

Southampton Township Recreation Association  
General Meeting Minutes May 13, 2008

**Officers Present:** Frank Maggipinto (President), Jim Corsey (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Jim Papagno (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Brenda Bryan (Treasurer), Lynette Blair (Secretary)

**Public Members Present:** Rick Bowman, Kathy Adams, Jessica Willitts, Dan Brownell

**Review of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm with a reading of the minutes of April 8, 2008. Jim Corsey made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Brenda Bryan seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. The treasurer's report is to be waived until the next meeting.
2. Brenda needs a list of the softball and baseball sponsors so they can be invoiced. Jim Corsey will provide them to Brenda via email on 5/14.
3. The Service Workbond (SWB) reimbursements are current to last week.
4. The Meyers insurance policy renewal is due 5/29/2008. The fees and the limits are the same as in 2007. This policy covers player liability and 52 weeks of accident coverage.
5. The check to Babe Ruth for the Rookies was \$65. We have received ID cards and scorebooks
6. The following checks need to be approved:
  - a. Pinelands Umpires: \$3180
  - b. Shoreline Foods: \$435.76
  - c. D&N: \$651.40 baseballs for Babe Ruth
  - d. D&N: \$54.90 softball equipment, 2 pitching plates, 8 scorebooks
  - e. D&N: \$92.70 baseball
  - f. D&N: \$255.40 Minors – exchange/reprint jerseys. D&N mistakenly printed Atlanta Braves shirts for one of the Minor's teams rather than Athletics. Jim Corsey suggested keeping them in inventory and trying to use them next season if we can work out sizes and sponsors.
  - g. D&N: \$192.00 Changing the dates on the Casino Night banners. This will be paid out from the Casino Night account
  - h. Jim Papagno made a motion to accept the listed bills, Lynette Blair seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

**Sponsorships:**

All baseball and softball teams covered from the Major's down. Warfield Brothers was used to cover any extras.

**Baseball:**

1. STRA has been invited to participate in the Memorial Day parade. Jessica Willitts offered the use of her truck to pull a trailer for the children to ride.
2. Rookie night is to be on June 13, 2008. Food will be provided. We will need to secure a company to provide generators, lights, and tie-downs as well as the

- inflatable games. Jessica Willitts asked if there could be games provided for the older children as well as for the young ones. She also suggested hiring a vendor who will also provide staff to supervise. She will look into providers and get back to Frank. Frank asked Rick to email the coaches to get volunteers for Rookie night.
3. There is to be a baseball coaches meeting on 5/14 to organize the district teams and get the shirt sizes for placing the orders.
  4. The try-outs for the district teams were well attended. Brian Sprague is working with Indian Mills to see if a joint 14 year old team can be formed. Rick is also looking for a U11 district director. This needs to be someone who does not have a child on the team, yet can be on the field at each game.
  5. All of the coaches are now have Rutgers certification. All district coaches and assistant coaches have been informed of the Babe Ruth certification requirements. Copies of the certification are to be kept in the book.
  6. The fireworks are to be staged from the Good Farm property on 7/12/2008, so we will not have firework debris to clean up, however that Saturday is still blocked out and not district games can be scheduled then. Rick will pass that information to Bruce O'Neil.
  7. Since STRA is hosting the 11's in the districts, we need to provide black letter balls for the games (CAL-01 with black letters and insignia). We will need at least 3 balls/game and a dozen balls per team.
  8. Ken Coughlin reports that his Babe Ruth team is out of game balls.
  9. On 4/13/08, Brian Sprague reported to Rick that home plate was missing from the Minor's field. It was known to be present Saturday night and found to be missing Monday morning. A temporary base has been put down and the whereabouts of the base is being investigated.
  10. There has been no news regarding the theft of the pitching machine. Jim Corsey is to provide a list of the contact information for all persons in possession of STRA keys to state police Trooper Mason who is investigating the case. The police believe the theft to be an inside job as STRA had been in possession of the machine for only a few days. STRA thanks Mayor Young for having reward posters made. These have been placed throughout the town. Jugs (the manufacturer) has a record of the serial and model numbers which have been flagged. STRA is investigations security systems. Limited access to the keys would also be good, but then we would need someone who would be willing to be on call.
  11. Rick asked again about the possibility of purchasing the dune rig from Mount Laurel, but Frank indicated that STRA is to freeze all discretionary purchases until the theft issue is resolved.
  12. STRA traded 3 batting cage nets in exchange for 41 lights. The poles needed for the lights will not be donated and have to be ordered. There is hope that the utility company will donate the labor needed to drill the holes to install the poles.

