

CTAA GENERAL BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2004

New President Dan Porter called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and introduce the newly elected board for the 2004-2005 season.

The minutes were distributed and read silently. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Anthony and 2nd by Barry.

TREASURER-WAYNE JOHNSON reported that we currently have a balance of \$49,460.26 in the regular checking account. The electric bill is still outstanding. There is a balance of \$31,925.10 in the capital account. The excess amount in the checking account after we reserve \$10,000 to begin 2005, will be moved to the capital account for the Graham Park Fund.

REGISTRATION – DAN POLLOCK reported that registration would be held earlier in January than it has been in the past. Dan is looking for volunteers

CONCESSION STAND – DAN POWELL reported that he has not been able to close out with football yet since they are hosting the Super Bowl games on Nov. 20. He has been guaranteed that they can close as early as the 21st. Dan is concerned that if the water is not kept running the lines could freeze.

UMPIRES – JOE COENNEN will be our new coordinator. Joe was not in attendance, so there was no report.

COOMUNICATIONS – JIM MCKINNEY had reported that if you are not currently receiving baseball communications via email to go to the website and sign up.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – RICH INMAN was not present, but reported that he is unsure if he will be returning to this position.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Due to Dan Porter's new position, a new coordinator for FM needs to be found.

CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS – BARRY ROTZ since vacating the presidency has volunteered to become the new coordinator. Barry has spoken with the township and they have made a proposal to us concerning the field lights. The township will change all the bulbs and maintain the lights for the next 10 years. They are asking for baseball to contribute \$9,000 to the cost. Football is also being asked to contribute. The township will change any bulb when it drops below 10% of strength. A motion was made by Joe A and 2nd by Dan Powell. The motion passed unanimously. Dan Porter thanked all that helped close the fields for the winter.

UNIFORMS – JOE ARGYROS is currently putting the budget together for next year. He does need some clarification on who pays for what for travel uniforms.

EQUIPMENT – TOM GRAY reported that the Vets field and 7 fields still need to have the field boxes emptied. As for bag collection he is still short about 20 bags. He will attempt to chase down these bags.

TOURNAMENTS – Beth Herrmann is unsure if she is returning to this position.

SOFTBALL – JOE DeCRISTOFORO held the annual rules review committee meeting last Wednesday evening. A motion was made to split the 13-18 year girls up into 13-14 Majors and 15-18 Seniors. In order for this to happen we need to have at least 5 teams of each division sign up. If we do not have 5 of each we will put all the girls back together. A meeting concerning fastpitch rules will be held after Thanksgiving.

Michelle Moore from the Cranberry Cup Softball League had approached Joe to find out if they can umbrella off of CTAA for insurance. The board believes that our Pony Insurance will only cover up to the age of 18. Also, can they order their balls from us? We will have a separate table set up for sign ups during our registration.

Finally, Joe is beginning to look for softball coordinators.

BASEBALL – ANTHONY STORTI wanted to first thank Roger Martin for coordinating the Fall Ball Season. He has received many thank yous from the other participating associations.

Last month there were 3 rules review committee meetings held. A lot of good discussion and ideas have come from that. Anthony hopes to have an email of the proposals to the executive board for next month. After the Executive Board approves the proposals, they will be presented at the general meeting for a vote. Anthony will be attending the Legion Baseball meeting on Monday and the Palomino Meeting next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan took a few minutes to make a presentation to Barry Rotz for the time and efforts he had put forth during his 4 years of his presidency. Barry was presented with a \$50 dinner certificate at the Snake River Grille, a plaque commemorating Barry and a wooden Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat with Barry's name and Presidential Years on it.

The following positions are still in need of a coordinator: field maintenance, adult baseball, adult softball, evaluation, West Penn League and Greater Pittsburgh Softball.

Beth Herrmann took a minute to thank everybody who helped out with the apparel sale held prior to the meeting. In 2 hours we had sales over \$2500.

A plea went out to the membership to find the memorial books for Pat Wertz and Sue Branscum.

As for the motions and voting that took place last month's meeting concerning monetary donations to surrounding associations for flood damage, those votes are null and void. According to our bylaws, this motion must be presented to the membership at least two meetings in order to get approved. Since we had this discussion last month, many more associations have now contacted us looking for a donation. We have decided to let this sit for now and see just exactly who needs what and what their actual losses were. Our own school district lost all equipment and the concession stand was damaged. Currently, the baseball boosters have not contacted the school board as for their needs. Now that we hold the palomino charter, we are in need of a field for this team to play on. We were planning on looking to the district to use their school's field. It would be helpful if we donated money to the baseball boosters to help our own causes.

Dan Porter is looking for a motion to donate \$1000 for baseball and \$1000 for softball. This will need to be presented again next month before it can be voted upon. It is possible for us to earmark the money to go towards a certain piece of equipment.

Motion was made to adjourn by Barry and 2nd by Wayne at 8:14pm.