

## **Southampton Township Recreation Association General Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2008**

**Officers Present:** Frank Maggipinto (President), Jim Corsey (1st Vice President), Jim Papagno (2nd Vice President), Charles Roseboro (3rd Vice President), Brenda Bryan (Treasurer), Lynette Blair (Secretary)

**Public Members Present:** Brian Sprague, Gen Sprague, Kathy Adams, Jessica Willitts, Rick Bowman, Ryan Huston, Dave Klein, Dan Brownell, Dave Moore, Steve Trendler, Mike Mikulski

**Review of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. with a reading of the minutes of August 12, 2008. Frank Maggipinto made a motion to accept the minutes as edited and Jim Corsey seconded.

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

1. The account balances as of September 9, 2008 are as follows:
  - a. Beneficial (Farmers and Mechanics) Bank : \$14,486.96
  - b. Certificate of Deposit: \$44,009.56
  - c. Hans Lokan Mem Scholarship Fund: \$33.64
  - d. FMS Fundraising Account: \$802.60
  - e. Total assets are \$59,332.76
2. Total bills to date exceed the amount in General Funds. Brenda recommends redeeming a CD.
3. The 2008 Township Allotment is \$15,000. Bills submitted for payment from the allotment are
  - A, Spikes: (trophies for the 11's tournament) \$480
  - B. Central Record (election notice fees) \$246
  - c. Harrison (account services) \$675
  - d. Remaining allotment: \$13,599
4. Sponsors for spring softball and baseball still have not been invoiced. Brenda needs the list of sponsors so she can complete invoicing.
5. The following checks or refunds need to be approved:
  - a. Any girls in grades 7 or 8 who registered for soccer need to be refunded as there were not enough players registered to field a team.
  - b. Service Work Bond Refunds for Stacy Malcolm, Dave Klein, Ken Gerber, John Olson and Andy Singer
  - c. D&N: multiple invoices for fall sports uniforms totaling \$9,959.05. This is to be submitted to the township allotment.
  - d. Burlington County Times: fee for election ad listing \$105.36
  - e. Demosphere fees: \$384.00
  - f. All-Star Sports \$118.00
  - g. Bonnie Rockhill baseball refund \$55.00
  - h. Keith Lubner, refund for referee shirts \$76.35
  - i. Bill Calhoun for setting and lining fields \$160.00
  - j. Montgomery Chemical, white and orange paint for lining fields. \$1282.00. Submit to township allotment.
  - k. AJC Septic for portable toilets \$90.00

- l.* Mr. Bob, portable toilets delivery fee \$75.00
- m.* Kathy Adams needs checks for hockey referees. She will provide a game schedule to the treasurer.
6. Frank motioned to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Jim Corsey and approved by all.

### **Board Elections:**

1. Frank commenced the elections by listing the positions open for nomination with a summary of their responsibilities. They are:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – responsible for special projects, field maintenance and upgrades and fundraising.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – responsible for inventory, securing material estimates and purchasing of equipment and uniforms.
  - Treasurer – prepares budgets for each sport and pays all associated bills on time. Prepares & presents financial reports (balance sheet) at each monthly meeting; collects and deposits monies from sponsorships/fund raising, and collects all registration fees for all sports.

Frank then opened the floor for nominations.

2. Gen Sprague nominated Brian Sprague for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Rick Bowman seconded. There were no other nominations.
3. Jessica Willitts nominated Frank Donnelly for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Brian Sprague seconded. Frank asked Ryan Huston if he was interested in the position, but Ryan declined. There were no other nominations.
4. Mike Mikulski nominated Charles Roseboro for treasurer; Brian Sprague seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations
5. Votes were cast, then tallied by Jim Corsey who announced that all nominees had been elected unanimously.
6. A transition meeting will be held on September 25 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal building.
7. Jim Corsey presented plaques of appreciation to Jim Papagno and Brenda Bryan for their service.

### **Baseball:**

1. Rick submitted his budget via email on September 9, 2008. With no sponsors, the estimated income will be lower than anticipated.
2. Fall baseball has two Minors teams and two Majors teams playing in the Pinelands division. Babe Ruth has one team playing in the Delran division. There are 20 teams in this division, including Mount Laurel, Cinnaminson, Delran, and Moorestown. The total fee is \$600, of which STRA will pay \$350. They will play 15 to 16 games. The umpires will bill at the end of the season.
3. Rick requested two additional BR uniforms. He also got 3 dozen balls from All-Star sports for Babe Ruth.
4. There may be 2 additional registrants for the Majors' teams. Registration was low for this division, so additional players may be considered despite the season having already started.
5. Chuck Oatman reported vandalism in the men's restroom at Memorial field. Frank asked Rick and Mike to pass word to all the coaches to report any damage they may notice immediately.

