

**Southampton Township Recreation Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2007**

**Officers Present:** Frank Maggipinto (President), Jim Corsey (1st VP), Jim Papagno (2nd VP)

**Public Members Present:** Kathy Yeager, Jessica Willitts, Lynette Blair

**Review of Minutes: President** Frank Maggipinto called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. with the reading of the minutes from the meeting of October 9, 2007. A move to accept the minutes was made by Jim Corsey and seconded by Jim Papagno.

**Treasurer's Report:** The reading of the Treasurer's report was waived until the next meeting

Jim Corsey reported that he had received one late basketball registration, which he would deliver to the treasurer.

**Basketball:**

**Coaches:** The number of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade coaches was questioned. Are more coaches needed?

**Sponsorship Status:** Mr. Ryan Huston (basketball commissioner) has a list of sponsors. 13 of 26 potential sponsors have responded. Jim Corsey noted that he was a member of the Southampton Business Association and that there are 78 companies registered. All are potential sponsors.

**Equipment:** Charles Roseboro has provided Ryan Huston with most basketballs. More balls need to be ordered. Instructional balls are also needed.

**School Security:** Mr. Michael Harris, Southampton schools superintendent, has been in contact with STRA regarding school security during basketball. There were no reported incidents last year. The following options were suggested as a means to improve school security:

- Hire a private security firm. Problem noted: cost.
- Using teachers to supervise at a non-instructional hourly rate.
- Using coaches. Problem noted: This prevents actual coaching.
- Using parents to supervise

*Jessica Willitts inquired as to whether both the school 2 and school 3 doors would be open. If only one door is available, this would help control access. Jim Corsey noted that closing off areas of the school would also be of benefit.*

*School Availability: Due to Family Math and Science and Cub Scouts, there are many blackout nights. Frank Maggipinto will contact Mr. Harris to see if more dates can be made available.*

*Seneca: Cut starts on November 23, 2007. May have more late registrants following.*

*Coach and Parent Protocols: Protocols have been distributed. Parents are to sign and return before the player is issued a uniform.*

*Referees: Kathy Yeager submitted a proposal for referring games. Certified referees are certified through the NJIAA (New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association). Jim Papagno questioned using high school/college students as referees in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade games. If an adverse situation were to develop during a game, would they have the poise to control the situation?*

*Kathy Yeager requested clarification about game timing. Jim Corsey stated that the rules are being clarified and the he would get back to her.*

*Kathy Yeager also inquired as to who had the right to referee when a team was the home team at a remote location (example, Southampton playing Tabernacle at Seneca with Southampton being the declared home team) Last year there were some problems with referees from earlier games staying to referee the next game.*

*She also noted a need to have an objective person to run the clock and keep the book. She suggested hiring a teenager and paying a nominal fee.*

*Frank Maggipinto asked if only one referee could be used in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade levels, but it was noted that the league rules mandate two referees.*

*Jim Corsey asked about billing for referee's fees. Kathy would keep a spreadsheet that would be submitted to Brenda Bryan. Checks would be issued to the individual referees, not to Kathy for disbursement.*

*Frank Maggipinto asked if Kathy's group of referees would be working for other townships as well. She replied that they would probably be officiating at school games in the afternoon, but that there would be no conflict for Southampton at night.*

*Frank Maggipinto asked the number of referees that Kathy currently had available. She presently has 5 adults (NJIAA certified) and would inquire about more, and 5 -6 high school/ college students. Frank asked Kathy about the amount of lead-time she would need to initiate the proposal and she estimated by mid December.*

*Jim Corsey noted that gyms are needed for the Round Robin. Saturday is preferred since this allows for more game time. A request is to be submitted to the school.*

**Field Hockey:**

*No news to report.*

**Baseball:**

*Noted that the baseball commissioner should be in place by the next general meeting.*

*Jim Papagno stated that baseball cleanup needed to be done. He estimates the job to be approximately 3 hours. Rick Bowman should recruit volunteers. The Saturday following Thanksgiving was suggested (November 24).*

**Softball:**

*No news to report.*

**Soccer:**

*No news to report.*

**Other Issues:**

*Casino Night: Lisa Graham has contacted Jim Papagno to inform him that the Flying W is receiving numerous spring bookings and that if the organization wants to have Casino Night there again, reservations should be made soon. Casino Night is held the Saturday prior to Memorial Day weekend (May 17, 2008). Jim Papagno voiced concern that the venue is not large enough, but no alternate locations were suggested.*

*Jim Corsey spoke of the need to establish more subcommittees and to attempt to get more people involved.*

*Jessica Willitts presented two questions.*

- *Will there be volleyball this winter? Frank Maggipinto confirmed this. The rate is \$10/person and the season is from December until May. It meets on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Men's pick-up basketball is also available at a rate of \$15/person*
- *Her son was registered for basketball, but will not be playing. She requested a refund.*

*Secretary Position: Gen Sprague must resign due to family commitments. Lynette Blair was asked to fill the position. Jessica Willitts asked why the general membership was not informed of the opening and an election held. Jim Corsey explained that according to the by-laws, the president has the right to fill a position rather than declare an election. Frank Maggipinto read Article 6 of the by-laws describing the duties of the secretary. Lynette Blair accepted the position and Frank Maggipinto made the official appointment.*

**Open Items:**

- 1. Soccer field fence repair along access road.*
- 2. Bank account - change authorized names for new officers; remove previous officers; submit signature cards to banks.*
- 3. Jon Morrow - return of STRA fall sports registration forms and filed keys still outstanding.*

***The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.***