



Prospect Boys and Girls Club

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June 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by John M. at 8:30 PM on Monday, June 5th at the Clubhouse at the Boys & Girls Club fields.

- Quorum present.

All Officers and Directors were present with the following exceptions:

Doreen A. (Alternate)

Minutes: May Minutes

John made a motion to accept. Rob T. seconded.

All in favor – accepted.

Questions and Discussion: None

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Concession has made \$502.00 to date...well ahead of last year. Averaging about \$200.00 per night.
- Melinda mentioned several unclaimed deposits (Turkey Shoot claimed the majority, but too late to correct the monthly report).
- Tom asked if soccer had 100% participation in the fundraiser since their season has completed. Melinda did not have this information.
- Brian asked why no value was listed for the well repair. Melinda reported that she did not have a receipt to record an exact amount. Brian will follow up on supplying a receipt.
- Brian asked why no records of payments were listed on the running balance sheet listing club and sport balances. Melinda stated that club disbursements were tracked on a second page within the treasurer's report.
- Brian asked about the Payment to Wiltrot Gas for fuel. Who decided to order fuel? What quantity did we receive? Did we receive a free tank full? Mickey thought that the billed amount was for 200 gallons, but nobody knew what size tank was supplied.
- Report tabled until next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee:

- John reported that there has been no response yet on the Grant application.

By-Laws Committee:

- Rob T. made a motion to add wording to Section 2.8 of the By-Laws: to add a seat on the Board for a one year period to the outgoing President. He thought that it should be an “emeritus” seat with no voting powers. Brian seconded the motion. All in favor. Rob will write the addition and present it to the board before running it past Tom Reiber.
- Rob also discussed the need to form a “Finance Committee” and a “Rules Committee”. Brian asked if we hadn’t already approached the subject of a rules committee, using incident reports on the website. Rob still felt that we have a need for these committees. Brian questioned adding more committees without having people to serve on them. Rob pointed out that club by-laws state that each board member must serve on a committee. – This has not been actively practiced. Angela, Nancy, Mark and Duane are the only Board members currently chairing or serving on a committee. Angela and Brian felt that we need to actively find members to serve on these new committees. John felt that we need to try contacting parents through a written medium rather than through coaches /commissioners.
- Rob will work on specific wording for the next meeting.

Concession Committee:

- Angela reported that they have been successful so far this year.
- She needs schedules for any make-up games and reports that she is still scheduling parents to work for baseball games.
- Looking for all club members to sign-up to work during the Fast Pitch Softball Tournament (June 17 & 18). This is a club fundraiser, so all sports should take part.
- Angela inquired about an additional key for the concession stand. John will follow up.

Membership Committee:

- Nancy supplied a current list of players for the various spring sports. There are 102 baseball players, 127 soccer players, and 51 softball players.
- 11 people still owe some form of money for the current season following Spring sign-ups.
- Duane asked if the situation regarding the baseball player wasn’t resolved at an earlier meeting. This player was asked to

play so that there would be enough for 2 teams, and not try to field 1 team with 17 players...limiting playing time for many.

Nancy noted that this hasn't been done in the past. The intent of allowing a player to sign up late without a fee was to have enough players to field a team, and not to split an existing team.

- Duane made a motion to waive the late fee for this baseball player because of the above circumstances. Lila seconded the motion. Brian, Rob T., & Tom abstained from the vote with all others in favor. Motion passed.
- Mickey added that he has 1 player who signed up late, who plays very little and hardly bats. He will not ask for a late fee. He made a motion to waive the late fee for this player. Rod seconded. Nancy was opposed, and Angela, Rob T., Tom, and Brian abstained. Motion passed
- Pat has a softball player who signed up late to form a second team. He will not ask for a late fee. He made a motion similar to Duane's – an additional player to field a second team. Nancy questioned how one team was shorthanded when there are 23 players. Pat explained that one team has played together for years, and he did not want to select players to remove from this team. The second team only had 9 players, and would need a tenth to field a team. Duane seconded the motion. Nancy and Lila were opposed, and Angela abstained. Motion passed.
- Tom questioned why we were making individual exceptions. The club has a late fee policy, and by making exceptions, we will be returning money for every injury, illness, vacation, etc that causes a lack of playing time. He also questioned how board members can choose to vote for these exceptions in one sport, but against them for another sport?
- Rodney asked about others on the list. John discussed other families. He said that the soccer family will receive a check in July and will advance it to the club to cover their expenses.

Turkey Shoot:

- Fall shoot starts 9-28-06.
- Please follow the established guidelines of being off of ALL fields by 6:30 PM.

Website Committee:

- Mark asked whether we needed to vote on posting the minutes on the website. Brian felt that we openly discuss names and finances, and that he would be uncomfortable if his name appeared under these circumstances. Melinda questioned whether a search engine would have access to the names in the minutes. Mark pointed out that few full names, if any, are mention in the minutes, and that any such

references could be removed prior to posting. Tom pointed out that we are looking for new ways to contact parents. Rob T. made a motion to post the minutes on the website without using any full names. The minutes would only be posted following Board approval of each month's minutes. Duane seconded the motion. Melinda, Greg, & Brian were opposed, and Mickey abstained. Motion passed.

- Rob T. made a motion to post the club by-laws on the website. Mike A. seconded. Mark & Brian were opposed; Tom abstained – asking whether we should consult with our attorney before posting them. Motion passed.
- Mark asked if the incident Tom asked for opinions about posting the minutes from the meetings outside the concession stand; (a glass case could be purchased). The consensus was that it was acceptable and may draw further interest from other parents.

