

**St. Patrick Athletic Association**  
**November 27, 2012**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Board:** Monte Hennen, Mark Tiede, Mike B. Sticha, Pat Luskey, John Jenness

**Non-Board:** Jim DeGross, Dan Friedges, Mark Westman

**Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.**

**Treasurer/Secretary Report:**

Mike gave the Treasurer and Secretary Reports and noted balances of the Checking and Savings accounts. 2 bills yet to come and not yet paid include the final restroom holding tank pumping and the final dumpster emptying.

**Old Business:**

**Fundraiser Ticket Distribution** - tickets were given to those in attendance. Mike will send a list of each team's players to each Head Coach to ensure they make contact with them about the event and inviting them to purchase a ticket. If the Coach chooses not to reach out, Mike will reach out to the players himself. The Board feels it's best to have the Coach reach out as they have the closest relationship. Mike will also draft a more thorough description of the event and what people can expect who have never attended. Coaches should be on the lookout for these lists in the coming days.

Also, discussion took place regarding adding a Silent or Live Auction at the Fundraiser. Mark Tiede volunteered to be the Board Coordinator for this - exploring if we can secure good items. Mark will report back at next meeting on what he could gather, and Board will decide if we'll move forward.

**Drainage Project** - Project completed in late October by Hartman Companies at a total cost of \$11,685. This was paid for by the ATV Raffle profits and approximately \$1,500 of General Fund money. Consensus was Hartman's did a fantastic job! About 1,000 linear feet of drainage tile was added to Bonin Field with little disruption to the playing surface.

**2013 ATV Raffle Fundraiser** - Discussion by the Board on whether or not to conduct the ATV Raffle again in 2013. If so, we could start the paperwork process with the Gambling Board and ensure our contact can secure another machine. Luskey made a motion to replicate the ATV Raffle Fundraiser in 2013 as it was in 2012 (each family must sell 10 tickets). Jenness 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 5-0. Discussion on adding cash prizes to approximately \$1,000. Board will table the specific prizes until a later meeting. Mike will begin State paperwork in January, and Mark Tiede will reach out to our ATV contact.

**Cedar Lake Township Park Update** - tabled

**Youth Team/League Updates** - Mark presented updates from his Pee Wee league meeting. League is planning a more thorough Playoff Schedule, culminating with a Weekend

Tournament in July. More info to follow. Also discussed was the present state of the Midget League.

**New Business:**

**2013 Youth Registration Day** - Discussed once again having a Registration Day in March for our 2013 youth teams. Only returning players would attend. Tentatively set for Saturday, March 16. Mike will work to ensure this doesn't coincide with NP Schools Spring Break (doesn't) or NPYBA baseball tryouts (March 23). Mike will contact St. Patrick Church to rent the Social Hall.

**Cedar Lake Regional Park** - The softball field has been removed at the park. Our teams used this field one time in 2012, and it appears to no longer be an option in the future.

**Other** - Betty St. Martin, owner of St. Patrick Tavern, stopped by to see if we could warn her in the future when we have Tournaments at Bonin Field. Last year she ran out of certain food items due to the onslaught of people who came to the Tavern before/after game during our June and July Tournaments.

**Next Meeting:** Will send email to set next meeting date

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Minutes provided by Mike B. Sticha