

## Southampton Township Recreation Association General Meeting Minutes March 10, 2009

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

**Public Members Present:** Larry Jamerson, Jessica Willitts, Kathy Adams, Rick Bowman, Ryan Huston

**Review of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 8:17 pm with a reading of the minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting. Frank Donnelly made a motion to accept the minutes as edited and Charles Roseboro seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- 1 The account balances as of March 10, 2009 are as follows:
  - a Beneficial (Farmers & Mechanics) Bank: \$24,969.45
  - b Certificate of Deposit: \$33,862.07
  - c Hans Lokan Mem. Scholarship Fund: \$713.69
  - d FMS Fundraising Account: \$5102.60
  - e Total assets are \$64,647.81
- 2 The Hans Lokan Memorial Scholarship fund is awarded to a Southampton resident who has participated in either baseball or softball. Traditionally, the amount of this scholarship has been \$1000. Charles made a motion to contribute \$300.00 from the General Funds account to bring the Scholarship Fund balance to \$1010.69 and Lynette seconded the motion. Charles also suggested placing information about Hans Lokan on the website and encouraging donations from the community.
- 3 The following checks need to be approved:
  - a \$984.95: D&N, basketball trophies
  - b \$384.00: Demosphere fees
  - c \$287.00: Selective insurance, coverage for concession stand.
  - d \$15.26: Central Record, advertising fees
  - e \$300.00: Kathy Yeager, hockey sticks (Invoice submitted to Kathy Adams via email; Charles requested a copy be forwarded to him.)
  - f \$103.50: Radomicki 4<sup>th</sup> grade uniforms
  - g \$300.00: Radomicki, sweatshirts for winning 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team
  - h \$299.00 Radomicki uniforms
  - i \$265.97: Lowes
4. Frank Donnelly made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Lynette seconded.

### **Sponsorships:**

Sponsorships have been very successful with 30 committed sponsors. Tracy has been soliciting feedback from the sponsors. There is a strong possibility of developing a sponsorship booklet to be distributed in future seasons.

Brian has spoken with Mayor Young and was told that it would be acceptable to hang sponsor banners during hockey games, but he would not recommend leaving them up for the entire season.

Charles provided pictures of the basketball teams to Tracy. She is to get quotes for plaques, which will be given to the sponsors.

**Basketball:**

1. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the girls' ' 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team has been undefeated. Congratulations to the players for their achievement.
2. Basketball awards night is scheduled for March 13, 2009. Ryan would like to sell candy and snacks as a fundraiser for consumption in the cafeteria. Frank Maggipinto said there were also bottled drinks in the concession stand that could be sold. However, with such short notice, it will be difficult to get volunteers to sell and serve food.

**Baseball and Softball:**

- 1 Rick has ordered 6 sets of catcher's gear for the Rookie teams. In addition, a replacement L screen and netting will cost approximately \$800.00.
- 2 Rick submitted the 2009 Baseball budget. He estimates expenses of \$17884.70 and income of \$20550.00 for a net gain of \$2663.30. A full copy of the budget is attached following the minutes.
- 3 STRA need to address the method for collecting the money for the district team uniforms as D&N has expressed concern over late payments in 2008. Charles made a motion to collect the \$30 fee at the time of try-outs. Checks will be held until selections are made at which time checks can either be cashed or voided depending upon the draft result. Frank Maggipinto seconded the motion.
- 4 The afternoon of May 2 is blacked out for baseball day at Seneca. Additional information will be provided later and can be posted on the website.
- 5 The Districts will be late this year. None start before July 3.
- 6 Ryan Huston and Maile Irion attended the Rutgers Clinician training course on March 1, 2009. Pending receipt of examination results we are tentatively planning to have a Rutgers SAFTEY class on or around March 23, 2009.
- 7 The following orders have been places:
  - a All-Star Sports – baseballs and softballs
  - b D&N – baseball uniforms
  - c Radomicki – softball uniforms
- 8 Brian has spoken with Chuck Oatman and hopes to get about 8 loads of field mix.
- 9 Rick asked about getting fake dogs to deter geese on the baseball fields. Charles said that the issue should be followed up with the township as the goose excrement is a biological hazard.
- 10 Brian says that moving the Rookie fence line would require township approval. He is to meet with Chuck Oatman to discuss relocating the T-ball field. Mr. Oatman has also volunteered to make base paths as well.
- 11 The softball budget has been submitted electronically. A full copy of the budget is attached following the minutes.

**Soccer, Field Hockey, and Fall Baseball**

1. Keith Lubner's travel soccer group is to start using the fields again this month.
2. Brian is to contact Bill Moore to assess the soccer and hockey fields for repairs. Brian also would like to have him look at the T-ball field.

**Other Business:****Concessions:**

Larry Jamerson has been unable to negotiate a finalized contract for his proposed vending trailer. For the interim, he suggests running concessions with a manager as was done in 2008. All profits from concessions sold on STRA property will go to STRA. Therefore, the stove and refrigerator will need to be updated. Larry believes he will be able to get Pepsi to install a soda machine. When Larry's concession trailer is available, he plans to offer a more extensive menu with the potential for families to choose meals from STRA concessions rather than using other vendors. Larry guarantees having coverage for STRA and

for the Merchants. In addition, when the trailer is operating at other locations, a percentage of the profits will be donated to STRA

**Lighting Project:**

1. Three bids for the project were received, ABS, Lucas, and Watt. Lucas Electric Co provided the low bid. Lucas has indicated verbally that he can begin by March 23. Frank Maggipinto will initiate written contracts and contact Lucas on March 11.
2. Brian has tested the lights and there are 28 working lights.
3. It was noted that at the Executive Committee meeting on February 15, 2009, the following was agreed:
  - The cost for the Majors' Field project will be \$19,900.00
  - The first payment of approximately 50% is to be made by STRA by 4/15/2009 following the completion of work.
  - STRA will guarantee full payment of the remaining balance within 60 days (June 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - STRA will submit approximately \$10,000 of the lighting project costs for reimbursement from the 2009 Township Allotment.
4. Including new poles would bring the cost of lighting renovations to the Babe Ruth field to about \$11,000.00, therefore at this time STRA chooses to clean and re-aim the existing lights. There is a volunteer with access to a bucket truck, enabling STRA to clean the lights, rather than having to pay a contractor.
5. Brian can order and purchase replacement bulbs at \$62.10 per bulb. Frank Maggipinto made motion to approve \$1600.00 for re-aiming the lights on the Babe Ruth field and \$1800.00 for the purchase for light bulbs, for a total of \$3400.00. Charles seconded and the motion was approved by all.

**Casino Night:**

1. The application for license renewal has been located by the state and STRA should receive it within the week.
2. Mayor Young has verbally indicated that he would be willing to assist with printing needs.
3. Lisa Graham, Brian, and Tracy will meet to discuss Casino Night.

**Public Comment:**

Jessica Willits attended as a representative for the Booster Club. She stated that a condition linked to the formation of the Booster Club would be to communicate and cooperate with other organizations in Southampton Township. She claimed that she has requested multiple meetings with STRA and that STRA has not responded. Frank Maggipinto responded that he has told her previously to inform STRA as to what type of meeting she would like to have and arrangements would be made. Jessica's complaint was that she had made arrangements to set up a Camden Riversharks fundraiser, to find that STRA was planning a similar event. Tracy indicated that she would contact the Riversharks representative on March 11 to cancel the STRA fundraiser.

**The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 8 p.m. at the township Municipal building.**

*Charles Roseboro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. and Lynette Blair seconded.*