



Prospect Boys and Girls Club

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April 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Brian M. at 7:15 PM on April 4th at Moraine Elementary School.

- Quorum present.

All Officers and Directors were present with the following exceptions:

John M., Nancy W., and Doreen A. (Alternate)

Minutes: March Minutes

Angela made a motion to accept; Brian seconded.

All in favor – accepted.

Questions and Discussion: Brian pointed out that Duane should receive the credit because he was the one who actually had taken the time to have the tractor tire fixed.

** Reminder that Sports and Committees are to write up their reports and present a copy to the secretary before the meeting.*

Treasurer's Report:

- Melinda had supplied 2 reports at the March meeting: 1 for all of 2005, and a 2nd combined report for January/February 2006. Tom made a motion that we accept the 2 treasurer's reports. Brian seconded. All in favor- with none opposed.
- Brian informed Melinda that he had paid the "water well" guy, and will supply the receipt. He also paid Rick M. for the 3 pieces of landscaping equipment that were approved for purchase at an earlier meeting. He will also produce a receipt for this equipment.
- Vote on the April report will be tabled until next month.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee: Brian submitted the new grant application to the Parks & Recreation Department. He copied the application from 2004; including bleachers and picnic tables. We did not receive the grant last year.

By-Laws Committee: Nothing new to report

Concession Committee:

- We've got water! New well pump and water tank were installed.
- Turkey Shoot concessions have been successful so far.
- Angela inquired whether opening during Saturday or Sunday soccer games would pose a problem. Brian said that they could open 24 hours a day if they have enough workers! He felt that there would be no conflict in opening during soccer games, even Northern Steel games, and that all monies would go to the concession stand, and by extension, baseball and softball.

Membership Committee:

- Nancy supplied a current list of players for the various spring sports. There are 97 baseball players, 124 soccer players, and 46 softball players.
- 9 people still owe some form of money for the current season following Spring sign-ups. ANOTHER REMINDER: All monies must be paid in full before players will be issued uniforms and be permitted to play in games. Since soccer is underway, and baseball will begin shortly, Tom asked if this is being enforced. No comments were made.

Turkey Shoot:

- Going well.
- Duane is still concerned with the condition of the steps leading to the shooting range. No changes or improvements have been made.
- Duane built up the dirt bank at each end of the shooting range to make it safer.
- REMINDER: after 6:30 PM on Thursday's...nobody is to be on any fields for practices or field maintenance, until Turkey Shoot season concludes. This is not being followed.

Website Committee: Mailing list is up to 78 names

- Mark reported that the re-design of the website is about half done. There is still an issue with the appearance of the E-Mail List Registration page. As soon as it is resolved, the new site will be published.
- Mark reported that he will need to take the site down for 1-3 days for maintenance. An announcement will be posted notifying visitors to the site.
- Brian commended Mark, commenting on how nice the new website is: scrolling banners, drop-down menus, etc.

Grounds Committee:

- Brian will supply the Job Center with a written job description for a “groundskeeper” position, but wanted to make it clear that the trouble might be in finding “Senior” workers in this area.
- Tom said that the club parents that he had spoken to about welding the leak in the new roller were unable to help because they do not have the appropriate equipment available. Rodney volunteered to look at the roller, and he has a welder.
- Brian talked about the other “new” equipment: a York rake, the roller, and a landscaping guild, and how well they worked on the infields. Mickey also commented on how well they worked when he used them on the Pony field.
- Brian reminded everybody that the club Clean-Up day is scheduled for Saturday beginning at 9 AM. Concession stand will be open to feed any volunteers!
- Greg asked whether any arrangements had been made for a roll-off dumpster. Brian was under the assumption that John had made arrangements for this.

Scholarship Committee: Nothing new to report

FMC Committee:

- Rob B. made a motion that he takes over the FMC Committee. He felt that more could be done through this committee to raise capital funds and sponsors for the club. Greg seconded the motion. All in favor – none opposed.
- Brian mentioned that, as a business owner, he had received information (solicitations) from East Butler Baseball for donations and signs. Prices for a 4’ x 8’ aluminum sign seemed relatively low.
- Rob said that they were considering 4’ x 4’ signs costing \$80.00 and selling for \$250.00. Brian thought that visibility would be better with a 4’ x 8’ sign, and that \$500.00 was a reasonable price to charge a business.

Fundraiser Committee: Nothing new to report

Sports:

Soccer:

- In-house:
 - Games started 4/1/06. Using referees for U-8 to give new referees some game experience and to expose the kids to having a referee call the games instead of the coaches.

- Currently have 5 U-6 teams, 5 U-8 teams, 2 U-10 teams.
- Traveling: Season is under way.

Football:

- Sign-ups for the 2006 season will be held on May 2nd, 10th, and 17th at the clubhouse from 6-8PM. More information can be obtained by calling the Football Hotline (724) 865- WIN1 (9461).
- Mike also would like to hold a scrimmage on Saturday, August 6 from approximately 10AM – 5PM. He would like to announce the scrimmage at the April 19th ABC Football League monthly meeting to be approved by the leagues Board of Directors.
- A discussion followed on the use of baseball and soccer fields for the scrimmage, the concession stand, gate fees, and suggestions from those in attendance on various schools to invite; Seneca Valley, Laurel, Neshannock, etc.
- Mike announced that he will have his coaching staff in place by May, and will be holding a meeting in the next few weeks with all football volunteers and coaches to update season needs and obtain time commitments from volunteers.

