



Tobyhanna Athletic Association

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December 5, 2007

Subject: Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting – December 2, 2007

In Attendance:

Erin Masker - President
Al Masker – Vice President
Kirk Pabon – Equipment Manager/Schedule Coordinator
Micky Denig – Treasurer/Secretary
Vinny Vacca – Coaching Coordinator
Shawn Skokowski – Player Agent
Connie Princetta – League Information Officer
Joe Princetta – Safety Officer

Absent:

Also in attendance:

Steven Denig
Rob Rivera
Tom Grainger, TSS Photography

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with a presentation by Mr. Tom Grainger of TSS Photography. Mr. Grainger reviewed the different picture packages and product offerings and circulated product samples. The Board voted, 7-0, to utilize TSS Photography for the upcoming season. Connie Princetta abstained from voting. Connie will contact TSS Photography to arrange for a written proposal. It was agreed that pictures will be taken on Opening Day.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Grainger's presentation, the regular meeting commenced at 6:45 pm with the minutes from the November 4, 2007 being read and accepted. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Micky Denig reported that there were a total of 31 early bird registrations totaling \$1,560 in fees. Of the 31, there were 28 walk-ins and 3 online registrations.

Kirk Pabon discussed the cost of uniforms from 3 different suppliers – Sports Warehouse, Schuylkill Valley Sports, and League Direct. Sports Warehouse offers locked in pricing for those leagues who don't know the exact number of uniforms that will be required for the upcoming season. Kirk will follow up with the other suppliers as to whether they offer similar opportunities.

The discussion turned to the type of uniform we will use for the upcoming season, e.g. button down vest vs. tee shirt style, belts, pants type, sponsor display, etc. This discussion was tabled and will be finalized at the January meeting. However, it was agreed that we will preorder uniforms for Tee Ball and Coach Pitch.

Erin reviewed the grants we are applying for:

1. State of Pennsylvania – Fenced dugouts for Senior Field
2. Cal Ripkin Sr. Foundation – Equipment for 2 teams.
3. ESSA – This grant is for permanent additions that will benefit the community. More information to follow. ESSA will also fund the purchase of defibrillators.

Erin also asked each Board Member to pursue additional sponsors and try to raise additional donations to help fund the additional initiatives that were approved by the Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors.

The submission of the Safety Plan for 2008 was discussed. Joe Princetta will be handling this. Al Masker discussed the field dimensions as this is part of the safety plan. We are planning on submitting the Safety

Plan along with the Constitution and By-Laws. Micky Denig will email a copy of the 2006 Safety Plan to Joe Princetta to review and update. Joe Princetta will also arrange for First Aid and CPR training. He will contact the Volunteer Ambulance Corp to set up a schedule.

The By-Laws required a minor change in language pertaining to clarification of 12 year olds participation in the Major and Minor Divisions and also Coach Pitching in the Minor Division. Both items were changed and the Constitution and By-Laws were voted on and passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the addition of the Umpire In Chief position being added to the present Board of Directors. Mr. Rob Rivera was nominated and approved unanimously. He will assume the responsibilities of Umpire In Chief as described in the Tobyhanna Athletic Association Constitution.

Tag day will be on May 24, 2008 at Walmart and Bill's Shoprite both in Mount Pocono from 9am – 1pm. Connie Princetta will coordinate and Erin Masker will work out any game scheduling conflicts that may arise with the other towns.

Connie Princetta will arrange for advertising the upcoming registration days in Pocono Farms, Pocono Farms East, A Pocono Country Place community newspapers as well as publicizing the events in the Pocono Record Community Calendar as a Press Release, Blue Ridge Cable TV Community Bulletin Board, and the local television stations i.e. WNEP, etc. Micky Denig will provide her with the contact information.

Connie Princetta will also arrange for the distribution of the flyers, pending approval of the school district, to the students in the different schools. Micky Denig will arrange for the reproduction of the flyers. This is to be completed prior to the holiday recess, December 21, 2007.

Upcoming Key dates:

Sunday, January 6, 2008 – 6pm	Open Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 12, 2008 – 9am – 1pm	2 nd Baseball Registration
Sunday, January 13, 2008 – 12pm – 3pm	2 nd Baseball Registration
Sunday, February 3, 2008 – 6pm	Open Membership Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2008 – 12pm – 3pm	3 rd Baseball Registration
Sunday, February 10, 2008 - 3pm – 6pm	3 rd Baseball Registration
Saturday, February 23, 2008	Coach selections
Sunday, March 2, 2008 – 6pm	Open Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 8, 2008	Tryouts at the Clear Run Intermediate School gymnasium. Immediate followed by the player draft.
Saturday, March 15, 2008	Coaches meeting
Sunday, April 6, 2008 – 6pm	Open Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 26, 2008	Opening Day – Rain date April 27, 2008

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Micky Denig