

Steel Valley Youth Baseball Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Location: Munhall Borough Building

Meeting Commenced: 6:05 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 Vrbn	X	
	Michelle Judy		X
	Roy Cochrane	X	
	Lynn Cochrane	X	
	Mike Dugan	X	
	Patrick Sikorski	X	
	John Long	X	

General Member Attendees (PER ATTENDANCE SHEET):

Brian Versetti, Rodney Bender, Denny Cornetto, Gino Marino, Greg Boss, Joe Maslanka, Tim Tichon, David Cannon, Dave Harhai. New umpire, John Gryb was present. In addition, Harvey & Rob from council were present as well.

Meeting Minutes From Previous Meeting

Date of previous meeting: February 15th, 2015

Approved: Yes

Adjustments from prior meeting minutes: None

Financial Statement

Type	Starting	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending
Checking	\$3,163.59	\$21,200.00	\$725.69	\$23,637.90
Savings				
Concession Stand				

Financial information:

- Frank itemized the deposits represented and how many registrations we had. He also itemized the withdrawals.
- Frank indicated that the medical insurance needs to be paid and was waiting on Tim Fisher to give him the bill to pay.
- Also, motion presented to the board to accept the financial information provided by Frank. Board approved financial information.

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General Information

- John Gryb introduced himself as an umpire. Indicated that his doctor cleared him to umpire. He is certified by the City of Pittsburgh. He handed in his clearances. He indicated that every 4-5 weeks he is on call and won't be able to umpire games. He indicated that he will do 2 games an evening. John will be the primary guy and his son will help him. In response, the board asked John if he would confirm with his son that he would help and anyone else who he knows that is certified that can be on back-up.
- Board discussed that we might need to contract another group to be a back-up for umpires.
- Councilmen Harvey and Rob Falce talked about the clearances for the league. Bob Daley talked to them and what the law actually states. The concession stand was discussed and confirmed that the league will be getting \$7,500.00 from Denny Cornetto. Harvey and Rob indicated we can make an ultimate decision on the basketball hoop, we just have to let them know if we want the rule to be when game are played, there are no basketball games to be played. In addition, they indicated that borough would have a cleanup crew to get to the park at Trautman.
- A copy of all clearances need to be submitted to the borough. Once I get them in, I will photocopy them for him.
- Per Bill Campbell, SV gets the usage of the new West Field first.
- Bob talked about the rules for the clearances and which ones give you an automatic out. The board agreed that outside those violations, the league will make a choice regarding a coach.
- Harvey indicated that he was sure the league was reimbursed for the grease trap.
- Jason Ponewiaz asked if all police officers need to get clearances. The board said yes.
- Boomer said that an individual board member should be in charge of keeping the clearances. It was indicated that Danielle would be handling.
- Tim Fisher wanted to know if the board had to sign a Code of Conduct. Bob Daley told him that we will put on April's agenda.
- Danielle spoke to the managers at the meeting and passed out the white binders. Inside the binders are code of conduct for each manager and coaches to sign.
- Nelson talked about why we are doing some parent requests for teams.
- Bob spoke about the bylaws. Tony is going to try to talk to parents about their individual requests for teams.
- Tim Fisher spoke about the bylaws and was concerned that the bylaws were not going to be followed during the draft. Was concerned about how kids would be ranked. Tony told Tim that the bylaws would be followed and kids would be ranked properly.
- Motion from Bill Vrbin presented to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Board approved.
- All the registration numbers where discussed and the breakdown between each division.
- It was agreed that the Metro teams would pay the \$225.00 if they play on any Steel Valley team.
- Nelson stated that metro kids should not be coming to any gym practices.
- 4/11 is cleanup at Trautman. Get people to come and help organize the garage. Jason indicated that there was a juvenile that had to do community service hours and when we were ready to call him. Jason would get the kids to the field. (The name of the child is in the handwritten minutes)
- Denny got the keys for the concession stand. Denny also talked to Dave Harhai regarding getting the keys for Calhoun field.

