

Southampton Township Recreation Association General Meeting Minutes: November 11, 2008

Officers Present: Frank Maggipinto (president), Frank Donnelly, (3rd Vice President), Charles Roseboro (Treasurer), Lynette Blair (Secretary).

Public Members Present: Leo Wisniewski, Tracy Walker, Kathy Adams, Lisa Graham

Review of Minutes: The meeting was called was called to order at 8:05 PM with a reading of the minutes of October 14, 2008. Frank Maggipinto made a motion to accept the minutes as edited and Charles Roseboro seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1 The account balances as of November 11, 2008 are as follows:
 - a Beneficial (Farmers and Mechanics) Bank :\$20,387.11
 - b Certificate of Deposit: \$33,862.07
 - c Hans Lokan Mem. Scholarship Fund: \$33.66
 - d FMS Fundraising Account: \$282.60
 - e Total assets are: \$54,565.44
- 2 The following checks need to be approved:
 - a D&N: \$18.35 (short payment invoice), \$77.00 (short payment for cap add ons), \$200 (STRA portion for Catalano – districts)
 - b New Egypt Rec. Baseball:\$1875.00 Fall ball
 - c Silhouette Specialties: \$237.40 (Soccer Ref shirts)
 - d Courier Times: \$105.36 (Newspaper election ad)
 - e Central Record Publications: \$249.69 (Newspaper election ad)
 - f AJC: \$80 (field hockey weekend); \$180.00 (October PP rental)
 - g Charles Roseboro: \$58.00 (P.O. Box renewal)
 - h Pinelands Umpire Assoc: \$290.00 (fall ball umpire fees)
 - i MLAA: \$200.00 (Div 4 boys)
 - j MYAA: \$200.00 (Div 4 girls)
 - k Multiple child discount refunds to the following families: Graham \$25.00; Heffernan \$25.00; Mikulski \$25.00 (credit card refund); Schulte \$37.50 (credit card refund)
 - l Bill Martin's Irrigation Svc: \$645.00 (Baseball irrigation) – to be submitted to township allotment
- 3 Frank Maggipinto made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as noted and Charles Roseboro seconded.

Committee Issues:

Jim Corsey has decided to step down from the position of 1st Vice President for personal reasons. The primary duties of the 1st Vice President include fundraising and sponsorships. The full duties of the 1st Vice President, as written in the STRA constitution and by-laws are as follows:

First vice president (1) serves in place of the president during his absence; (2) assists the president in executing various tasks; (3) helps to administer and serve committees; (4) acts as presiding officer when the president decides to speak on a motion; (5) assumes the presidency when the office of

president becomes vacant until it is filled by an election; (6) is coordinator of the fund raising committees and is responsible for soliciting team sponsorship.

Frank Maggipinto asked if any present would be interested in assuming the position of 1st Vice President and Tracy Walker volunteered. She has experience working with Bordentown Recreation and has recently moved to Southampton Township.

The open position will also be broadcast on the STRA website and via email. Any STRA members interested in the position should contact STRA either via email or telephone voicemail. Frank Maggipinto would like to fill the position at the December meeting for the remaining 10 months of a 2-year term.

Basketball:

1. The basketball budget was submitted via email. There was an anticipated income of \$12940 and expenses of \$19071; however high school registration is not yet closed. Frank Donnelly requested a revised budget. He believes the actual shortfall to be around \$2000.
2. Bids for uniforms were received from 4 local producers and Radomicki had the best bid. The uniforms are to be double-sided green and yellow jerseys with sponsors and numbers on both sides.
3. All-Star had the best quote for basketballs. The order was combined with Tabernacle and Indian Mills to get the best discount. The townships will be invoiced separately.
4. As soon as the invoices for the uniforms and balls are received, Frank Maggipinto will submit them to the township allotment.
5. The list of basketball coaches has been submitted via email. There are two coaches that need to be checked to see if they have completed the Rutgers certification class.
6. Charles Roseboro and Ryan Huston have expressed interest in becoming Rutgers instructors.
7. Facility use forms have been submitted extending to the middle of March which will include baseball practice. The request has been approved with some exceptions. Frank Maggipinto will try to get it scanned and Frank Donnelly suggested posting it on the website.
8. Kathy Yeager emailed Ryan with an estimate for referee fees and the numbers differ from the budget which is too low. The shortfall needs to be addressed. Frank Donnelly suggested limiting additional home games since STRA pays referee fees for home games. Another suggestion would be to see if teams would be willing to split referee fees.
9. Frank Maggipinto will follow up with Ryan about referee fees and Frank Donnelly will forward the revised basketball budget to the board.

