



Prospect Boys and Girls Club

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May 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by John M. at 8:20 PM on May 2nd at the Clubhouse at the Boys & Girls Club fields.

- Quorum not present at the onset of the meeting. Quorum present upon arrival of Angela L.

All Officers and Directors were present with the following exceptions:

Melinda B., Paul A., Rodney G., Mark F., Greg B., Rob B. (Alternate), and Doreen A. (Alternate)

Minutes: April Minutes

Brian made a motion to accept.

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:

- Treasurer absent – no report available.
- Vote on the April report will be tabled until next month.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee:

- John and Brian thought that we would be notified in July if we are to receive the Parks & Rec. Grant.

By-Laws Committee:

- Rob T. discussed a motion to add to Section 2.8 of the By-Laws: to add a seat on the Board to the outgoing President. He thought that it should be an "emeritus" seat with no voting powers. John questioned whether this was necessary since an outgoing president had the option to run for an open seat on the Board of Directors. Lila asked about what would happen if nobody ran for an open office during elections. (Since John has served 4 consecutive years as President he has exhausted his terms, and would not be eligible under current club rules). A discussion followed on

amending the club rules to allow a lame-duck president to return to office if no other candidates stepped forward to run. This idea was tabled until later in this election year. Although John felt that we needed to address the subject several months prior to the next election to avoid any semblance of misconduct.

Concession Committee: Nobody to report

Membership Committee:

- Nancy supplied a current list of players for the various spring sports. There are 105 baseball players, 127 soccer players, and 49 softball players.
- 17 people still owe some form of money for the current season following Spring sign-ups.
- Duane noted that 2 of those named for baseball are not playing. He mentioned one family that needs to qualify for hardship (family illness and loss of income). John discussed other families. He would follow up on the soccer players listed. Once again, we have let another season slip by without enforcing the Board-approved rule that no participants will be issued uniforms until they are paid in full for their sports.

Turkey Shoot:

- John commended Duane, Brian, and Tom for a solid effort.
- Duane felt that this past season was successful. The Spring Shoots brought in \$1,943.00. This was only about \$200 less than the Fall shoots, but there is one less week during the Spring shoots, and historically, the Fall shoots are usually more successful. Concessions made an average of about \$60.00 per week, and the costs associated with holding the Shoots (meat & bullets) were lower than expected.

Website Committee:

- Rob T. felt that the new website was awesome. Others in attendance agreed. Mike A. mentioned the idea of getting sponsors for the website – pay per hit.
- Rob also asked about posting the By-Laws and monthly minutes on the site. Tom said that Mark had always planned to post the minutes, but they have yet to work out all of the details.
- 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 July 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 L. (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.