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- Motion made by Nelson to get a portable mound for Calhoun. Board agreed. It was agreed that the cost would be between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00. Chris was going to call TJ regarding the 2 mounds they purchased (Chris did call, no mounds to sell from TJ)
- In regards to the Grant – Bob Daley gave the letter with the estimate over 2 weeks ago to Costa. Just have to wait to see what happens.
- Motion made from Mike for every kid to have a helmet in the league. Board agreed. Bill wanted to outlaw chrome helmets. Danielle indicated that since the parents probably already bought helmets, we will bring the issue up next year.
- Frank will schedule games this year, with the assistance from Mike Dugan.
- The outline for the draft was decided (11:00 a.m. for instruction; 11:30 for T-shirt; 1:00 p. for Minor and 2:30 p.m. for little) Tony D. will send out e-mails to the managers with these times.
- Tony will have a list together with the assistance of Coach Rick and get some of the other ratings prior to the draft.
- Practices – legally everyone has until July 1st to get their clearances. Coaches at this time can practice with the teams. By opening day, all managers and coaches have to have the clearances submitted to Danielle or they don't go on the field to coach/manage.
- Danielle is collecting clearances. If there are any problems that arise, it will be discussed with the executive board. Managers were all told to contact Danielle and let her know who the coaches are so she can follow-up with the clearances.
- Mike will make a few changes to the rules. 10/11 – 4 outfielders and 1 catcher; 9 – 4 outfielders, no catcher; 8 – 3 outfielders and no catcher.
- Mike will e-mail the rules to Bob to review. Once the rules are confirmed, Mike will get the rules printed out. Mike will laminate the rules and Nelson will put them up.
- Renew the small game of chance with the county. The application and check was mailed on 3/25. Would like to do a 50/50 on opening day.
- Denny wants to do a raffle for a signed Jerome Betis shirt to benefit his travel team. ½ the money would go to juvenile diabetes and the other ½ to the travel team. Frank said we shouldn't be doing that on opening day. He can do it another day for his Metro team.
- Danielle asked the board members if they would donate \$20.00 to make the baskets or donate a basket. Quinn and Mike will be donating baskets. Quinn volunteered to call the businesses who did not respond to the donation letter. Bob Daley will get some pirate tickets from his work.
- Rodney Bender's friend who makes ball holders would like to come to opening day. Board said yes and whatever he sells, 20% will be donated back to the league.
- Rodney asked if he would give 20% of the profit on his jersey raffle, could he do that. The Board indicated that after opening day, Denny can do the raffle and give 20% back to the league.
- Versetti was asked to look at the scoreboard and make sure it works.
- Denny asked that with the manager's specials, they should be pre-paid by the managers.
- Boomer indicated that Billy Rodgers will deliver dirt. Not sure when, but hoping it will be soon.
- Advanced turf – Frank will order supplies for opening day (1 red & orange pallet; 20 bags of Lyme (some goes to Calhoun))
- Roy will call Jim Revak to see if he can do the field at Trautman. Nelson 2n the Motion. Will have a price for Revak at the next meeting. (Roy Cochrane)

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- Frank indicated he would put out a new budget by the end of the week.
- PJ asked if Bob ever talked to Don Kraft about the 3Rivers Wrath 11u team and coming to play against the other little league teams. If not, we could try and merge the teams next year.
- Nelson will do maintenance on the tractors. Nelson will be reimbursed on any issues performed. Nelson will take the tractor at west Field and bring it up to Trautman. Nelson will do Calhoun field as well. He will be reimbursed for any issues that come up on the tractor. A tractor needs to be taken from west Field and brought up to Calhoun.
- We need dates for the All Star tournaments because they need to be posted on MCAA ASAP. Need preliminary dates to put up on the website. Nelson will try and get the information.
- Next meeting there will be dates define to put on the MCAA website.
- Nelson said that Duquesne Light said we are approved. Weather problems for the delay. Will be out to see how many poles we need and what the monthly fee is.

Fundraising:

- Cash Bash was cancelled. The consensus is that we should just wait this year to let everything die down over the investigation.
- Instead of the Cash Bash, we will do the 99 hit a thon. Possible to make a lot of money. Information was provided to Frank. The company does all the leg work and sends out e-mails. Try to do towards the end of the year.
- Denny was asked about doing a Sarris chocolate sell. Denny was going to ask his Partner.
- Quinn talked about locks of love fundraisers and gave Danielle the information.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 12th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Munhall Borough Building