



Prospect Boys and Girls Club

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November 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Brian M. at 7:08 PM on Tuesday, November 7th at the Moraine Elementary School Cafeteria.

- Quorum was present.

All Officers and Directors were present with the following exceptions:

John M. (arrived later), Paul A., Mark F., Nancy W. (arrived later), Lila M., and Rob B.

Minutes: August Minutes

The August Minutes were finally copied and presented for review.

Tom made a motion to accept them. Angela seconded. *All in favor* and the minutes were accepted.

October Minutes

Rob T. made a motion to accept the minutes. Angela seconded. *All in favor* and the minutes were accepted.

Questions and Discussion:

Rob T. pointed out that Northern Steel paid for the soccer field rentals. It was erroneously reported in the October minutes that PA West owed the money. John was going to approach PA West if Northern Steel (one of their league affiliates) did not pay their outstanding debts for renting our fields from the past season.

Tom asked if we had received the 990 form and examples of writing for the Conflict of Interest Policy from our accountant. Melinda stated that she had received the form, but that was all. She is waiting for John to sign the tax return before she completes the form and returns it to the accountant.

** 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 announced that the accounts have a balance of \$98,463.00 total.
- The sports totals are not final. Football still has some money coming in and there are a few bills left to pay.

- The financial details from the Cheerleader Competition are at the bottom of the last page. She calculated a net profit of \$1,283.95 for the club from this fundraiser.
- Tom asked if Center Township had ever paid for rental of the Legion field. They have not.
- Tom made a motion to accept the September report. Rob T. seconded – *All in favor*. October report tabled until next month.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee: Nothing new to report

By-Laws Committee:

- Tom asked if Rob T. had a chance to talk to the attorney regarding the proposed changes to the by-laws if nobody chose to run for the President's seat. Rob reported that we can change the writing, vote to accept it, and make the changes to the by-laws without having to submit it to the state.

Concession Committee:

- Angela reported that the concession sales during Turkey Shoot have gone well. They have been commended for the great food. They will be open for 2 more weeks.

Membership Committee:

- Nancy supplied a current list of players for the various fall sports. There are 114 soccer players, 25 cheerleaders, and 79 football players. 5 soccer players still owe monies for the Fall Fundraiser, and 1 football player owes the club and sport's fees for the 2006 season.

Turkey Shoot:

- Duane attended the Evan City Turkey Shoot. They held a "kids" day and had 29 shooters. They gave away free pizza, candy, brownies, etc. He gained several ideas to help with our target set-up, but was comfortable with the number of kids we have shooting each week (12-15).

Website Committee:

- Nothing new to report.

Grounds Committee:

- Melinda asked if anybody knew what the \$284.00 bill from Smardt Equipment was for. Tom asked if it referred to the smaller tractor, because John had reported that the blades would not spin when the drive was engaged. She said that it

was for an oil & filter change, preventive maintenance, and for cleaning the mower deck and sharpening the blades.

Scholarship Committee:

- Angela suggested that we enforce some kind of volunteer program for those who receive scholarship monies. This would enable those who receive financial aid to make a contribution to the club. Tom explained that the money to cover a recipient's expenses and fees for the various sports programs comes from the Prospect Rotary, and not from club funds.

FMC Committee: Nothing new to report.

Fundraiser Committee: Nothing to report

Sports:

Soccer: Nobody to report

Football:

- Mike announced the winning amounts of the first (and only!) Chiefs Football Pool. Prize money was afforded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Last Places. The amounts were \$739, \$158, \$105, and \$52.50. Mike also thanked Jim G. for his time in entering and totaling the scores in his computer.
- Mike also asked opinions on how to handle the situation that developed from the Freezer and Meat raffle for football. The winning ticket number was determined by the PA Lottery. However, Mike has no record of the raffle ticket being sold, because no money was turned in, and nobody signed out the booklet containing the winning ticket. At this point, he is unsure about what to do in awarding a prize. Tom discussed the club's plan to award a winning ticket when we had raffled off a Quad. If an unsold ticket won the prize, we would use the lottery number from the following night to award the prize. The intent was to have a prize winner. Rob T. cautioned about naming a "new" winning ticket, because football might have to pay for two grand prizes if the original winning ticket gets turned in at a later date. Mike didn't feel that it would cause a financial hardship to the program if they had to purchase prizes for 2 winners, but wanted to make sure that the board was happy with the outcome. He also vowed not to hold raffles of football pools next year! Following a discussion, it was decided to wait a full year before awarding the prize to another number. Brian made a motion to wait for a one year period. Melinda seconded the motion.

- Mike is planning to hold a reorganization meeting for football sometime next week. Melinda suggested Wednesday night since many of the players (and parents) start basketball on Tuesday. He will try to make some sort of announcement on the time and place.

