



# Prospect Boys and Girls Club

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## March 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by John M. at 7:15 PM on March 7th at Moraine Elementary School.

- Quorum present.

All Officers and Directors were present with the following exceptions:

Lila M. and Doreen A. (Alternate)

**Minutes:** February Minutes  
*All in favor* – accepted.

*Questions and Discussion:* Mark F. asked if the outstanding bill that was sent to Mark W. was really from Classic Ink, or if the company should have been New Castle Sports? Tom stated that Classic Ink was the company mentioned in the last Treasurer's report. Melinda said that there might have been a misunderstanding, and that the outstanding bill was from New Castle Sports.

*\* 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 supplied 2 reports: 1 for all of 2005, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> combined report for January/February 2006. There were no questions or discussions involving these reports.
- Melinda announced that she received the application paperwork for the Parks & Rec. Grant that the club had used in past years to help pay for field improvements and picnic tables & bleachers. The deadline for submitting the forms is April 7<sup>th</sup>. Brian will try to gather information and pricing to submit an application.
- Vote on the combined January/February report was tabled until next month.

### Committee Reports:

*Building Committee:* John asked for any company names/suggestions regarding the roofing of the building. Brian will inquire whether the grant can be used for this purpose

*By-Laws Committee:* Nothing new to report

*Concession Committee:*

- The committee announced that they are just waiting for water!!! Turkey Shoot starts soon and much cleaning will need to be done before they open for business. John stated that he needs an electrician to check the voltage on the pump before deciding whether that is the main problem with delivering water to the building. Mickey will contact Josh to see if he is available to perform this task.

*Membership Committee:*

- Nancy supplied a current list of players for the various spring sports. There are 90 baseball players, 116 soccer players, and 44 softball players.
- 13 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.
- Today is the last day to sign up for spring sports without incurring a late fee. Duane raised the question of waving late fees to encourage enough players to sign up to form a second team. Brian thought that it was too early to discuss waving fees. People have historically signed up just prior to the start of a season. Tom stated that we have waved fees in the past if there were not enough players to field a team, but that we did not do so when looking to form more than one team.

*Turkey Shoot:*

- Season will begin March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Duane is still concerned with the condition of the steps leading to the shooting range. Many of the participants are older adults. Tom asked about replacing the steps with pre-cast concrete steps. Brian mentioned that it is more of a sidewalk than steps. After a discussion, a decision was made to remove the existing steps and pour a concrete pad using redi-mix concrete. John made a motion to use secrete to pour concrete pads as long as the price does not exceed \$150.00. Duane seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Duane mentioned that any other volunteers to help clean and prepare the shooting range, as well as though to help during the Thursday night shoots, would be appreciated. He is also seeking wood donation since many of the target backer boards will need to be replaced several times during the season.

- 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.

*Website Committee:* Nothing new to report

- Mailing list is up to 80 names
- Mark reported that the re-design of the website is about half done.
- Additional discussion was held on the possibility of installing a new registration program for the website.

*Grounds Committee:*

- Survey plot of field locations has not been completed.
- John noted that we are still looking for a Grounds Commissioner. Rob T. mentioned his discussion with Larry Garvin at the Job Center. He stated that the Job Center will find "Seniors" to work or supervise high school kids, if we develop a job description for the position. The Job Center will pay the salary and Workers Comp. We need someone to act as liaison/contact with this individual, and fill out time cards, etc.
- Brian had the Ford Tractor tire repaired.

*Scholarship Committee:* Nothing new to report

*FMC Committee:* Nothing new to report

*Fundraiser Committee:* Nothing new to report

**Sports:** John announced his choices for commissioners:

All Commissioners & coaches must have Act 33/34 clearances

- Club will pay these fees, if necessary
- Terri T. will find info on free clearances for Volunteers.

Soccer:

- In-house:
  - Need to lay out fields. Tom asked if a location had been determined for the U-8 teams, since only one team was using the U-14 field, and Northern Steel has not approached the club about renting fields for the spring season. Mark

announced that U-8 games would be played on the football field, with Mike A's approval.

- League needs a list (numbers) of available referees through the club.

- Traveling: Nothing to report

#### Football:

- Mike presented his budget. Mike and Mickey were able to explain (in detail) the added expense over previous budgets. This was due to the cost of replacing helmets as the current ones may not all be re-certified for safety. Mike would also like to replace many of the existing game jerseys for Juniors and Seniors. They become torn and rough-looking after several years of use.
- Mike also would like to print a handbook/playbook that addresses many subjects and concerns: injuries, codes of conduct for players, coaches, and parents, etc).
- Mike and Mickey fielded questions on buses, equipment, and the plans for a Punt, Pass & Kick contest. John asked if anybody had questions or concerns with any part of Mike's budget. No negative responses.

#### Softball:

- Pat announced that the College wants to play 6 home games on the U-16 field. Games would be held on Wednesdays at 2 PM and Saturday's at noon. There was concern over the parking problems between soccer games and the softball games. Mark did not feel that these games would interfere with soccer; since most home games would be completed by 11 AM.
- Pat needs to know an amount to quote them for field rental. Brian suggested \$125.00 per game. It was mentioned that Center Township was charged \$75.00 per game for the legion field. Duane thought that we should consider our strategy in charging BC3 for using our fields. He suggested that this could be a way to entice several of the students to serve as umpires in various club leagues. After further discussion, a decision was reached to have Pat ask for \$125.00 per game, and to negotiate a lower amount if necessary, (but not to drop below \$75.00 per game).
- Pat announced that he is taking 4 girls from the club to an umpire camp.

