



June 23rd , 2009
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 7:04pm

ROLL CALL- Tracy Koufos, Norma O'Brien, John Decato, Rhonda Decato, John Segien, Dana Eldred, Rick Landry, Scott Hagerty, George Hunton

REVIEW/ADOPTION PREVIOUS MINUTES-Rhonda motioned to accept, John 2nd , all in favor

FINANCIAL REPORT

- LYAA earned \$600 on the Speedway Raffle tickets sold during the baseball season. Sales significantly down. Norma would like to find someone to take over the baseball fundraiser; she'll gladly train and states it is not that difficult. If LYAA chooses to do the Speedway Raffle again next year tickets need to be purchased in October 09
- \$20,000.00 was given to Ladd to start work on soccer field project.
- all Baseball sponsors have paid, sponsorship plaques can be released. We are still waiting on plaques from photographer.
- Brookside Majors & Babe Ruth has increased to \$750 sponsorship. Landry & Sons, Pleasant View & Brookside Minors will be \$750 next year.
- Norma has received payment for 10 MLS players so the camp is a go.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

- Rhonda reported that the hot dog machine is broken. John D will look into parts and if it can be fixed, he'll report at the next LYAA mtg. If it cannot be fixed we will look into purchasing a new one. Only two burners are working on grill. Dana will check with his father-in-law to see if that is something he could fix for us.
- John S brought up some concerns of people "breaking in" to the equipment room both upstairs and downstairs to borrow equipment and as a result the locks are no longer working on the doors. We need new locks or an alternative to keep people out of these rooms that do not belong in there. No equipment was stolen, but instead used without permission. Discussion of having a key attached to an old metal bat or large piece of wood that was signed out of the snack shack could be a possibility. In addition lights were left on in the equipment room we would like to look into sensor lighting.
- John S shared that he does agree this was one of the best baseball seasons and thinks being affiliated with Suncook Valley Cal Ripken worked out well. However, the level of play that opposing teams had was well beyond our minor leagues. A large portion of that was due to the fact that the majority of the players on minor teams from other towns were 11 year olds. Other towns did not have 8 and 9 year olds playing minors like we do. It was recommended that the Baseball Board look at children progressing through the different levels of baseball based more on their skill level then how old they are, they should have the qualifying skills to progress from each level.
- Tim Quinn has a 10-year-old team participating in a tournament in Laconia with Loudon players
- This year was very organized, scheduling of games went smoothly, some issues with scheduling of practices, umpire situation was great, Paul Stearns was very organized and followed through with coaches.
- It was recommended that once a player makes a minors team, they stay with that team during their duration as a minor player. Recommendation was also made that current coaches who know they will coach next year touch base with their players now to know who is coming back. We need to find a way to eliminate the last minute sign-ups that occurred. Rick and John S shared that 13 players is too many for a team. Rick knows his major's team will have 9 returning and he'll need 3 more.
- No parking signs are up in front of the emergency gate at Landry Fields. There is a concern of the number of cars that parked along Wayne's property, across from Landry Field. Suggested checking with him to see if he minded and next year staking and taping off the area in front of his property with no parking/private property and then removing it at the end of the season



-Rick recommends that the Baseball Board look into another league for the Babe Ruth team. This year we paid very high league fees and played Chichester most of the season. It was suggested that the Baseball Board look into Merrimack Valley.

SOCCER

- Tracy will follow up with last year's soccer sponsors to see if they will sponsor again this year. Sponsorship will stay at \$175 per team.
- Scott needs a deposit check for insurance from Norma for our soccer season
- we have the money for Phase I of the soccer field project, we're hopeful by the fall seeding can begin
- Rick suggested looking into pumping from the river vs. a well for water for irrigation system
- Fundraising activities were reviewed, currently we have the online fundraising where people can make a donation and the soccer balls went home through school (make a donation, child's name is written on soccer ball and it's displayed along hall of school at the start of new school year). Scott was going to check with area businesses to see if we could leave stacks of these soccer ball forms around town.
- The sign we were hoping to have at the field is not going to be able to be the size the committee was originally hoping. The maximum size will be 6x8'. Discussion of selling bricks at possibly \$100- that would be put either into a walkway to the fields or a wall of the snack shack that would be built
- Naming the field was briefly discussed. LYAA continues to like the idea of naming it after Kate Silva, who lost her life in an automobile accident. She was an avid soccer player and her father coached.

OTHER BUSINESS

- LYAA snack shack will be open at LOHD, along with two 10x10' spaces. Norma sent check and copy of insurance to Kim Bean. We need picnic tables for LOHD. John S will check with town to see if we can borrow some.
- Tracy and Norma discussed the Banner Program. Banners will be \$100 for posting soccer season, \$100 for posting baseball season, \$150 for posting both baseball and soccer season. Tracy will find out how much it is to have a banner initially made and the company will pay this one time fee. Banners are the property of the sponsor, but we do have Brookside, TDS, Kezar, Fillmore and the LYAA banner. It was also approved that Baseball sponsorships of \$750 (Minors-Babe Ruth) can put up their banner at the discretion of LYAA, during the Baseball season if their contract is up to date and paid in full. This banner needs to be the same size as the others in the banner program which is 3x5'.
- It was brought to LYAA's attention that at a Babe Ruth game over the Father's Day weekend, played on the Loudon recreational field, that a spectator was injured by a foul ball. Her injuries were serious enough that she needed to seek medical attention at Concord Hospital. An EMT witness at the scene reported that another spectator stated the foul ball went slightly over her head and she was holding an infant. John S. is going to contact a fencing company to get an estimate and Tracy will contact Jean at the town to let her know of the incident. LYAA recommends that the town install a 6-8' fence from where they stopped the fencing that would run past the stands on both sides of the field. The other concern is that without a fence such as this children playing on the new playground equipment on the recreation field are in line of possible foul balls as well.

ADJOURN- 8:40pm, Next meeting Tues, July 28th

