



Prospect Boys and Girls Club

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OCTOBER 2006 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by John M at 8:03 PM on October 3rd at the Clubhouse at the Boys & Girls Club fields.

- Quorum was present.

All Officers and Directors were present with the following exceptions:

Lila M

Minutes: August Minutes

Tom announced that, due to computer difficulties, he was still not able to have the August minutes prepared for this meeting. He will e-mail copies prior to the October meeting, and they can be reviewed and voted on for approval.

September Minutes

Copies of the September meeting minutes were available.

Angela 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:

- Melinda announced that concessions have been very successful for football.
- She also reported that Northern Steel have paid their past due fees for field rentals.
- Melinda announced that our accountant has filed for an extension (without consulting Melinda). She feels that we need to get a local accountant to enhance communication. She suggested that we might consider contacting the SRU accounting program to see if they might have a volunteer to handle our books as a class project, or as a way to gain experience. She was concerned that this might lead to problem as far as continuity as students graduate. Tom thought that the bigger problem might be in our 501C3 status, or in bonding a part-time accountant as per our by-laws.

- Report tabled until next meeting. Tom made a motion to accept last month's treasurer's report. Rob seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee:

- Thanked Christine J. for cleaning and painting part of the interior of the clubhouse.

By-Laws Committee:

- Melinda mentioned a 990 Form that our accountant discussed with her. She had them contact Tom. Tom explained further that this form is basically a Conflict of Interest Policy that is currently being required of all organizations applying for 501C3 Non-profit status, and may become retroactive for existing 501C3 organizations. It may require us to have a documented plan or format written in to our By-Laws that shows that no preferential treatment is given to Board or Club members when bidding on materials or work needed by the club. This policy would ensure an "open book policy" when board or club members have a financial interest at stake, and that there is no conflict of interest in how the board chooses to spend monies earned under the 501C3 status. Tom used the examples of Rob T. hypothetically changing insurance firms, and the club automatically changing to the new company without regard for additional costs, or how the board chose to hire someone to complete the stonework on the entry sign. Although the board voted to hire Duane to finish the stonework because of his experience and skills, it would have been a violation under this new policy because competitive bids were not obtained. Duane argued that he donated most of his time and materials, and that we could hire somebody else to complete the work. Tom explained that it isn't because we hired a club member for pay; it is about establishing a policy that protects the club from any perception of impropriety in the way that we handle monies raised and covered by our non-profit standing, so as not to jeopardize our status. By having a written policy, it protects the board from accusations on how we award monies and contracts, and protects board and club members by giving them the opportunity to fairly charge for work performed.

Concession Committee:

- Angela supplied a breakdown of the sales from the current football season. She felt that it has been hugely successful and attributes much of this to being open during practices and scrimmages. She supplied a copy of this breakdown with the treasurer's report.

- Grove City has begun stocking the Concession stand for the playoff games. Angela reported that she offered to allow them to use much of our equipment.
- The Cheerleading Competition is the following week, so she preferred to leave our equipment in the building.
- Mickey mentioned that the league may like to hold the All-Star games at our fields. Karn City is not currently available, and the league will decide between Prospect and Shannock. Mike and Angela are in favor of holding the event. Rob T. asked if there was any plans for a rain date for the Cheerleader competition, and whether it might conflict with this game. John made a motion to allow the All-Star game to be held at our field, if needed. Angela seconded. All in favor, with Duane opposing.
- Angela asked for further information regarding staffing the concession stand during the Cheerleading Competition. Terri mentioned that John was to contact each sports commissioner and make them find at least 5 volunteers from their sports. Soccer would cover the first 2 hours because the traveling teams have late afternoon games. Angela would like to see some type of sign-up sheet passed around among the commissioners that would cover the time between 10AM and 6 PM.

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.

Turkey Shoot:

- Season has begun and Duane stated that the first shoot took place last week, with a decent turn-out.

Website Committee:

- Nothing new to report.

Grounds Committee:

- John asked that people continue to keep up with the grass cutting, but also admitted that the blades on the smaller tractor are not turning at this time.
- Rodney stated that he would like to see the culvert next to the T-Ball field repaired. It has become a hazard and he has seen numerous people fall.

Scholarship Committee: Nothing new to report

FMC Committee: Nothing new to report.

Fundraiser Committee: Nothing to report

Sports:

Soccer:

- Traveling and In-house seasons are underway, with an in-door season starting soon.

