

## CTAA GENERAL MEETING

November 11, 2009

President Anthony Storti called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. At that time he introduced the 2010 Executive Board and thanked the outgoing members from the 2009 Board. He also announced that there will be a small format change to the meetings with the Softball and Baseball reports being given before the committee reports.

The October minutes we read and approved.

### Softball – Joe DeCristoforo

- Please turn in any outstanding equipment to Tom Gray as soon as possible
- The fastpitch rules review meeting was held during the week of Nov 4
- Slowpitch and Adult rules review meetings will be held the week of November 16

### Baseball – Phil Uher

- The first rules review meeting was held.
  - Primary discussion was regarding being an “and under” league
    - league placement will be based on age, school grade, or grandfathering from previous seasons
    - the decision can be made per season
    - the league you participate in during the regular season is the league you will participate in during tournament season
    - if a player is grandfathered and chooses to play in their league based on age or grade they cannot return to the league they left
    - Motion by Uher, second by Pam Quiggle, - Passed

### Treasurer – Jim Nickel reporting

- There is still no VP of Finance in place, Jim Nickel is helping out until one is found
- Financial Report
  - Received an additional \$600 in McDonald's Bucks, putting us over \$4000 for the year
  - Fall invoices are in and paid
    - Field maintenance was \$1500 rather than the \$2000 approved
  - The first Graham Park rent payment has been made
  - We are still on course to break even for 2009
    - The only major bill outstanding is the electric bill for lighting
  - Jim is going to start the 2010 budget process with the coordinators of the major budget areas

### Registration – Mike O'Reilly

- on-line registration will open January 1, 2010
- walk in registration is tentatively scheduled for January 13 and January 23, based on room availability
- Miracle League registration will be done by the ML
- Leagues that are formed via drafts will have earlier cutoffs non-drafting leagues

### Concessions – Dan Porter

- both concession stands have been cleaned and closed
- the new safe has been installed in the Graham Park stand
- the inventory sell down was very successful, a second one is being planned
- beginning the budget process

#### **Umpires – Scott Madeira**

- Anthony Storti reports that we will be using both the North Suburban and Allegheny Valley umpires this spring.

#### **Communications – Jim McKinney**

- gmail accounts have been created for the Executive Board
  - will hopefully allow for better continuity by allowing a handoff of previous years information
  - other board positions can get them also
- looking into creating PDA friendly pages in certain areas
- going to start to take advantage of our twitter accounts
- the Cranberry Journal is back, Jim will be contacting them

#### **Field Maintenance – Jim Gaydos**

- all the fields are closed at this point, thanks to everyone who came out and helped
- the township is finishing shutting down the sprinklers and water lines
- we will be looking for coordinators much earlier this year

#### **Equipment – Tom Gray**

- still collecting equipment bags

#### **Miracle League -**

- Jim Nickel reports that we still need to invoice them for various expenses

#### **President's Report – Anthony Storti**

- Graham Park projects with priority for 2010
  - foul poles for all fields
  - protective nets for foul balls
- Ford Fencing
  - Ford Fencing submitted an additional \$17,750 invoice for change orders, specifically to put in the bull pen fencing
  - according to all the information we have those fences were in the original bid, Anthony is working to resolve this
- Field usage plans for 2010
  - Field 4 – Bronco
  - Field 5 – Bronco & Mustang
  - Vincention Academy is interested in using Vets field for 15 – 20 games in the spring
  - There is a rumor that SV may be interested in using Vets for some JV and Freshman games
- PONY Baseball Meeting

- PONY would like us to host the 2010 East Zone Final for Pony again
- winner goes directly to finals in CA
- they agreed to cap our expenses at \$2000
- 6 teams from East coast, typically 2 nights of hotel stays, which would help with our commitment to the Butler County Tourism Board
- PONY would like to work with the ML and would like the CTAA to act as liaisons
- There was a rumor that our Palomino team would be asked to leave their current league because other associations were concerned that a CTAA/Butler super team was being formed. This is not true.
- Calendar Events
- December Board Meeting 12/6
- December General Meeting 12/13
- Pictures will be April 18/19
- Autism Help Network thanked us for the ML field
- Funding for the AED maintenance program is no longer available.

### **New Business**

- Jim Nickel made a motion that we purchase Steeler Playoff tickets to auction. The cost is \$443 and can be recovered or put towards the 2010 tickets. This was successful last year. Second by McKinney, motion passed.

Adjourn at 8:40

*Submitted Jim McKinney, VP Communications*