

Southampton Township Recreation Association
General Meeting Minutes February 12, 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: Lisa Graham, Dan Brownell, Keith Lubner, Rick Bowman, and Ryan Huston.

Review of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 pm with a reading of the minutes of January 8, 2008. Jim Papagno made a motion to accept the minutes as edited and Charles Roseboro seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The account balances as of February 11, 2008, are as follows:
 - a. Beneficial (Farmer's and Mechanic's Bank) \$41,214.32.
 - b. Certificate of Deposit \$44,009.56.
 - c. Hans Lokan Mem Scholarship Fund \$1033.51.
 - d. FMS Fundraising Account \$11,537.59. \$10,600.00 is to be transferred from the fundraising account to general funds.
 - e. Total assets are \$97794.98
2. Brenda Bryan reported that the following checks need to be approved:
 - a. D&N \$153.90
 - b. Jim Corsey (for township luncheon) \$12.42)
 - c. Charles Roseboro (for paper) \$9.99
 - d. Demosphere \$24.41
 - e. \$100 Casino Night license fee – state
 - f. \$100 Casino Night license fee – Medford
 - g. \$50 Casino Night Racing fee – State
 - h. \$50 Casino Night Racing fee – Medford
 - i. \$20 Casino Night Of-Premises 50/50 fee – State
 - j. \$20 Casino Night Of-Premises 50/50 fee – Medford
 - k. \$10.50, \$409.50, & \$57.50 Radomicki invoices
3. Jim Papagno made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and checks; the motion was seconded by Jim Corsey and approved by all.

Basketball:

1. Ryan Huston would like to schedule awards night for March 18th. There is also to be a school faculty vs. coaches game. There have been 50 nights tallied when parent-volunteers have patrolled for school security. At \$25/night, they have earned \$1250 for this event. Ryan would like to give trophies across the board, with additional trophies for winners of in-house events. Charles Roseboro will order the trophies from D&N. There will be no personalization, all will be engraved "STRA Basketball 2008." The price is not to exceed \$6/trophy and Ryan will get the number needed to

- order to Charles. Ryan would like Basketball Recognition and Fun night to become an annual event. Jim Corsey asked what would be done with the balance of the money. Ryan suggested purchasing small prizes for winners of the contests, or else contributing the remainder to the fund for next year's event. Frank Maggipinto motioned that funds not to exceed \$1250 be available to Basketball Fun night and awards; Jim Papagno seconded and the motion was agreed to by all. The school will put out a flyer about the event.
2. Jimmy Coughlin was injured and has received a refund.
 3. The All-Star uniforms are fine.
 4. There are no open issues with the referees.
 5. Playoffs
 - a. Ryan would like to participate in a tournament at Pemberton. The fees for this would be \$150 (which amount to one half of the referees' fees/game). The tournament is to be on March 7, 8, and 9. There will be three games for each team for a total of six games with a championship game on Sunday if they win. This tournament was not in the original budget. Frank noted that in baseball, fees for tournaments that are additional to those in the budget are taken on by the participating team. Ryan responded that in 2007 only one team was involved to STRA basketball was invited to participate for free. He will take note of the change and include this tournament in future budgets. Frank made a motion to accept paying an additional \$150 for the Pemberton tournament. Jim Corsey seconded and all others agreed.
 - b. The check for the All-Stars has been mailed.
 6. Frank has ice and will get it to the school.
 7. Status of player injuries:
 - a. Amber has returned to play.
 - b. Selale is still out.
 - c. Hannah Huston was pushed on Friday night. She is bruised, but has no other more serious injuries.

Baseball:

1. Baseball registration – divisional breakdowns
 - a. BR = 21
 - b. Majors = 21
 - c. Minors = 49
 - d. Rookies = 52
 - e. T-Ball = 65
 - f. It was noted that high school baseball cuts are not made until the first week of March. Last year at least 10 late registrants signed up for Babe Ruth baseball after the cuts. Baseball registrations will be extended (with the late fee) until March 12, 2008 or until a total of 28 players have registered
2. Rick Bowman submitted his baseball budget. He is estimating income of \$14,795 from registrations and sponsorships and expenses of \$14,145. The budget amount was rounded to \$14,500. A motion to accept was made by Frank Maggipinto; seconded by Charles Roseboro, and agreed to by all.

