

**St. Patrick Athletic Association**  
**November 15, 2011**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Board:** Monte Hennen, Vogel Grote, Mark Tiede, Mike B. Sticha (John Jenness absent)

**Non-Board:** Bryan Bittner, Paul Montgomery, Kevin Hart

**Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm**

**Treasurer/Secretary Report:**

Mike gave the Treasurers report with the following balances:

- Checking: \$4,171.77
- Savings: \$8,128.53

One large expenditure this fall was the new field access gate installed by Century Fence. It was \$1,673.

**Old Business:**

Field Clean Up: Well attended - thanks to those who came.

Cedar Lake Farm/Fish Lake (Spring Lake Township) fields: Mark Tiede gave an update on using Cedar Lake Farm fields for our youth team practices. We've been approved to use the fields next year at no cost. They will be available sometime after May 1. No scheduling is needed. This will allow more flexibility for all teams in the spring.

Field Drainage Project: Duane Bacon was set to do the drainage project this fall, but suffered injuries in a 4-wheeling accident. Mark mentioned that he was still not able to use large machinery. Hopefully Duane gets better and maybe we'll tackle the project next spring.

2012 Youth Registration Day: We are still on track to have a youth registration day sometime in the spring. All youth team parents would sign Registration forms, pay fees, players can try on uniform tops, pants, etc. Mike provided the Board with a Player/Parent Information packet to distribute that day as well. The Board will edit this in preparation of spring. More planning and info to come.

**New Business:**

2012 Fundraiser: We assigned someone to reach out to each of last year's ticket buyers. For those at the meeting, they were given tickets. For those not at the meeting, Mike will reach out to them to ensure they receive tickets.

Mike has started the gambling permit application process for Pull Tabs at the Fundraiser. Venue has been booked by Mike and everything is set.

Possible “Calendar Fundraiser”: Rena Bjerke is selling NP Hockey Association Raffle Calendars. She approached Mike and thought this could be a possible fundraising idea for our Association. This could be a great way to start raising funds for field improvement projects. How it works: Association members sell raffle tickets for cash prize giveaways each day of a calendar month. Other non-cash prizes can be sprinkled in as well. Using the Hockey Association’s model, Mike thought we could perhaps start on a smaller scale, and sell them for \$10 (Hockey sells for \$20) with roughly half of the monetary prizes than the Hockey Association (they give away about \$4,400). We would start selling in April with the “Calendar” giveaway month being July. To ensure we at least break even, an early thought is to have each Association player/family sell a minimum of 5. Exact math would have to be done to ensure numbers are correct. Cash incentives would be given to player/families for selling additional tickets. Board would determine the incentives and at which quantity they’d kick in. Mike will do some leg-work with the State Gambling Board to ensure all qualifications would be met. More discussion with Board members at future meetings.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.**

Meeting minutes submitted by Mike B. Sticha