. They also indicated their willingness of becoming the treasurer and secretary, in the interim. They said they would do whatever is needed to help the league and would join the board.
- Cara talked about the unprofessional behaviors of a particular manager and how the league let him manage another team and be on the board. She indicated how this manager smokes on the hill between innings and has talked to the kids in an inappropriate fashion.
- Joe Fedor and Nelson discussed how they are getting a bus put together to take players and families to Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. It was decided that the league would pay for a portion of the costs regarding to players only. Details would follow in a mass e-mail to all registered player parents.
- Lynn stated what the league did this year: Farmed out the concession stand, lowered price of registration, no fundraising tickets for parents to sell and no working in the concession stand. Additionally, SVYBA hosted 4 All Star tournaments, an instructional league, 3 baseball leagues (coach pitch, minor and little), and sponsored 2 Pony teams and 2 Colt teams, all of whom were very successful, with no problems with manager, coaches or fans.

Fundraising

- The fundraiser that Frank suggested be done, Hit-a-thon, was not very responsive on the managers/coaches end. It was too late in the season to have the event. Therefore, Frank suggested that it be done during Fall Ball or at the beginning of next season

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Munhall Borough Building