

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

Officers Present: Frank Maggipinto (President); Jim Corsey (1st Vice President); Jim Papagno (2nd Vice President); Brenda Bryan (Treasurer); Lynette Blair (Secretary)

Public Members Present: Kathy Adams, Dan Brownell, Ryan Huston, Rick Bowman

Review of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. with a reading of the minutes of February 12, 2008. Jim Papagno mad a motion to accept the minutes as written and Jim Corsey seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The account balances as of March 4, 2008 are as follows:
 - a. Beneficial (Farmers & Mechanics) Bank: \$39,346.15
 - b. Certificate of Deposit: \$44009.56
 - c. Hans Lokan Mem. Scholarship Fund: \$1033.51
 - d. FMS Fundraising Account:\$937.59
 - e. Total assets are \$85326.81
2. Jim Papagno said that STRA needed to make a withdrawal of \$1000 from the Hans Lokan Scholarship fund for the Seneca Scholarship Committee.
3. Brenda noted that she inadvertently wrote all checks for Casino night from the General Funds account. She will transfer funds from the Fund Raising Account to General Funds.
4. The following checks need to be approved:
 - a. Haines & Haines Insurance (commercial insurance for STRA personal property) \$684.00
 - b. Meyers Insurance (Board Bond Insurance) \$110.0
 - c. Basketball referee fees for March \$3953.00
 - d. Basketball referee fees for January and February \$4188.00
 - e. D&N \$82.70 and \$72.00
 - f. Radomicki \$400.00
 - g. Mike Barr (for locks) \$100.00
 - h. JVC Consulting (soccer field estimates) \$504.06
 - i. Lynette Blair (copying Spring Sports fliers) \$97.10
 - j. John Olson (Pemberton Tournament) \$100.00
 - k. Tamara Davis (Pemberton Tournament) \$50.00
 - l. Staples (printer cartridges)
5. Three checks for spring sports registration bounced. Frank Maggipinto will contact the persons involved and request payment via money order by Friday, March 14. If payment is not received, registration will be voided.
6. Jim Corsey made a motion to approved the treasurer's report as submitted with matters to investigate; Lynette Blair seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Sponsorships:

Registration numbers for spring sports are as follows:

Babe Ruth*	23 (2 teams)	U10 Softball	14 (1 team)
Majors	33 (3 teams)	U12 Softball	14 (1 team)
Minors	51 (5 teams)	U14 Softball	9 (1 team)
Rookies	55 (5 teams)	U8 Softball	26 (2 teams)
Tee-ball	58 (6 teams)		

* Babe Ruth registrations have been extended until after the high school cuts.

Basketball:

1. The Basketball award night is to be on March 18, 2008 at 6 p.m. Trophies are to be awarded between 6 and 6:30 p.m.
2. Brenda informed Ryan that his basketball referee fees were more than \$1500 over budget. She also asked if all his expenses were in. All but the league tournament fees have been submitted. The tournament fees should be the same as the previous year and the amount is included in the budget.
3. There was an incident during a basketball game being played against Indian Mills on February 29th at Seneca High School. Kathy Yeager, as the referee, ended the game and when people would not disperse, she called the police. She has spoken about the incident to Frank Maggipinto and Brenda Bryan. She also submitted a written report to the basketball commissioner and the board. Frank intends to speak with the Indian Mills coach and hopes to close the issue with a letter to Indian Mills.

Field Hockey:

1. There are no outstanding items from 2007.
2. Replacement clips are needed for the nets. Kathy Adams has been looking for them, but has not located any as yet. Jim Corsey will also look for net clips.
3. Kathy also noted that the hockey fields would benefit from an application of fertilizer, and that the high field needs to be reseeded.
4. Kathy had a question about whether she would know the number of hockey registrants as they occurred and she was told that she has access to that information.
5. Kathy also asked when her budget would be due and Frank told her that July would be fine. Kathy noted she needs to investigate what referee fees will be this year. Referee fees were \$400 in 2007, so Jim Papagno suggested budgeting \$500 for the 2008 season. It was noted that all sport registration fees have been raised \$5 to cover Demosphere registration charges.
6. Charles wanted to know how hockey is broken down so he can set up registration. It is broken into two groups; 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the junior division and 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the senior division. There should be no less than 8 players for a team and no more than 13.
7. Kathy will also need to purchase at least 6 senior hockey sticks for the upcoming season. She will include this purchase in her hockey budget.

8. Jim Papagno asked Kathy to spray paint the borders of the hockey fields and he will take care of having dirt spread on the field, and fertilizer and grass seed spread.

