



## Tobyhanna Athletic Association

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**Subject: Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting – April 5, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Erin Masker - President  
Al Masker – Vice President  
Shauna Denig – Secretary/Information Officer  
Micky Denig – Treasurer  
Angelo Giuffrida- Players Agent  
Steve Almquist- Coaching Coordinator  
Robert Rivera- Umpire in Chief  
Joe Princetta- Safety Officer

**Absent:**

Bruce Payan- Equipment Manager

**Also in Attendance:**

Nina Waskevich-TADFCU

Meeting began at 6:00pm

**Secretary's Report:**

No prior month meeting to report because of cancellation of meeting.

**The Treasurer's Report:**

Micky Denig presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March. He also stated that we were approved from DCNR for a grant of \$17, 500 in which the paperwork will be finalized and sent in. Micky made motion to sponsor Ghoulsbaugh for the fall in the amount of \$500, approved unanimously. A used freezer was purchased for the concession stand for the amount of \$100.00. It is 16 cubic feet upright, works great. A water cooler has been purchased, and we will purchase water by 5 gallons for \$5.95 through Tulkehocken. All sign sponsors will receive a certificate of appreciation and be invited to be our opening day ceremonies and also our banquet

**The Safety Officer's Report:**

Nothing to Report

**The Umpire in Chief's Report:**

Rob came up with the Mascots for the Little League Opening Day. Two Mascots would be his two children, named Toby and Hanna. Shirts will be printed and made for them to wear on opening day. Rob stated that he wanted to present a carnival like atmosphere for opening day with the rental of the popcorn machine, face painting, fastest pitch competition, renting a bouncing jumper for the children, issue of insurance and it must be passed through park and recs. Suggested Dizzy Baseball game for the younger children of tee ball and coach pitch. Rob stated that he needs managers to help umpire games. If we can't get the managers involved to umpire a game, it is going to end up costing us \$20 a game from outside umpire. Suggested we pass the hat at games to raise money. Umpire clinic is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - time to be announced when scheduled. Refer to website for information on Umpire Clinic. In contact with a lady that sells candles, and was thinking a fundraiser set up at opening day, the cost of the candle is \$12.00 - we keep \$5 they keep \$7.00.

**The President's Report:**

Scheduled for Opening Day will be posted on the Dry Erase board next to the concession stand. Pictures starting at 9am ending at 12:15, pitch hit and run and fastest pitcher competition. Allstar statistics and allstar teams criteria with 7 player eligibility, next months meeting will discuss all star manager and selection of team players. Erin also stated that all new Little League rulebooks have been

handed out at the managers meeting. If you have not received your updated little league books then you need to make contact to receive one. Jack Williams car wash is to be scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9am until 2pm. All details have been firmed up with Jason Denig. Hot Dogs and Sodas will be sold, for \$1.00 each, and the car wash is \$5.00.

**The Vice President's Report:**

The fields being set up for start of season with all prep work being started and completed by opening day.

**The Player Agent's Report:**

Will be away on vacation for Opening day, his daughter won't be singing the national anthem, but will find out if someone she knows will be interested in doing so. Angelo stated his concern for the amount of children on a team and questioned if it was manageable by the coaches, suggested changes in communication with family and challenges of playing time. Communication with parents is a must and the sooner you can state your expectations as a coach, and be fair to all players, the easier it will be to accomplish what you want as a team.

**The Coaching Coordinator's Report:**

Steve reported a successful outcome of parents meeting for coach pitch and tee ball and recommends that all coaches consider a meeting with parents prior to the start of the season next year.

**The Information Officer's Report:**

Received a sign sponsor from Pocono Mountain Fitness, gift certificate for Tricky Tray from: Dana's Tavern, Baby Bruno's and Shiro's. \$25.00 on each gift certificate to be raffled off on Tricky Tray. All flyers for Tricky Tray have been given to coaches for Tricky Tray baskets with instructions. Suggested for Tricky Tray Drawing- ticket holders must be present to win. Also an information flyer regarding ticks has been given to all coaches to hand out to parents in regards to protection against ticks. Clay Emrey came up with a fundraiser idea with the PA Lottery, awaiting details to be submitted by Clay.

**The Equipment Manager's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Other Business:**

Nina from the Tobyhanna Army Depot Federal Credit Union would like to open membership at the credit union to all the members of the league including their families. If you would like more information on products or services you may call the credit union at 894-4096. Also she stated that the credit union will do everything they can to help promote T.A.A and all they require is notice to involve employees from the marketing committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted:  
Shauna Denig