Soccer:

1. Leo Wisniewski reported that there would be a boys' tournament this weekend at Buddtown. There were also two other tournaments which have already been played, one in Medford, the second in Medford Lakes. Home games will be finished on the weekend of November 15th.
2. The fields have held up well, however the sod did not take in all the fields that were sodded earlier in the year. Frank Maggipinto said to look into resodding the goals, but Leo felt that it

might be better to spread seed this fall. Frank will talk to Brian to determine which is best and to get quotes from local businesses.

3. The boys' tournament has 7 teams committed at \$200 each.
4. The travel teams may have used our fields. This needs to be cleared with the board. Charles noted that a written agreement from any travel leagues using STRA fields. Kathy Adams mentioned that we have no idea how much paint is being used at our fields and how much elsewhere. Frank Maggipinto said that STRA will not pay for field lining unless it is a budgeted amount. Charles reminded everyone that Seneca United was supposed to line the fields since they were using them. Frank Maggipinto will speak with Keith about travel team field usage.
5. Leo will schedule a field cleanup/equipment return/inventory. This will probably be the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Baseball and Softball

1. Charles said that we need to get the baseball budget and sponsors prior to opening registration so that fees can be set appropriately. Frank Maggipinto agreed that in the future we will need to have budgets and sponsorships before a season begins and Frank Donnelly noted that commissioners can provide a base budget based upon the previous year's registration numbers, and then submit a revised budget once registration is complete. Frank Maggipinto suggested estimating 60 to 70% for sponsorships.
2. The fall ball season is finished. Steve Trendler's team went to the finals, then lost both games in the final tier. Frank Donnelly reported that Babe Ruth did well, winning three quarters of their games.
3. The township closed Memorial Field and shut off the water on November 3. Coaches did field cleanup and closed the concession stand on November 8. All the nets have been taken down with the exception of the Rookie net which was not fit to save. It will need to be replaced in the spring.
4. Rick needs to follow up on the return of equipment bags.

Field Hockey:

1. Kathy Adams reported that the round robin was held on November 1st and 2nd. It was a great weekend and the response from other towns was very positive. The Seniors had 4 wins in 4 games played and the Juniors had 3 losses and 2 ties.
2. Kathy is happy to report that she is not losing any senior girls since there were no 8th graders on the team.
3. The hockey teams are having a party on November 15 and the equipment will be collected then. She will do an inventory when returning the equipment to the trailer. The nets still need to be removed and stored.
4. A potential large expense in the 2009 budget will be replacing the goalie equipment for the Juniors and Seniors at at least \$400 per set.
5. Kathy projects slightly more travel in the 2009 season because Burlington may get a field.
6. Kathy would like to continue as Field Hockey Commissioner. Frank Maggipinto made the appointment official.
7. Kathy is also thinking about potentially running a fun clinic for 1st and 2nd graders. She does not have time to add a full third program but she could possibly do a short instructional

program for a couple of weeks. Frank Maggipinto said that when any new program is introduced STRA will send out a flyer as well as posting notice on the web site.

Casino Night:

1. Lisa is planning to meet with Heather at Flying W to address concerns from Casino Night 2008 and to get estimates for 2009. Other sites to be considered include Holy Eucharist, Pinelands Sports Center and Allen's Auction Barn.
2. Lisa mentioned the possibility of dropping Casino Night prices, reflecting the adverse economy. She would also like to have licensing and sponsorships out by the end of the year. Expenses will have to be carefully monitored and sponsorships are key. STRA needs to continue to work on building a sponsor base. Sponsors do not have to be local businesses.
3. Lisa has spoken with Scott Spruill about a relationship for printing. He would like to have a proposal submitted.
4. On-line registration for Casino Night should be considered. Demosphere would charge a fee, but it would possibly be off-set postage fees.

Other Issues:

Amendments to the STRA Constitution and By-Laws are to be on the table at the December meeting. All STRA members are encouraged to attend and contribute.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Township Municipal building.

Frank Maggipinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. and Lynette Blair seconded.