

**St. Patrick Athletic Association  
January 15, 2014  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

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

**Non-Board:** Kevin Hart, Pat Friedges, Cyril Simon, Dan Friedges, Bill Dunker

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm**

**Treasurer/Secretary Report:**

Mike gave the Treasurers report and provided 2013 full year expenses and income report. If anyone would like a copy, please let him know.

**Old Business:**

2014 Dinner Fundraiser: Please be sure to get any sold tickets to Mike ahead of the Fundraiser as it helps with his prep-work. Tickets can be purchased at the door as well. Pull tabs have been ordered, Mike will purchase the alcohol for set-ups, and provide start-up cash for front table, and other ticket booths. Monte will bring the raffle bin. Kevin Hart is co-chairing in case Mike cannot attend (child birth). Silent Auction items are coming in at a good pace.

Youth League Updates: Mark and Mike provided updates on our youth teams. They've been reaching out to the 2013 players to see if they plan to come back in 2014. So far, nearly all parents have responded, with a 90% return rate. Mike will reach out to all stragglers yet this week.

The 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade level will have over 23 kids this year, and we'll need to decide on a plan for this season. 2 teams? At this time, we don't have any Head Coach or Head Coaches identified. More discussion at Coaches Meeting on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Pee Wee level will have 2 teams again this year in St. Patrick. However, there is talk of only a total of 4 teams in the entire Pee Wee League. Bill Steigauf and Dan Friedges are working on plans to learn more about other teams in Shakopee, Chan/Chaska, Jordan, and Prior Lake to potentially play them as well. They are also working with Veseli contacts (they plan to have a Pee Wee team) on options. They will keep the Board apprised of their findings, and we appreciate their work to ensure they have teams to play.

Town and Country will need new uniform tops this year. We plan to utilize the same design as the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade team(s). More discussion at the Feb 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Business:**

2014 ATV Fundraiser: Discussion took place regarding whether or not to continue with the ATV Fundraiser as we've done in 2012 and 2013. Monte made a motion to once again conduct the raffle, with the same Grand Prize and cash prizes as last year. Each Association family would be responsible for selling 10 tickets at \$10. John 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2014 Association Fees: Discussion took place regarding '14 Association Fees. Was agreed to keep them the same as 2013 (\$55 per person for all youth teams & Shamrocks). No motion needed.

Youth Registration Day: As we've conducted the past 2 years, we will once again have a Youth Registration Day for all players to sign up, pay, and try on uniform pieces as needed. To work around Spring Break and New Prague Traveling Try-outs, we are looking at Saturday, March 29. However, the St. Patrick Social Hall is booked. The point was raised to explore Sunday, March 23 or Sunday, March 30, with Registration running from 1 pm - 3 pm. Mike will contact St. Patrick Church to see if those times are available. This will be by invite only, for those approved a spot on a 2014 youth team.

Roving Youth Instructor: An idea to have Bill Dunker as a roving youth instructor in our program was outlined. Bill has been very active as an umpire, but also has a strong baseball resume as a player, having played at MN State Mankato and excelling in amateur baseball. His tutelage and knowledge could be utilized by him attending youth practices and home games, and assisting the coaches with one-on-one attention to the players, and assisting coaches with other aspects of the game as they deem necessary. Bill is open to this idea, but wants to ensure everyone else in the Association is as well. Most importantly, we would need to find others to umpire the games if Bill would not be doing so. Furthermore, SPAA would pay him for his time. Discussion was positive, but tabled to the next meeting.

Tap/Keg Beer: Mike outlined a plan to no longer sell tap/keg beer in the concession stand. Simply put, it creates a lot of extra effort on his part as the concessions manager. There is a lot of spillage/waste due to operator error, it provides a slower level of service in the concession stand, many workers in the concession stand don't know how to properly change the tap from one keg to another, and the profit margin is over \$0.25 less on a cup of beer sold compared to a can of beer. Few, if any, other local teams offer tap/keg beer in their concession stands. Consensus was to discontinue, but was tabled until next meeting.

Irish Season Passes to Youth Teams: Plan was outlined to provide 2-2014 Adult Irish Season Passes to every youth player in our Association (for their parents), plus 1-2014 Youth Season Pass to each player. The idea is to create more interest at Irish home games, and create an incentive for playing in our Association. John made a motion to provide the passes as mentioned above. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0. Mike will work on providing the passes at time of Registration or soon after.

St. Patrick Eye Black: Idea to sell St. Patrick branded (logo) eye black (worn under the eye). A vendor supplied a mock up. Discussion took place, and the Board asked some of the coaches to run it by their kids to see if they had an interest/if they thought it was cool. Tabled to next meeting.

Board Elections: SPAA Board Elections will take place at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The President's term has 1 year remaining, but VP and the 3 Advisor spots are open (1 year terms).

Coaches Meeting: All 2014 coaches (and potential coaches) will be invited to the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Others interested are invited as well. Planning for 2014 will kick-off.

**John made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm**

Meeting minutes submitted by Mike B. Sticha

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