3. Rick suggested the following men as League commissioners: Brian Sprague (Babe Ruth), Dave Klein (Majors), Joe Collis (Minors), Mike Mikulski (Rookies), and Frank Donnelly (T-Ball). Frank suggested that Rick go ahead and pick coaches for the leagues, give a preference to those with experience. This was agreed to by all. It is projected that there will be 7 T-Ball teams, 5 Rookie teams, 3-4 Minors teams, 2-3 Majors teams and 2 Babe Ruth teams
4. Baseball evaluations scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2008. The draft should follow shortly after evaluations.
5. Field preparation day – March 1st, March 8th, & March 15, if needed.
 - a. Memorial field locks need to be changed as a result of the lock system being compromised. The estimated cost is \$400. This has been included in the baseball budget.
6. There were many complaints about the catchers' helmets last year; many straps were broken due to the children trying to flip them off. Rick would like to confer with the coaches to get input about preferred catchers' masks. Rick mentioned that Tabernacle has some used pitching machines and they may be will to sell one to us. He will follow up on this. Charles Roseboro suggested adding canvas duffle bags for carrying the bats. Rick believes that there are some in storage
7. The Township Rec. Committee has approved \$4000 in the budget which should cover 8-9 loads of in-field mix at \$28.85/ton. 3 loads will be claimed for the Babe Ruth field, the remainder will be used for the Rookie, Minor, and Major fields.
8. Another Rutgers coaches' clinic should be scheduled. It was noted that the Pinelands center is available on March 8th at 7 pm for an hour and that Barth will already be at the Pinelands that day. Another potential date is March 21 from 6 pm on. Rick would like to schedule 2-3 hours and perhaps we could use the school gym.
9. There is a new Babe Ruth coaching certification requirement. Funding of this certification will be discussed in executive committee meeting.
10. There is to be a coaches' clinic on either March 2nd or 9th from 1 4 pm. Will need to check to see which date is correct.
11. Frank spoke to Bruce O'Neil and there have been no baseball meeting to date.
12. Jake Hanson's mother worked the concession stand in 2007. She says her work bond check was cashed. The matter will need to be investigated and followed up.
13. Rick asked if the commissioner has to pay a service work bond. He was told that the work bond would be collected, and then would be refunded at the end of the season.

Softball:

1. Softball registration – divisional breakdowns
 - a. U-14 = 9
 - b. U-12 = 14
 - c. U-10 = 14
 - d. U-8 = 20
2. Dan Brownell submitted a softball budget of \$4665 in expenses. This amount was rounded to \$4700. Frank Maggipinto motioned to accept the softball budget, Charles Roseboro seconded, and the motion was accepted by all.

3. Dan is expecting 2 teams at the U8 level. His proposed coaches are Bob Brown and Ann Griffith. He anticipates 1 U10 team with John Olson coaching, 1 team at U12, with Dan Brownell coaching, and 1 U14 team with Jim Corsey coaching.
4. Equipment inventory assessment. Schedule date
5. Dan mentioned that the softball umpires want to be paid cash on the site. In prior years, the money was kept in the concession stand and the umpire would sign for receipt.

Soccer:

1. Keith Lubner will be stepping down as commissioner. He would like to recommend Leo Wisniewski as the next commissioner. Leo was unable to attend this meeting, so he will be asked to attend the March meeting. Keith will still be available to assist the new commissioner, and Keith will be the referee coordinator. He will also find someone to help with the minis and munchkins.
2. Keith notes that all the equipment is back. The nets and goals are fine. The back left field may need new goals, the need is not urgent though.
3. Keith has informed the travel club that the middle field and field near the road will be closed in the spring while they are renovated. Topsoil needs to be put down and the fields reseeded. We will need to coordinate with the township to do this in March. Jim Papagno commented that a landscaper should be hired to dig up and grade the field. He will call landscapers to get prices. In addition, the 18 boxes need to be graded and have sod laid. Keith Lubner will contact Jade Run to see if they will donate sod.
4. Keith can get volunteers from the travel teams to repair the fence and benches. 6 poles are needed on the street side. STRA has cabling for tensioning the fence. The benches will need to be removed and the concrete pads redone. Jim Corsey noted that we need to put up shelving in the equipment sheds to make storage easier. The boys don't begin playing again until the 3rd week of March, so any Sunday prior to that would be good for field. They will aim for March 9th.
5. Frank noted that we all appreciate outstanding service during his 5 years as soccer commissioner. Jim Corsey has a plaque for Keith commemorating his years of service.