**Softball:**

1. Dan Brownell returned \$390 of the \$440 in excess money allotted for umpire fees for the U10's. He requested permission to purchase a used Catalyst bat (\$200 original value) and a used Worth bat (\$100+ original value) with the remaining \$50. Frank made a motion to accept the request and Jim Corsey seconded.
2. The cost for the softball tournament for the U10's, U12's, and U14's will be approximately \$1200.
3. The cost for the Round Robin for the U8 and U10's was to have been \$1200, but one U8 team (Griffith) was unable to participate, so the bill should be lower.
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### **Soccer**

1. The landscape work on the soccer fields has been completed. Sod was laid on 3 fields. Either new benches or new legs for the benches must be obtained.
2. Jessica Willitts asked what is to be done about the graffiti on the soccer field shed. Jim Papagno said there is paint leftover from painting the concession stand and it can be used on the soccer shed.

### **Field Hockey:**

1. Kathy Adams asked about the current number of signups for field hockey. Jim Papagno said there are 6 registered to date.
2. Kathy requested training on web site usage. This is to be coordinated with Charles Roseboro.
3. Kathy commented that since paper registrations have been discontinued, she has fewer opportunities to encourage hockey signups since she is not meeting potential players.
4. The hockey field was seeded, limed and fertilized.
5. Replacement clips are still needed for the nets. The nets are fine, but some cages need repair, mostly wheels. Kathy would also like to replace the plywood.
6. When Kathy submits her budget, she will also submit requests for coaches. In 2007 she had 2 teams with 4 coaching staff.

### **Other Issues:**

1. The concession stand will be turned over to Jamerson (Shoreline Foods) on Monday, May 19, 2008. STRA will close everything out, then Jamerson will purchase the inventory. STRA will receive 33% of the total sales. We will get daily or weekly invoices to show sales. It was noted that we do not charge for food on Rookie night (June 13, 2008), but we will still need to pay for concession services. Brenda will enquire as to the service charge for rookie night. It was also noted that the concession stand needs to remain open until 10 pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights for the Rancocoas Valley (RVL) adult league. Jim Papagno mentioned that we will need to get a contract detailing the hours worked.
2. Registration for Casino Night has been low. So far 130 tickets have been sold and \$4975 promised in sponsorships. The horse race, liquor, and poker sponsorships have sold out. We still need sponsors for printing, music/DJ, and the front and back of the book. Volunteers are needed to help out at Casino Night, to assist in

- check-in and decorating in the afternoon. The doors open at 6 pm, but the event starts at 7:30 pm.
3. The Seneca Golden Eagles basketball camps for boys and girls have open registration. A link to the registration forms can be found at [www.strasports.org](http://www.strasports.org)
  4. Jessica Willitts also had questions regarding the safety of the T-Ball field. Many balls have been hit over the fence from the Major's field this season. She quoted old minutes mentioning the possibility of relocating the T-Ball field. While relocating the field seems unlikely at this time, Frank would like to approach the township with the possibility of installing safety netting at the same time we install the lights.

**Open Item:**

1. Safety netting to separate the Major's field from the T-Ball field.

**The next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 2008, 8 pm at the township Municipal building.**

*Jim Corsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 pm and Frank Maggipinto seconded.*