Grounds Committee:

- John asked about the “Job Service” description. Brian supplied a written description but was informed that no workers were available at this time.
- A discussion followed on allowing those who are old enough and still owe club/sports fees to work off their debts by cutting grass and performing other work at the club.
- John made a motion to allow those who owe money to work off the charges at a rate of \$5.00 per hour. After further discussion involving concern over setting a precedent regarding finances, and over who would be responsible for overseeing the work, the motion was withdrawn.
- John made a motion to pay \$5.00 per hour to supervised workers to cut grass. These individuals must be supervised by one of the five members holding a key to the new tractor. An age limit of 14 years old and up was established with a limit of \$600.00 per person. Brian seconded the motion. However, a decision was made to not vote on this motion. Instead, individuals will be treated the same as those employed as umpires; paid based on participation. Those who owe money can work to reduce their debt if any of the 5 members holding the tractor keys feel that they are responsible and capable of safely using the equipment, and will agree to oversee their work. But the age limit and income limits WILL apply! Additional discussion on other individuals who may be willing to cut grass and would run a “tab” to pay for future club sports and events. It was decided that this could wait until it became an issue.

Scholarship Committee: Nothing new to report

FMC Committee: Nobody to report.

Fundraiser Committee:

- John mentioned a trailer for sale in front of Smardt Equipment. It is one that is designed for selling Funnel Cakes. This might be used as a club fundraiser – each sport could be assigned a night of coverage during the Butler Fair or Farm Show. It could be used during baseball tournaments, soccer games, and football games. Although many agreed that it could serve as a club fundraiser, it was felt that not enough information was available concerning costs and associated expenses.

Sports:

Soccer:

- In-house: Season is under way.
- Traveling: Season is under way.

Football:

- Sign-ups for the 2006 season have begun – 18 tonight with many being for the Senior team.
- Mike stated that an inventory has been completed, that he has held meetings with his coaches, and has reseeded areas of the football field.
- Mike did propose the idea of a scrimmage during the ABC Football League monthly meeting - the only negative feedback that he received was in regards to charging a \$2.00 gate fee. Mike will follow up with further discussions with their Board and will try to present it as a fundraiser for our teams (since we are one of only two teams in the league to own and maintain a football field).
- Camp will be held June 17, 18 & 19.
- Mike noted that he had sent flyers announcing sign-ups to the elementary and Middle School. Other schools were suggested by those in attendance: Portersville Christian, Connoquenessing Elementary, Butler School District, Center Township, and even the Slippery Rock Elementary Schools (since Parks & Rec. is never shy about sending sports announcements to Moraine).

Softball: Nobody to report

- Tom asked if we had received any information or paperwork on the tournament to be held in mid-June. No information was available.

Baseball:

Pee-Wee/T-ball: Nobody to report

Major: Nothing to report

Minor: Nobody to report

Pony: Nobody to report

Legion:

- John stated that we must let the Legion organization know tonight if the club will be fielding a team. The coach for the High School baseball team decided at the last minute to not coach a team from the club. We had paid the \$488 registration fee on his acknowledgement that he would coach and field a team. John stated that this registration fee is lost! Under Legion rules, we can still field a team next year, and the organization might work with us on the money that we already paid for this year. This gives us a one year reprieve to field a team without losing our charter. Some in attendance felt that Legion has been a financial drain and we should just let it go now, but others felt that if we don't offer a league to players in this age group, then younger teams will be affected as players begin leaving the club at an earlier and earlier age to play elsewhere. We only had 3 players signed up at this point, and John thought that John Link (from the Center Township team) could use those 3 players.
- John asked for help in preparing the Legion field for play. Center Township is still renting the field and begins play on May 16th.
- Nancy asked if we had gotten the equipment back. John stated that we had not. There is over \$900.00 in new equipment and the figure could go as high as \$2,000 when uniforms are added. If no progress is made, John will pursue legal options.
- Tom asked if we had received a check or contract from CT baseball. Brian stated that we had not received either, and would follow up.

Basketball: Nothing to report

Cheerleaders:

- Rob had a flyer that announced the dates for Camp & Try-outs. They would be held in early May. This flyer was sent to the elementary school for distribution.

Old Business:

- Tom felt that during the Board of Directors meeting we approached the subject of treating the sale of outfield signs from the wrong direction. The vote should not have been whether to give the club a percentage of the profits generated from these sales. The vote to give the club the fundraising percentage was deadlocked at 4 in favor, 4 opposed, and 4 abstentions. Selling signs is no different than selling candy bars, hoagies, or raffle tickets. They are all fundraisers, and current club rules state that 20% of all fundraisers are returned to the club coffers to cover club expenses. The sale of signs should be treated the same. They are being used to raise funds for a sport. If baseball wants the sale of these signs exempted from established club policy, then a motion should be made reflecting this, and a vote taken. Otherwise, established policy should prevail. Several members agreed, and John promised further discussion at the next meeting. (However, exempting one sport will lead to several other sports demanding equal treatment. Softball holds more than a half dozen fundraisers, and all of them are divided with the club. Football has the largest fundraiser, and could ask that only their smaller ones be charged the 20%).

New Business:

- Nothing was discussed.

Rob T. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

John seconded the motion.

There were no objections.