



## Tobyhanna Athletic Association

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**Subject: Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting – May 4, 2008**

**In Attendance:**

Erin Masker - President  
Al Masker – Vice President  
Kirk Pabon – Equipment Manager  
Micky Denig – Treasurer/Secretary  
Vinny Vacca – Coaching Coordinator  
Rob Rivera – Umpire in Chief  
Joe Princetta – Safety Officer  
Angelo Giuffrida – Player Agent

**Absent:**

**Also in Attendance:**

Lorraine Koskiusko  
Connie Princetta

Meeting began at 6:15pm

Minutes from April meeting were read and accepted.

Safety Plan was submitted on April 30, 2008 and accepted by Little League International in Williamsport.

Umpire in Chief Robert Rivera requested that we review the season schedule to verify all games and so that he can schedule umpires for all games that they are needed. Rob also stated that he needs 8 umpire shirts, patches and District 29 hats. Kirk said that he will order them.

Player Agent had nothing to report.

Equipment Manager had nothing to report.

Safety Officer requested that we try to do something about the smoking around the field. Joe stated that he has had problems with a coach smoking on the field during practice as well as an issue with a parent smoking around the area of home plate behind the fence, but the smoke was going down the first base line that children were complaining about. Parents should be encouraged to smoke by the Butt cans located on the fields.

Vice President reported that all bases are installed and cemented in on the Junior/ Senior field as well as the Freedom Field. He will also check out the fence at the field to see what the issue is with the kids climbing over the fence. Lorraine said that there were kids on the fence during the coach pitch or tee ball game and that the fence needs to be fixed. Al will also pick up a roll of string to use to put down the lines on the fields.

Treasurer reviewed the Income and Expense report for April and the Cost Analysis.

Managers need to be responsible for the actions of their parents on their teams, as well as making them aware that they are responsible for the other siblings that may be with them attending the games. These children cannot be climbing on the fences and being unsupervised during these games as things are getting broke and we are responsible for fixing these things so that we can continue playing our regularly scheduled games. Parents are also not allowed on the field, only people that have background checks. There can not be any bat swinging unless you are in the batters box, there is no on deck batting. Concession managers and umpires that are schedule to attend all games at all levels need to be

contacted if games are cancelled. Any schedule changes must go through Erin Masker in order to keep the field availability monitored. You must call her to check availability before rescheduling games.

Some suggestions for next year Opening day are to have the radar gun for the children to have something to do while waiting to participate in the Pitch, Hit and Run. Someone needs to be in charge of having a tee ball game next year as it was overlooked once the pitch hit and run began.

We discussed having our year end banquet at the end of July on a Sunday. We have not yet come to conclusion on the exact date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Masker