Baseball:

1. The baseball coaches are as follows:
 - a. Babe Ruth: Ken Coughlin and Andy Singer.
 - b. Majors: Rick Bowman, Joe Collis, and Mike Reale.
 - c. Minors: Bob Brown, Dave Klein, Steve Trendler, Joe Catalano, and Jack Czepieo.
 - d. Rookies: Stacy Malcolm, Steve Ott, George Davis, Mike Mikulski, and Jim Wolfe.
 - e. Tee Ball: Charles Roseboro, Frank Donnelly, Christopher Donner, Sal Vacirca, Michael Beach, and Mike Tilden.
2. The baseball season starts on April 5th.
3. The concession stand will open on April 5th and will close on June 13th. It will be open on Saturdays from 9 am to 3 p.m. and weekdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The stand will only be open if the volunteer times have been filled. It requires two volunteers for each 3-hour time slot. All scheduling will be done no later than April 15th for the whole season. No service workbond reimbursements will be made for scheduling later than that date. Those who wish to volunteer contact Brenda Bryan via email only, no phone calls, to schedule date and time.
4. Brenda will make binders for baseball and softball again this year. These will contain rosters, rules and insurance forms.
5. Frank Donnelly represented STRA at the first District 6 meeting at Pemberton. STRA will be hosting the 11-year-old district teams. A tentative date for this is July 11th. We will need two fields for this, so will need to put in a temporary mount at 46 feet. This will not have to be done until after the regular season.
6. Rick Bowman asked if STRA would be using the same group of umpires as in 2007. We will because this group charges \$10 less than other groups.
7. Brenda asked how many children are playing up because she had not received any additional registration money. There are 6 boys who have moved from Rookies to Minors so she should expect an additional \$20 from each. There is no difference in the registration fee for Minors and Majors, so therefore no fee difference.
8. This year there will be an U8 (Rookie) district tournament. This will present a good opportunity for some of the stronger players to get additional practice and game time.
9. Any district coaches will need to have Babe Ruth Certification in addition to Rutgers certification. Rick will be encouraging all the coaches to get the Babe Ruth Certification anyway. This course can be completed on-line in a few hours.
10. Rick said he had found some very nice catcher's mitts at Dick's Sporting Goods. Frank suggested that Rick talk to Charles; that perhaps we could order them if we could get the exact model/style number
11. Rick would also like to order color-coordinated catcher's gear for the Major's teams in red, black, and navy.

12. Rick is also to get the coaches' keys from Jim Papagno and distribute them. He is to remind the coaches that they will not receive a refund of the service workbond until they return the keys, equipment and All-Star fees (if applicable).
13. A baseball coaches' meeting is to be scheduled for early April. Frank will get a room for this and Brenda will have the binders ready for distribution. The rules are to be read to the coaches, so that all are aware of them.
14. It was noted that if we utilize the Southampton school gyms for baseball or softball practices, we would need to implement the same security measures as were used during basketball.
15. Rick asked about the possibility of using school fields for practices. In the past we had been told that we could not use them. However Frank had heard from Mr. Harris, Southampton Schools Superintendent, that if we wish to use the school fields, we would have to submit a facility usage form.

Softball:

1. The softball season starts on April 5 and runs through May 30.
2. Jim Corsey said that 5 girls from Mount Holly were supposed to join the U14 team, but that have not signed up yet. The U14 team currently has only 9 players registered.
3. We need to have \$1200.00 in cash for the softball umpires. This will be kept in the concession stand and the umpire will sign for receipt of payment.
4. Brenda will scan the softball schedule and email it to Dan Brownell and Jim Corsey.
5. The softball coaches are:
 - a. Jim Corsey for U14
 - b. Ken Gerber for U12.
 - c. John Olson for U10
 - d. Bob Brown and Ann Griffith for U8.
 - e. Frank asked if all the coaches were certified and Brenda confirmed that they were.
 - f. After the softball inventory, Dan noted that he would need to obtain a softball catcher's mitt for U14 as well as 28-29" bats for U12 and 30-31" bats for U14.

Soccer:

1. The 2008 budget for the STRA Soccer Field Maintenance is as follows:
 - a. Shed Work (lumber) \$200
 - b. Fence Work (fence materials, concrete) \$350
 - c. Field Work (Prep for sod, seed, lime and fertilize fields, sod areas of 22500 sq., ft.) \$9240
 - d. Total budget: \$9690.00 Charles Roseboro motioned to accept the budget for soccer field repair. The motion was seconded by Jim Corsey and approved by all.
2. 4 of 6 goals on the field are in bad shape and need repair.

Other Issues:

- 1 The lock switch-out is complete.
- 2 Field prep/cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from 9 am until the work is completed. The equipment inventory will be at 8:30 am.
- 3 The 2007 Budget for the STRA Memorial Field Maintenance is as Follows:
 - a Concession Stand work
 - i Misc. for counters \$100.
 - ii New locks \$100.
 - b Tee Ball Field
 - i Prep for sod by landscaper \$350.
 - ii Sod 325
 - c Majors Field
 - i Concrete for Dug Out (1st) \$700
 - d Misc.
 - i Painting supplies, bags, hardware for cages, etc \$500
 - ii Sprinkler Repairs \$400
 - e Total budget: \$2575.00. Charles Roseboro motioned to accept the budget for Memorial Field Maintenance. The motion was seconded by Jim Corsey and approved by all.

Open Items:

1. Regarding lighting: The issue is trying to get poles, as there is a shortage of 65-foot poles. Diamond M can order poles with a 60 –90 day backlog and PSE&G could set the poles.
2. A decision needs to be made about the drag tractor available for sale at Mount Laurel.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35pm.