Softball:

- Pat announced that Keystone State Fast Pitch Softball would like to use our fields for a weekend tournament. This was the same organization that backed out last summer. The club could use the concession stand as a fundraiser. They are inquiring about 2 possible dates (June 9 & 10, and June 23 & 24). Soccer will be done, so there will be no restrictions there. Tom pointed out that it was discussed and agreed that a deposit would be required that would be forfeited if the tournament was again cancelled. Any contract that we would ask them to sign should include deadlines for sign-ups to enable the concession committee to plan for a certain number of teams. Pat made the motion to allow them to hold the tournament on June 9th & 10th. Brian seconded the motion. *All in favor.* Even though the field use is free of charge, Tom suggested that we consider asking for a donation from the tournament organizers to cover the increased costs of garbage removal and port-a-john rentals.
- Pat is trying to get dates at the school gym for clinics.
- He also announced that he is trying to reorganize softball along the same lines as Mike's plans for football.
- The annual softball tournament will likely be held on the June 30th and July 1st weekend, due to the 4th of July falling mid-week. Pat will also have the piles of dirt moved once the fields dry out.

Baseball:

Pee-Wee/T-ball: Nothing new to report

Major: Nothing new to report

Minor: Nobody to report

Pony: Nobody to report. Brian announced that the club would probably be looking for a coach for Pony. Mickey intends to reform the Colt team.

Legion:

- The SRHS coach has committed to taking control of our American Legion team at the club field. John will follow up with American Legion to make sure all of their concerns would be addressed. More information to follow.

Basketball:

- Rob B. reserved gym time for the upcoming season. He will put an announcement regarding practices and sign-ups in the PTO newsletter. It was also stated that he is meeting with 2 people to take over as commissioners of the In-house program.

Cheerleaders:

- Rob T. announced that the Cheerleader Competition went well. They received compliments from all of the other squads that attended the competition. They also received “Thank you” notes from all of the squads (except Prospect’s).
- The 2006 season is over and all of the equipment has been turned in to the commissioner.
- On behalf of Terri, Rob wanted to thank everybody who helped that; whether parking cars, selling tickets and programs, or working in the concession stand. He was impressed that every sport was represented by volunteers that day.

Old Business:

- Dugouts – Eric talked about the dugouts he had seen at the Riverside Tournament (we had previously discussed these when Angela brought digital photos to the August meeting). Although replacing 6 dugouts had been previously approved, Brian argued that voting to replace them all at once might be a costly mistake, and that we should consider them on a “one at a time” basis. John stated that he thought that chain-link fence dugouts would be a mistake because kids already climb the fences on the property, the posts tend to shift with the frost, and over time, the fence will rust. Duane also thought that concrete block would be better. There were again complaints about not doing anything about improvements, but Tom said that the real problem is that nobody has stepped forward to pursue prices or vendors. They have nobody to blame outside of the baseball program. Eric volunteered to get bids using the blueprints that John supplied. Brian explained that we are not required to post bids for these improvements – we only ask that you obtain three bids to ensure that we get the best price (same as a homeowner).

New Business:

- Eric presented an idea for a potential fundraiser for the club at NO COST. A paper recycler will supply dumpsters to collect newspaper, magazines, catalogs, etc. They will empty the dumpster as needed and will pay the club between \$5 and \$20 a ton depending on the weight and the frequency in which they have to empty the dumpsters. Tom

asked if they would allow us to run the program for 9 months each year, since the club does not operate during the winter months and we do not maintain (plow) the entry or the parking lot. Since it will take approximately 3 months to set up, we should be ready to go by spring, and the company can decide if we warrant keeping the dumpsters all year. Rob T. made a motion to pursue this as a club fundraiser. Angela seconded the motion. *All in favor.* Eric volunteered to follow up on the legwork.

- Prior to opening the floor to nominations, John asked that whom ever is nominated for President – be ready to appoint commissioners so that budgets can be prepared.
- Brian K. suggested holding elections in November, so that commissioners could be appointed in a timely manner to prepare their budgets for spring sports. Brian M. thought that it was a sound idea, so that those elected to new offices would have time during the December meeting to share info and prepare for the new calendar year. It was agreed that it was too late to make the changes for this year. John made a motion to move nominations to October and the elections to November for 2007. The attendance requirements will move with these new dates. The 3rd meeting attended to meet the voting requirement can not be on the night of elections. Angela seconded. *All in favor.*
- Melinda made a motion to have John appoint the commissioners tonight, but Tom thought that it was the purview of the new President – people might choose to run for office if they were unhappy with the current commissioners or coaches.
- John opened the floor for nominations:

President: Eric nominated Rob T.

VP: Tom nominated Brian M;

Duane nominated John M.

Sec.: Jackie nominated Melinda B.

Treas.: Angela nominated Rodney G.

Board Seats:

Angela nominated Jackie A.

Rob T nominated Mike A.

Rob T nominated Jim G.

Tom nominated John M.

Rob T nominated Pat L.

Angela nominated Brian K.

Angela nominated Eric H.

John M. nominated Brian M.
Brian nominated Tom M.

Additional nominations can be made during the December meeting. A discussion ensued on the attendance requirements for voting and for those nominated for a seat on the board. Tom will determine the requirements listed in the club by-laws.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Melinda seconded the motion.
There were no objections.