Football:

- Season is over and the Banquet is in the planning stages.
- Equipment should be turned in on Wednesday from 5 to 6:30PM.
- Mike said that he would welcome any volunteers in helping to prepare the fields and grounds for the upcoming play-off games. He also said that he has yet to receive a check from the Grove City football organization for field rental. Mickey said that they are waiting to turn in the money with a contract. John will supply one.

Softball: Nobody to report.

Baseball:

Pee-Wee/T-ball: Rodney asked about the status of dugouts and whether they will be built. He also brought up the possibility of Post and Chain Link fence dugouts as a less expensive alternative. These were discussed at the August meeting when Angela supplied digital photos. He also asked for a form letter to give to team sponsors to thank them and to give them the option to use their donation as a tax break.

Major: Nothing new to report

Minor: Nothing new to report

Pony: Nothing new to report

Legion:

- American Legion wants a commitment (Now!) from the club on fielding a team.
- John H. asked if we will be fielding a team this year. John M. stated that he has 3 calls in to the SR High school coach to see if he was interested in coaching this year's team. John H. said that he has a commitment from the Prospect Legion to support a team. If we choose not to field one, he would run a team independent of the club. He inquired about the possibility of renting the field. He has 18 kids that he thinks will play. Nancy questioned whether any of these kids would play for John. Mickey felt that these kids would gladly play for John.
- Rodney asked for a clarification on the issues involved with losing last year's team. Discussion ensued on getting players and coaches. Rod asked whether there was any consideration to

splitting the games and practices between our field and the one at the high school. Nancy was concerned that John H. would choose coaches that were problematic in the past. Tom pointed out that no coach is currently suspended from the club.

- Duane made a motion to allow John H. to take over legion. Tom asked if John would still want to run the team if the club was the sponsor, and whether he knew if the Prospect Legion post would still like to be involved. Even if the club should decide to field a team, John H. would like to volunteer to handle it.
- John M. asked that, before the motion is seconded, he have a chance to discuss some issues and concerns with John H. He doesn't want to commit the club to any further expenses without assurances that this would be a long term commitment. John also has some concerns about the club losing control of the program. John H. stated that he was looking to make this a long term commitment. John M. will contact each board member at a later date to relay information from his discussion with John H.
- Tom asked John M. if was able to have any further contact with Des S. John said that he has been unable to reach him and that we are still unsure if our registration payment will carry over from last year.

Basketball: Rob B. announced that the season will run from January 3rd through March 9th, from 6-8PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights.

Cheerleaders:

- 6 squads have committed to attend the competition (including Prospect). This equates to 12 teams counting Juniors and Seniors. This is one less squad than last year's competition.
- Terri still thinks that roughly 700 people will attend. T-shirts have been ordered, and Judges, timers, and a DJ have all been retained. John, Mark, Brian, and Tom all volunteered to help with parking. Terri was unsure of the number of volunteers, so she has contacted SRU for social groups or fraternities/sororities to volunteer as part of their community service.
- She questioned whether we should increase the number of port-a-johns. Brian will contact the supplier and asked about coverage and make any additional arrangements. Melinda suggested getting them for both weeks to cover the play-off games.

Old Business:

- Dugouts – John stated that he can get people to build the dugouts, but that it will be expensive. He doesn't feel that we can get enough volunteers to do the work ourselves. It is always the same people who volunteer, and they have been

burned out by the amount of work. Tom expressed concern that we have still never gotten any prices for these dugouts, even though the board voted to build them. Rodney repeated his concern that we never seem to proceed with any changes. He also feels that we need to have the board form subcommittees to tackle projects, and that we need to have a way to approve budgets sooner. He thinks that budgets should be approved at the end of the calendar year for the next year. John said that, due to elections, he was not comfortable with the idea of forcing budget expenses on incoming officers and board members. Brian and Rob T. agreed that it would be difficult to form more committees with the declining number of volunteers within the organization.

New Business:

- Sign: Keith W. (from the football program) is currently working on the sign. He is asking for \$500.00, even lower than the \$800 authorized by the board. His bid was lowest because he is only charging the club for materials and is donating the labor. The 2 other bids that John received were for more than \$1,200. John made the decision to hire him.
- Next month is nominations for 2007 Officers and 3 open seats on the Board of Directors.
- Next month's meeting will be held in the Moraine Elementary School cafeteria at 7PM.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rob T. seconded the motion.

There were no objections.