#### Baseball:

- Rodney introduced several of his coaches. Brian welcomed them to the club.

- Rodney attended the clinic on handling sports related injuries and said that the sponsor would hold a clinic in our area if asked.
- After meeting with other coaches for his league, Rodney announced that they were adopting a pitching machine used in the Cal Ripken leagues to replace the coach pitch/kid pitch format used in other years.
- Greg wants to meet with SR, West Sunbury, & Harrisville coaches to discuss rules for the minor league.
- Duane wants to add Meridian to their list of teams – this will be more of a factor for the league coaches to discuss.
- Mickey is planning to attend the meeting for Pony League.

#### Legion:

John will speak to the new SR high school baseball coach to see if he has enough players interested. If there is not enough interest, we will not pay the \$450.00 fee, and there will no longer be a Legion team for this area. John responded to the rumors that individuals in Slippery Rock are trying to field a Legion team. He stated that the club is the recognized sponsor for our area, and that he will fight to keep SR from fielding a team if they do not play through the club.

#### Basketball:

- The last play-off games are this week, and the end of the season party is scheduled for Friday.
- Tom asked if we need to consider a first-aid kit for the sport after a series of recent injuries. Melinda said that she has already heard from the Mayor of Prospect regarding this issue! She said that we already have a kit, but didn't have any ice packs for the night of the most recent injury. We were able to use the school's supplies that night.
- Mickey asked if anybody has any interest in playing in a Summer Basketball League. He will obtain more information.

#### Cheerleaders:

- Clinics & Try-outs are scheduled for May 9th, 10th, and 11th in the school gym.
- Prospect will host the Cheerleading Championship competition this year - it is a potentially profitable outing – entry fees, gate fees, and concessions.

#### Old Business:

- John gave a recap of the Mark W. situation and announced that he has had contact with Mark, and that he intends to return all of

the club equipment. John stated that he has yet to receive anything from Mark.

### **New Business:**

- John recapped the Sports meeting held on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- John thought that we need to spend more of the club money on permanent “fixes” rather than approaching every problem with a “nickel & dime” mentality. He noted that 10 of the dugouts are wooden and need replaced with block ones with concrete floors and storage rooms. He obtained a price estimate of \$2,500.00 per dugout, and suggested that we replace all of them this year. He felt that it would be more expensive to draw this process out over several years.
- A discussion followed on prices. Brian asked John for his reasoning on why the cost would be more expensive in the future if there wasn't a price break based on the number of dugouts. John felt that material costs would rise. Tom didn't think that replacing 10 was realistic – that it would be irresponsible to spend over two-thirds of the clubs savings when the building was in such disrepair. Mickey noted that the savings account had stipulations for spending the money that covered catastrophic loss to the property, and might not be eligible for use in field improvements. Rodney stated that we need to make improvements to draw more people. Brian stated that he didn't understand the extreme nature of going from looking for more volunteers to work on the fields, to voting to spend \$25,000.00! Greg mentioned how we talk about making improvements, but usually do nothing. He felt that our kids would be through the programs before we spent any money on improvements. Tom stated that the \$80,000.00 amount that people quote isn't an exact figure. The checking account is bloated because of spring sign-ups, but uniforms, fees, and equipment haven't been purchased yet. And, as Mickey stated, there are stipulation to spending the money from the Smith Barney account. Finally, the money that baseball wants to spend was raised by football, soccer, and cheerleading fundraisers. Financially, baseball is in the red! He felt that they needed to raise money for these improvements, or else risk the financial stability of the whole club. He was uncomfortable voting on an issue without set prices.
- John made a motion to replace all 10 dugouts at a price of \$2,000 to \$2,500 each. Rodney seconded the motion:  
Rod, Greg, Duane, Melinda & Angela voted for the motion. Rob T., Brian, Mickey, Mark, and Tom opposed the motion. The motion ended in a tie and did not pass.

- Angela suggested a compromise, but Mark didn't feel that just fixing the roof was part of the solution. He felt that the money needs to be ear-marked for a new building.
- John made a second motion to address 6 dugouts (Pony, T-ball, and U-12 softball) now and consider the others at a later date. Rodney seconded the motion. Tom felt that the same issue was still not being addressed: baseball wants to spend money that they do not have! Soccer, football, and cheerleading raised this money for their sports, and parents from these sports may not choose to participate in future fundraisers if their money is gone when it is needed.
- Rod, Greg, Duane, Melinda, Angela, & Mickey voted in favor of the motion. Brian, Tom & Mark opposed, with Rob T. abstaining.
- Tom asked if the "Rules for Coaches" were voted on and approved by the board before they were issued to all of the baseball coaches. Rob T. said that no vote was held. Rob B. said that it was discussed and accepted at the baseball /sports meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Tom said that a motion to accept the rules has to be put before the board, seconded, and voted for approval before they can be stipulated as "club" rules. No motion was made at this time.
- Next meeting – 3/21 - commissioners / baseball
- Next Club Meeting: 4/4

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rob T. seconded the motion.

There were no objections.