

CTAA GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order by the President Barry Rotz at 7:10pm.

The minutes were distributed and read silently. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Kirk Vaughan. Tim Kirkland 2nd the motion and the minutes were accepted as written.

TREASURER – BARRY ROTZ for Wayne Johnson. Distributed the monthly treasurer's report. Based on end of season numbers the league met our projected budget numbers. After end-of-year expenses there is a projected balance of \$30,000. The current plan is to put \$20,000 in the Graham Park fund and maintain a balance of \$10,000 for the beginning of the 2005 season. After this we will have approximately \$50,000 in the Graham Park fund. Motion to accept Kirk Vaughan, second Jim McKinney.

SIGNS & SPONSORS – JENNIFER BARNETT needs help getting the sponsor plaques delivered. These were distributed to various people who were present.

CONCESSION – DAN POWELL reported that the transition to football went well. Dan also reported that we had a great season again this year, in large part because of the stand managers we had. He also mentioned that he would like to see us schedule more games on Saturdays and Sundays.

UMPIRES – MIKE GRIFFITH –NO REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS – JIM MCKINNEY asked for any tournament team high lights.

REGISTRATION – DAN POLLOCK – NO REPORT

FIELD MAINTENANCE – DAN PORTER

- Had a good year and more help than usual
- New equipment (club car, nail drag, etc) were a big help
- Asked about the batting net for the cage at Rowan II
- The groomer is going in for service, it should be back before fall ball
- Rowan II needs additional grading
- The new field supply provider has worked out very well. Timely deliveries and having supplies delivered directly to the fields is a big help.

UNIFORMS – JOE ARGYROS - Working on Fall Ball

EQUIPMENT – TOM GRAY would like all equipment returned to the concession stand at the end of your last game. Fall ball is progressing

TOURNAMENT – JIM MCKINNEY for BETH HERRMANN

1. In general the tournament season was very successful again.
2. Several managers were complaining that they weren't aware of various things. Beth felt that in general the people who had problems were the ones who did not attend the various meetings.
3. Softball had some conflicts with other tournaments. Several people felt that this was because their weekend was moved because July 4th fell on a Sunday.
4. Barry brought up that we should rethink our scheduling and play tournaments Wednesday through Monday.

5. Several people suggested that an effort should be made when scheduling tournaments to make sure that the various ages are playing on the fields that they play on during the regular season.

JULY 4th – BARRY ROTZ Games will begin at 12:00 on the 4th. Due to other events scheduled that day, we can not play past 4:00 on many fields. Field maintenance has been scheduled for July 3rd to get ready for the 4th. All managers should be there to help. Jim may need help getting pictures of all of the championship games, since the schedule is a little crazy.

SOFTBALL – JOE DeCRISTOFORO

- coordinators need to gather evaluations and get them to Joe
- League Reports
 - o Juniors – outside of a few manager issues it was a very smooth season
 - o Intermediate – good year, very good managers
 - o Major – good year, very well balanced. 2 teams tied for first place during the regular season, 2 teams that finished lower in the regular season standings won the post season tournaments.
 - o Co Ed – ended with a 7-5 record and just missed the playoffs due to rain outs.
 - o Fast Pitch – Great season with continued growth and improvement. Total of 8 teams. 5 of 6 teams that were eligible made the playoffs.
- Fall Ball
 - o 9 teams this season, up from 4 just two years ago
- There is some interest in possibly restructuring some of the leagues to create a 13-14 year old league and a 15-18 year old league. This would basically split the Major division. This will depend on the registration numbers.
- Rules review will probably be held in November
- 60 girls attended the Pittsburgh Power clinic

BASEBALL – ANTHONY STORTI

- Fall Ball
 - o Roger Martin is coordinating.
 - o Drafts will be week of 8/17
 - o Practices will begin 8/21, season to begin 9/4
 - o Current numbers
 - Minor 58 – 5 teams
 - Bronco 41 – 4 teams
 - Pony 25 – 2 teams, but that may be tight because of kids missing
 - Senior 26 – 2 teams
 - o Meeting with other associations
 - Firm 2 hour time limits
 - 5 run rule is 5 runs, no extras are permitted
 - o Riverside would like to participate in our Bronco league
 - o Brad Mar Pine would like to participate in our Pony program
 - o West Penn is open to all players.
- Robert Morris is going to use Veterans Field again this fall. The township will forward any funds collected to the association.
- Rules review
 - o Anthony would like to start at the end of September
 - o Anthony has maintained a list of problems and these will be covered
- Spring Ball
 - o Basically a good season.
 - o Many of the problems were a result of having a new VP, new coordinators.
- Anthony would like a coaches feedback form so that managers can receive an evaluation.

OLD BUSINESS – GRAHAM PARK

- There will be a Graham Park kickoff meeting on 8/23 that will basically be an intense design session. The CTAA has been invited to provide input from 7:30pm to 8:00pm
- Public presentation of the preliminary design will be 8/25 at 7:30pm
- The issue of various the associations are providing monies towards the development of fields then other leagues, such as various men's softball leagues, using them without also some type of funding came up.
- The current plan is to place some type of practice area near all fields

INDOOR FACILITY

- currently tabled waiting on additional input
- the CTAA probably won't commit funds because it won't be something that the league at large will be able to use. However, individual teams may want to take advantage of it.

NEW BUSINESS – Pete Dahlstrom inquired about the rules regarding tournament eligibility if a player misses games during July. Barry explained the rule and that there were no exceptions to it. Dave Willow expressed a concern about tournament teams participating before July 4 because of the impact it has on the in house tournament teams.

A motion was made by Kirk Vaughan to adjourn. Tim Kirkland 2nd the motion.