

Southampton Township Recreation Association
General Meeting Minutes February 10, 2009

Officers Present: Frank Maggipinto (President), Tracy Walker (1st Vice President), Brian Sprague (2nd Vice President), Frank Donnelly (3rd Vice President), Charles Roseboro (Treasurer), Lynette Blair (Secretary)

Public Members Present: Kathy Adams, Larry Jamerson, Lathan Tiver, Ryan Huston, John Olsen, Rick Bowman

Review of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m. with a reading of the minutes of the January 13, 2008. Frank Maggipinto made a motion to accept the minutes as edited and Brian Sprague seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1 The account balances as of February 10, 2009 are as follows:
 - a Beneficial (Farmers & Mechanics) Bank: \$30,822.15
 - b Certificate of Deposit: \$33,862.07
 - c Hans Lokan Mem. Scholarship Fund: \$713.69
 - d FMS Fundraising Account: \$202.60
 - e Total assets are \$65,600.51

- 2 The following checks need to be approved:
 - a LGCCC: \$35.00 (check was written in August, but just cleared. \$35 late fee charged)
 - b Charles Roseboro: \$5.32 (LGCCC certified receipt mail)
 - c Sam's Club Membership renewal: \$105.00
 - d Southampton Township Board of Education: \$ 1037.80 (weekend gym use)
 - e January Referee Fees: \$2192.00
 - f Rutgers SAFTEY Clinic Training Course: \$508 (training certification class for two)
 - g Bob DuBois; MLAA: \$153.00 (Rutgers SAFTEY class)
 - h Tumbling Dice: \$4900.00 (Casino Night 2008 fees, \$2900 to be submitted the Township allotment, \$2000 to be paid by STRA)
 - i Frank Maggipinto made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Brian Sprague and Lynette Blair seconded.

- 3 The basketball uniform bill was submitted to the township allotment on 2/5/09, but was inadvertently paid by STRA.

Sponsorships:

- 1 All the basketball sponsorships are in and have been paid.
- 2 Kathy Adams noted that she can not hang sponsorship banners at the hockey fields. STRA to investigate as to whether banners can be posted temporarily during games only.
- 3 The follow businesses have agreed to provide sponsorships:
 - a PNC bank
 - b Pinelands Driving School
 - c Dicks Sporting Goods
 - d New Egypt Raceway
 - e Pinelands Sports Center
 - f Dave Decker
 - g RTW

h Beechwood Landscaping

Basketball:

- 1 There have been problems reported with some of the NCAA basketballs. About half have deformed into egg shapes.
- 2 Awards night is scheduled for March 13. Awards are to be presented at 7 p.m. and the teachers vs. coaches game is to be at 8 p.m. The following trophies need to be purchased”
 - a 99 male trophies
 - b 48 female trophies
 - c 32 male instructional trophies
 - d 10 female instructional trophies
- 3 STRA will be hosting the 7th/8th grade tournaments consisting of 4 – 6 games during the second week of March. We will be billing other participating towns for referee fees.
- 4 A check for \$750 will need to be sent to MLAA for the 5 teams (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) participating in their tournament.
- 5 Hallway patrols have be working, there have been no complaints from Mr. Harris.
- 6 The All-Star uniforms have been received.

Baseball and Softball:

- 1 Lathan Tiver expressed interest in being a TeeBall coach, but would need to attend the Rutgers SAFTEY course. One is to be scheduled in March. Information will be provided on the web site as soon as the class is scheduled. It was noted that the class comes on a VHS tape. Conversion to DVD format should be considered.
- 2 John Olsen has agreed to take over the softball commissioner position from Dan Brownell and Frank Maggipinto made the official appointment. John, Dan and Frank Donnelly will schedule a time to perform the softball equipment inventory and Frank will also provide John with a current list of registrants.
- 3 Rick asked if the Rookie field could be expanded to 46/60. Brian indicated that the bases could be moved.
- 4 The T-ball field can not be moved because it encroaches upon the creek. STRA is looking into reorienting the field, putting up poles and netting, or both. Brian believes that if the field is moved, the project should be done well which would include moving the backstop and fencing.
- 5 Quote for the lighting project have been received from ABS electric and Lucas electric. Frank Donnelly noted that STRA could provide whichever business performing the job a letter enabling them to make a tax deduction for any donated services. Frank Maggipinto said that STRA should solicit special sponsors for the project. He would also like to commission a display case to honor various sponsors.
- 6 Rick still needs to appoint individual commissioners and he is working to draft a budget. At this point, there is the potential to have 3 Babe Ruth teams and 4 majors’ teams. If so, he would need and an additional set of catcher’s equipment for each team. He will do an inventory to assess any other necessary equipment. Replacement L screens and a new Rookie net are required.
- 7 Evaluations for Rookies, Minors, and Majors are scheduled for February 21. The times for the various levels will be posted on the web page.
- 8 Rick requested having Joe Barth of The Hit Doctor give a coaching clinic on February 28. The purpose of this clinic is to teach coaches how to teach the children.
- 9 Field prep days are scheduled for March 7 and 14 with March 21 as a rain date. Frank Maggipinto will make a worklist.

- 10 It was noted that STRA should utilize those who have volunteered as General volunteers to be contact people for those who have volunteered for Casino Night, family fun night, and field prep.
- 11 As in previous years, if Woodland Township is not be able to field a full range of teams STRA will allow children without a team to play on an STRA team.
- 12 Brian and Frank Maggipinto attended the township Recreation meeting and have tacit approval to proceed with the lighting project. Frank also mentioned to Mayor Jim Young that financial assistant may be needed to complete the project.
- 13 The installation of alarms on the concession stand and sheds is still being investigated.

Soccer, Field Hockey, and Fall Baseball

- 1 Keith Lubner has requested to use the soccer fields for the Seneca United travel soccer league. They provide their own paint and do not use STRA supplies. Keith keeps his supplies sequestered in a part of the trailer and does not have access to the second trailer.
- 2 There has been no reply to repeated email communications from Frank Maggipinto to the Ft Dix travel soccer group that used STRA soccer fields in November regarding underpayment of approximately \$3000 for field usage. There was an admission of error, but no follow-up. Charles suggested that in the future, STRA either not do business with this organization or require payment in advance of the event.

Other Business:

Larry Jamerson presented his proposal for adapting the concessions this season. He stated that a remodel of the concession stand would cost at least \$7000 since at the very least a range hood would need to be installed as well as purchasing a new stove and refrigerator. Instead he is proposing using a mobile trailer system that would be able to be used in multiple venues including the soccer fields. Larry plans to purchase the trailer and a Famous Uncle Al's franchise. He is guaranteeing to be present for all STRA games. In addition, he would move the trailer to other locations for other business when not providing concessions for STRA. STRA would receive a commission of off-premises profits as well. There would be no out of pocket expenses to STRA. The trailer could also be available for the Merchant's games as well.

Charles asked if Larry had any reasonable projections for profit potential which Larry did not have at the time. Larry is to be meeting with the Famous Uncle Al's corporation to finalize franchise contract in the following week. He will submit proposals to STRA following this. Charles also asked if the organization would be required to use franchise proprietary items and was told that it would not.

Coverage for Fun Nights would most likely bill a token price per head served or would present a limited menu at a fixed price.

If STRA would like the trailer be available for opening day, Larry should be notified by March 1st.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 8 p.m. at the township Municipal building.

Frank Maggipinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 p.m. and Charles Roseboro seconded.