Softball:

- Opening Day will be April 29th. All 4 teams will play that day. Pat thought that he would have many softball parents available for the Clean-up day.
- 1 fundraiser has completed and a second is almost over (candy sales and a raffle).
- Pat asked for clarification about a “Club Rule” that prohibits the club from paying for a tournament if the entire team is not from Prospect. Brian said that the intent is to field teams with club members, but if a shortage of players exists, or in an emergency (vacations, injuries, illness, etc.) players from other teams could be added. Duane stated that he has had parents pay for tournaments over the past 3 years because the teams were not made up of strictly club members. The consensus seemed to be that it was not fair to hold fundraisers for all of the players and then use the money raised to sponsor teams that only benefited some of the club members. If that is the intent of the fundraiser, then it should be made clear to all parents.
- Pat asked if John had made any progress in bidding the entire order of uniforms. It was explained that John was doing this to save money for various sports by placing a bulk order. Brian suggested that all commissioners contact John.
- Tom asked if Pat made any progress in negotiating with BC3. At this point, they had not returned his inquiries.

- Brian asked if Pat had made progress with the ASA tournament. Pat knew that flyers and notices were being sent out. Tom asked Brian if he knew who was handling the contract for this tournament. Brian was not aware if John had sent a contract.

Baseball:

- Rodney distributed several handouts on the “Ripken Way” and other excerpts that illustrated how he wants to approach baseball in his leagues this year. He was frustrated by the changes in position of the coaches within his league. They no longer intend to use a pitching machine in their league. Brian asked if PeeWee hadn’t always been coach pitched. Rodney said that there has been no set format; that it had always been up to the coaches each year to decide on a format.
- Harrisville, West Sunbury, & Slippery Rock want to use “kid Pitch” to prepare for their tournaments in June. Melinda asked if Prospect teams would use a pitching machine at home and “kid pitch” at away games. Rodney plans to play scrimmages in those games without being in a formal league. Games between Prospect teams will be machine pitched, but other games will be under the old format.

Rodney wants to conduct a survey to see if there is any merit to starting the season later in the spring after soccer concludes. A question was raised on whether they would have any other teams to compete against with such a late starting date. He felt that having more kids would enable him to hold an “In-house” instructional league.

Major: Nothing to report
 Minor: Nothing to report
 Pony: Nothing to report

Legion:

Brian attended the last Legion meeting and delivered all of the paperwork to the new coach. Melinda stated that we paid the \$450.00 entry fee. John was not going to authorize any payments until he had a solid commitment from the new high school coach and to see if he had a complete roster. Tom asked if we needed to consider raising the price for Legion. Melinda felt that the cost was the same as the previous year. (?) Melinda asked about the Legion equipment – Brian said that it was John’s fight – Mickey said that the equipment was to be dropped off at Denny R’s home, but he was unsure whether it was there.

Basketball:

- Rob submitted a letter to Parks & Rec. for the \$500.00 stipend that they pay for basketball.
- Tom asked Mickey if he had any further information for a 5th & 6th grade summer league. He had received no further information.
- Brian asked about the 3rd & 4th grade traveling team, whether this group took gym time away from our in-house league, and why we had no 5th & 6th grade traveling team. Tom explained that Slippery Rock usually sponsors the traveling teams, but that they used only their in-house players to make up the older team this year. Moraine and Harrisville were not invited to participate.

Cheerleaders: Nothing new to report

Old Business:

- No discussion

New Business:

- Duane brought to our attention the problem created when he moved dirt from near the U-14 soccer field. Parked cars are tracking mud onto the gravel – he suggested that we get a few triaxial loads of gravel and enlarge the parking lot. Tom thought that we might want to wait until a decision is reached on the location for new U-8 soccer fields, in case the U-14 field needs to be shifted towards the pony field to allow for an entry road to the property behind the PeeWee field and the existing U-10 soccer field. Brian suggested that we measure the size of the mud lot and make a motion at a future meeting regarding the purchase of gravel. Duane asked if the “temporary posts” used to rope off the sidelines of the football field would be available for use to restrict access to this muddy area. Mike offered them to enclose the “mud pit” on a temporary basis until the start of the football season.
- Brian suggested that we institute some type of policy (which he will pursue at a later date after discussions with John) that places a ceiling or limit (ex. \$5,000 or \$10,000) on a motion that would automatically trigger a 30 day grace period to allow time to obtain prices and information, and would offer advanced notice to each board member prior to a vote taking place. He felt that the board members who were absent during the “dug out” vote might have wanted the opportunity to voice their opinion and have their vote count.

- Further discussion followed on the topic of the dugouts. Tom pointed out that improvements to a specific field or sport has historically been charged to that sport – the cost of the dugouts should be charged to baseball and softball. Greg said that the dugouts were a club improvement and should be charged to the club. Tom said that they were no more a “club” improvement than would be new cheerleading uniforms or new football locker room. These would not benefit the majority of club members. The new water system, and all of the gravel in the parking lots are club improvements; they don’t benefit just those participating in an individual sport. Melinda felt that everybody only cares about their own sports, but Tom pointed out that it was the baseball parent on the board who voted to spend the \$25,000.00 on dugouts. Individual sports (softball, soccer, football, and cheerleading) have spent years raising money for their sports future needs. Where will the money come from if their current balances are wiped out as the money is spent on baseball? Tom used softball as an example. Pat wanted to reclaim his U-16 softball field and make improvements. That’s why he holds several fundraisers each year. If baseball wants to make improvements, they are not limited to a single fundraiser.
- Next Club Meeting: 5/2 at the clubhouse.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mickey seconded the motion.

There were no objections.