

**St. Patrick Athletic Association**  
**August 11, 2009**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Treasurer Report:**

Went over the season's expenses to show where all the money goes. Mike and Mandy are tracking this and plan to update us at each month's meeting. Checking and Savings are about the same as last year. In years past, there was a lot more, we need to get back there.

**Old Business:**

**Shack Roof Improvement** – discussed roofing the shack only in order to keep costs down. All three buildings (shack, bathrooms and dugouts) together were bid at approximately \$4,000 in the spring. Need to get a new bid from Mike Kreuser and Dean Dolezal to see what it would be at this time; both have agreed in the past to do the project labor free. If the price is right, general consensus to get all buildings done at once. The Township gave us \$2,500 in the spring with the thought of us using the money to re-do the roof, soffits, and fascia as well.

**New Business:**

**How did the season go?** Fabulous field maintenance this year! Bob Lein requested a couple new bats for next year. Smaller size chalk liner for next year to decrease chalk usage. Possibly look into getting a mat for youth teams to put at 1<sup>st</sup> base. We will discuss these purchases over the winter or as the next season approaches. Went over list of problems that occurred – doors unlocked, places not cleaned up, etc.

**Who is coming back next year to coach?**

Pee Wees – Paul, Bob, Jim, Warren

Midgets – Vogel, Cyril

Need a T&C coach – Mike would like to be done

15U – Fred Marek again? If Fred doesn't, Paul and Bob would consider.

**Youth Teams** – Discussion on if there should be two Pee Wee teams and two Midget teams with approximately 14 to each team. Will know better once Spring comes. We feel we would have enough available coaches if need be. Do we need an even younger team to accommodate other kids who want to play, such as a coach pitch? There are interested parties who would be willing to coach a Coach Pitch league. More updates to follow.

New Prague High School baseball coach showed interest in helping youth teams by holding clinics at the field to run different drills about once a month.

Discussion about getting softball fields at St. Patrick. Jim, Vogel, and Mike going to approach the township.

**Beer Bash** – This would be DRS led, but everyone still needs to be involved selling tickets. Discussed moving the date to Spring when people are thinking more about baseball. Decide at September's meeting on timing, look into when other Beer Bash's are so don't conflict. Possibly March would work best.

**Fall Clean-Up** – Email to get possible September dates. Trim Evergreens behind outfield fence (possibly), roll up fence meshing, clear and clean out shack, take out chair in shack, take netting off batting cage, rake any fallen leaves, pick up any trash.

**January Fundraiser** – All teams need to be involved to help run the event and sell tickets. Each coach needs to sell as well as DRS players because it's the Association's event, not

just DRS. Have a goal of selling 200 tickets. Mailing to parents last year didn't work, could work better if it's from their kid's coach and more personal. Discussion about making it mandatory for players to buy a ticket, or have them sell a minimum number of tickets, or else pay a fee to play each year.

Mike would also like to have the involvement of our coaches at the Board meetings. Being at every meeting isn't necessary, but hearing their opinions and thoughts would be beneficial to the organization. He will continue to include them on meeting correspondence.

Next Meeting: Mike/Mandy will send out an email to find out the best time for the next meeting.

**In Attendance:** Mike Sticha, Mandy Thompson, John Jenness, Bill Dunker, Monte Hennen, Cyril Simon, Vogel Grote, Jim Degross, Bob Lein, Warren Simon