6. Mike Mikulski recommended changing the Rookie field to 46/60 to match the other townships.
7. The practice and game schedules need to be posted in the shed. Public Works is willing to cut and drag the fields on Fridays. Rick requested the fields also be dragged one earlier in the week. Additional lime for lining the fields is needed.
8. Lights and safety netting are still an open issue. STRA has lights, and has received tacit approval to install them. Poles need to be ordered. Currently there is at least a 90-day backlog on poles. STRA is to request permission from the township to hang netting to protect the T-ball players and spectators from balls hit over the Majors' fence. Reorienting the t-ball field has also been suggested, and Charles requested STRA seriously consider changing the field orientation prior to the 2009 season. Jim Corsey noted, and all agreed, that nets are essential for field safety.
9. First Aid kits and ice packs need to be ordered.

### **Field Hockey:**

1. Kathy has the field hockey schedule and will deliver it to Sandy at the Township building who will see that it gets to Public Works.
2. There are two hockey teams. The Juniors have 11 players and the Seniors have 14 players. She has one sweet fund request and is to have the person contact STRA via email.
3. Kathy is still waiting for the school's hockey schedule. Upon receipt, she will submit a facility request form for STRA practice time.
4. Kathy needs 2 new first aid kits and ice packs. She also asked about insurance forms. Brenda will put some paper copies in the box at the hockey field. Charles will also put the forms on the web page.
5. Team photos are scheduled for October 4. Hockey is not playing at home that day, so Kathy will contact Impact Photography to request another date for hockey pictures.
6. Kathy would like to schedule a single session at the Pinelands Sport Center for practice time on an indoor field. This year, the parent's will have to cover the cost, but she should include this in next year's budget. Jim Corsey will talk to the owner of the Pinelands Sport Center to see if STRA could get a reduced rate.
7. Kathy has not purchased additional hockey sticks yet; she is planning on ordering them at the end of the season.
8. Dan Brownell obtained supplies for repair of the hockey goals. He has been reimbursed.

### **Basketball:**

1. Registration information night is September 24, 6 p.m. at the school, which is also back to school night. Frank and Lynette can be present.
2. Raising registration fees was discussed. Fees must be increased \$5 to cover Demosphere fees. However referee fees have been over budget for at least two years, sponsorships have been declining, and usage fees for the gym may increase. Frank made a motion to increase all basketball registration fees by \$10, Brenda seconded, and the motion was approved by all.
3. Registration will open on September 15 and close on October 10. Frank will forward a flyer to Mr. Harris at Southampton schools. Ryan is planning a coached meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> with practices starting in November.

### **Soccer:**

1. Frank has not heard from Leo.
2. Brian Sprague will see to painting the shed and having the fence repaired.
3. The nets are up at the Buddtown fields.
4. There should be 5 paint machines. Kathy keeps one in her shed, Jim Corsey reports there are two in the soccer shed, and one is broken. Need to locate other machines.
5. Soccer fun night is usually held in October, however if there is not an increase in volunteers the event will have to be cancelled.

### **Other Issues:**

1. Gen Sprague noted that email notices are not being received. Lynette replied that we are phasing out Hotmail, and working to have all notices be broadcast via Demosphere.
2. Jessica Willitts asked why STRA does not host a single night manual registration for those who do not have internet access. Frank replied that there will be an information night, but computer sign-ups will continue. If someone can not get internet access via the library, a friend, or a neighbor, they should call the voicemail, leave a message, and arrangements will be made.
3. Jim Corsey gave a message from Eddie Fisher of the Pinelands Sport Center. There is a sports medicine doctor who is to be giving free clinics at Pinelands on how to prevent sports injuries. Interested persons should contact the Sport Center.
4. Jessica Willitts spoke as the Booster Club president requesting a meeting with STRA. She also stated that no one from the Booster Club would come to STRA requesting assistance in paying for the Booster Club's baseball field.
5. Jessica also spoke as a parent complaining an overall lack of responsiveness among STRA. She cited the T-ball field safety issue, graffiti on the shed at the Buddtown fields, late schedules and uniforms for soccer. The validity of her complaints was noted, but it was also noted that STRA is and must be more than the members of the Executive Board and Commissioners. The organization is in need of more volunteers to aid in many aspects of the organization. Brenda mentioned that STRA published a quarterly newsletter in the past, perhaps it should resume.

**The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 8 p.m. at the Township Municipal building.**

*Frank Maggipinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m. and Brenda Bryan seconded.*