

Steel Valley Youth Baseball Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 16, 2014

Location: Munhall Borough Building

Meeting Commenced: 6:00 p.m.

Minutes Typed by: Secretary, Danielle Daley

Board Member Attendees:

Position	Name	Yes	No
President	Chris Phares	X	
Vice President	Nelson Horvwalt	X	
Treasurer	Frank Chiarizio	X	
Secretary	Danielle Daley	X	
Player Agent	Tony DeMartino	X	
General Board:	Bill Vrbin (arrival 8:40 p.m.)	X	
	Michelle Judy		X
	Brian Versetti	X	
	Roy Cochrane	X	
	Lynn Cochrane	X	
	Mike Dugan	X	
	Sara Phares		X
	Marnyn Donis	X	
	Mark Donis	X	
	Patrick Sikorski	X	
	John Long	X	

General Member Attendees (PER ATTENDANCE SHEET):

Bob Daley, Boomer, Rodney Bender, Tim Fisher, Rick Gartska and Denny Cornetto. Bob Daley ran the meeting.

Meeting Minutes From Previous Meeting

Date of previous meeting: October 14, 2014

Approved: Yes

Adjustments from prior meeting minutes: Changes made regarding costs of light posts.

Financial Statement

Type	Starting	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending
Checking				
Savings				
Concession Stand				

Financial information:

- Frank said he did not meet with Nelson and Boomer because he was out of town. Frank indicated that he did not have complete financial information and that he would follow up with Mindy because although she provided copies of statements and cancelled checks, there still appeared to be missing information. Frank is to schedule a meeting with Mindy to get the missing information.

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- Frank indicated that the auxiliary account is still open because there are fees owed on the account. In the meeting with Mindy, Frank is going to see if the fees can be waived and the account be closed for good.
- Boomer looked at initial information, including concessions and suggested that we should handle the concession stand with paid tickets so at the end of the night, we only have 1 person selling tickets.
- Boomer's initial review indicated that the league brought in \$52,540.00 and paid-out \$53,604.00.
- Tim Fisher asked what the bare bones is to run a league. Chris/Frank said it would take \$200.00 a night to run games a Trautman. This would include the balls, lines and umpires. The amount for pony would be around \$400.00 a night.
- Frank said that at the beginning of season, we will have budgets for each of the different departments of baseball. We will know what we can spend. Bob said that we need to have a budget committee per bylaws and see if we should have a committee with Frank for the budgets.
- Rick Gartska asked a question about who had authority to sign checks which the board answered.
- Because there was still incomplete information Bill Vrbina made a motion to table additional financial discussion until the December meeting when information would be complete. The motion was seconded by Roy Cochrane and passed without opposition.
- Frank, Boomer and Nelson will meet prior to the December meeting and present all the information from the 2014 season at the December meeting.

General Information

- Resignation of Sarah Phares and Midge were accepted. Chris Phares indicated that he talked to both of them and they officially resigned from the board.
- Roy said that he is going to contact Allegheny fencing to get a bid on all improvements to the fields. The board voted unanimously to have Roy to go ahead and get the estimate. In addition, Chris also has a contractor that he will ask to come down and give an estimate on everything, including the lighting for purposes of the Grant.
- Jim Revak said he would charge \$350.00 to grade down the field with his machine. Chris talked to Revak and he is going to go ahead with the fix.
- Bill asked a question about using fencing opposed to netting in the batting cages. Boomer explained that fencing is no longer used and it is a code violation.
- Mark Donis suggested that the bulletin board be moved to the main concession stand as a main communication area. The bulletin board will be moved by Brian and Mark.
- Chris and Nelson talked about the block area getting fixed and maybe knocking out the block and making an additional room in the concession stand that can't be accessed from the outside, only inside access.
- Boomer is going to ask the borough if there is a physical address for the field.
- Boomer confirmed that there is a water line on the field. Also confirmed that the water was shut down and they will get the garbage left at the field as well.
- Nelson said it would be a total of 90 days to hear back from Duquesne Light regarding the grant application.
- Nelson also e-mailed 2 companies that Mark gave him regarding contractors for the field. Nelson will make a call to the company to see if he can get a response.
- Tim Fisher suggested that we pay \$27.00 a month for security alarms on the sheds. The equipment is being taken out of the sheds.

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- Dates for the start of the season is the weekend of April 18th.
- Sign-ups will be on January 24th and January 25th. Tony is asking Dick's for their date and seeing if they will give us 2 days in a row.
- Nelson suggested that we have a late sign-up date.
- Uniform vending options. Bryan agreed to get quotes from 2 vendors for uniforms. Sponsor names will go back on the front of the uniforms as opposed to the sleeves. Bill Vrbin said he will run with the uniforms and Marynan and Lynn will help Bill. Next meeting we will have a listing for costs from the vendors.
- Rules Committee – the league needs a set of rules written for each league. Bob Daley said he will put together some draft rules for t-shirt, minor and little league for the next meeting, the rules will be discussed. In the bylaws. Rules for a draft have already been completed and are in the bylaws. Tim Fisher said that the rules need to be clear and all managers need to know about the rules and they have to remain consistent. The rules need to be given to each coach/manager and umpires. Bob Daley drafted the set of rules and they were e-mailed to the board. Will discuss any changes at the next meeting.
- Chris discussed having 8 year olds start pitching. Boomer and Bob Daley were against it, but the matter will be debated at the December meeting.
- Discussed about having mass e-mails sent out to all registered. Danielle volunteered to handle mass e-mails. Frank to give Danielle all the information.
- Boomer said he heard from someone that Barca is starting a new team and wants to use Calhoun field. West Homestead voted that Calhoun fields 1st priority is with SV teams. SV teams are to get priority with time slot and any time slots left can be used for the travel teams, etc.
- Tony to call Jim Ligeros to see if he wants to run a coaches/managers clinic. It can be made mandatory for the coaches/managers to attend in order to get a team.
- Another field that might be available is West field. There is most likely going to be a donation from Bill Campbell to fix the field, bleachers, etc.
- Bill Vrbin discussed a problem with a player. Bill indicated that the child has an explosive personality, puts his hand on other children and swears. He is worried that the child will be a liability. Bill suggested sending a "last chance" letter to the parents. Brian said that the letter would fall on deaf ears. Brian said he would take the child or Mike would take on one their teams. It was a concern that if a letter was sent, the child won't register. Mike suggested that code of conduct rules be passed out at registration. It was moved to monitor the child and that if any problems arise during the practices or games with this child, a "last chance" letter will be sent home to the parents. The motion was seconded and was passed. All in favor except Bill who opposed. If anything happens in winter work-outs or practice prior to the season, a letter will be sent home to the parents.
- Boomer suggested that in 9 & 10 year old games, no paid umpires are needed.
- New business with Denny Cornetta. Denny discussed that this year he heard so much about people talking about each other and just wants to make things right. Denny will talk about the concession stand at next meeting.
- Rodney Bender indicated that the board shouldn't have to do everything themselves. He suggested that a mass e-mail be sent out to everyone who registered to volunteer. Put the information out there for the people to come and help.

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Fundraising:

- Nelson wanted to know if the league was going to do a cash bash. It was decided that a Cash Bash will happen and on March 14th at the Homeville fire hall. Nelson wants to have a commitment by next month if we could go thru with it. Bill asked why we don't have people at registration buy 2 tickets to the cash bash. Tony suggested that the cash bash would be the sole fundraiser for the league. Nelson said we need a committee and hammer everything out. Plan on for next month discussion regarding the cash bash. The committee will be Nelson, John, Mark and Marnyn, Lynn, Danielle and Tony.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m.

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