Casino Night:

Lisa Graham presented information about Casino Night. The theme is to be "Viva Las Vegas" and it will be held of May 17, 2008

1. Location:
 - a. This year's event will be using Flying W's tent which is 60 by 80 feet.
 - b. This floor plan will accommodate 250 to 275 guests.
 - c. 8 triangular tents are needed to cover the walkway to the outside bathrooms, the cost of these is estimated to be \$900
2. Proposal:
 - a. The casino can accommodate roughly 175 guests.
 - b. Horse Racing can accommodate approximately 20 to 255 of the crowd, or more depending upon interest
3. Licensing

- a. The Medford Township meeting is February 26, 2008. Applications should be submitted prior to that. Four copies of the application were signed and will be filed.
- b. Fees
 - i. Casino
 - 1. State \$100
 - 2. Medford \$100
 - ii. Racing
 - 1. State \$50
 - 2. Medford \$50
 - iii. Off-Premise 50/50
 - 1. State \$20
 - 2. Medford \$20
- c. Admission
 - i. 2007 admission was \$35. It was suggested to raise this to \$40. Flying W rate us \$19/head
- d. Suggested Sponsorship Levels
 - i. 2008 Royal Flush \$300
 - ii. 2008 Full House \$200
 - iii. 2008 Prize Donors are to be mentioned in the book.
- e. Ad book for businesses or individual families
 - i. Royal Flush full page
 - ii. Full House half page
 - iii. Quarter Page Donation of \$100
- f. Racing Program Corporate Sponsors
 - i. Overall Program Sponsor \$1000
 - ii. Race Sponsors \$100
 - iii. 10 races would be a possible source of \$1000 income.
- g. Horse Owner Sponsorships
 - i. Buy and name a horse \$20
 - ii. There are 10 horses/race, Possible \$2000 source of income
- h. Off-Premises 50-50
 - i. Tickets can be sold in advance of Casino Night and also the night of the event.
 - ii. \$5/ticket, \$20/book of 5 tickets
- i. The website could potentially be used for
 - i. Admission sales
 - ii. Off-premises 50-50 sales
 - iii. Pre-event special for chips
 - iv. Jim Corsey noted that Demosphere charges STRA 3 ½ to 5% per transaction, so it would be better for people to sign up on-line, but mail a check.
- j. Proposed Timeline
 - i. February 12, 2008 STRA Board meeting
 - 1. Applications and checks to be signed.
 - ii. Baseball evaluations February 23, 2008

1. Unveil handouts with logo, date, place & price.
 - iii. February 26, 2008 Medford Township meets
 - iv. March 1, 2008 Sponsor letters go out. Jim Papagno is to review sponsorship letters.
 - v. End of March receive license approvals
 - vi. First week of April – sent out mailer to families
 - vii. April 10, 2008 – Follow up calls to all sponsors
 - viii. May 1, 2008 – Early-bird Special deadline. People who sign up early will receive extra chips.
4. Frank Maggipinto asked Lisa if she had a 2008 budget. She noted that in 2007 the expenses were \$13,000 and income was \$25,000 with an attendance of approximately 200. Jim Papagno suggested a rough budget estimate of \$13,000 to \$15,000. With the tent, there will be more space and more tables, allowing for greater attendance and revenue. This is the 4th year for casino night and attendance has increased each year. Early-bird specials and mailing fliers to previous attendants have been most helpful in getting signups. Lisa will work out a more complete budget and submit it to the board.
5. Jim Papagno made a motion to accept the following fees:
- a. Casino night admission \$40/person.
 - b. Royal Flush Sponsor \$300.
 - c. Full House Sponsor \$200.
 - d. Quarter page Sponsor \$100.
 - e. 50-50 \$5/ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets.
 - f. Race sponsors \$100.
 - g. Horse owner sponsors \$20.
- The motion was seconded by Brenda Bryan and agreed to by all.

Other Issues

Frank noted that we need have all coaches and assistant coaches sign that they have received and read the coaching protocols. Additionally, we need to have copies of the signed parents' protocols and keep them archived.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.