

**St. Patrick Athletic Association
October 14, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Board: Monte Hennen, Mike B. Sticha, John Jenness (Mark Tiede and Pat Luskey absent)

Non-Board: Jim DeGross

Treasurer/Secretary Report:

Mike provided Checking and Savings account totals.

Old Business:

Note: Mike mentioned that while there was a quorum of the Board, he felt it wise to not vote on any matters with 2 Board Members absent.

2013 ATV Raffle Fundraiser - profits for 2013 were around \$7,800. The Board discussed privately in September to save the funds for possible backstop renovation in the next few years, as early estimates have that work approaching \$30k-\$40k. Plans are to once again conduct the Raffle in 2014.

Youth Team/League Updates - a St. Patrick Youth Committee was formed in September. Looking for an update on how it was progressing, but no one in attendance had updates. Mike to reach out to Mark for more info.

Furthermore, Mike and Mark have been working with Midget and Pee Wee Coaches from across the area, as well as the NPYBA Board to A) form a DRS Youth Baseball Board and B) Partner the DRS Youth Baseball Board and NPYBA Board to work together on informing/marketing both components to parents/players in the New Prague area. Progress has been made, and the DRS Youth Board should have initial representatives named by November 1 to start planning the 2014 season, and how they will interact with NPYBA.

New Business:

2014 Dinner Fundraiser - Mike reported the KC Hall had typically not charged tax on the meal as our Tax Exempt ID covered it. However, the KC Hall accountant said the tax exempt status doesn't cover meals and they are now charging tax on the meal, which will equate to about \$0.75 more per meal, and we usually serve around 220 meals.

The Silent Auction was a nice addition last year, and we plan to have it again this year. Mark Tiede had mentioned an interest of some parents potentially heading this up. Mike will reach out to Mark. Jim DeGross also mentioned a lead on someone potentially interested.

Mike is looking for someone to Co-Chair the event, as his wife is due with their baby around this time. Kevin Hart has offered to Co-Chair. Mike will order the tickets soon and have them ready for distribution by early November.

Youth Team Survey - some common themes from the Youth Team Survey conducted recently were questions regarding what we plan to do with the ATV profits, as well as what

are the Association's long-term plans. The ATV profits have always been messaged that they will be used for Bonin Field improvements, which they have and will be. The Board has discussed long term plans and has a document with our ideas. We think touching on these topics in Spring at the mandatory Parent/ Coach meeting we plan to conduct will help spread the word and get parents up to speed. We also have this document:

<http://www.stpatrickathletics.org/wp-content/uploads/2013.Information.Packet2.pdf> posted on our website which provides basic information.

2014 Prior Lake Tournaments – SPAA has partnered with Prior Lake Traveling baseball for a June weekend tournament for the past 3-4 years, as well as Prior Lake Baseball Association when they hosted the MBT 15AAA Tournament in July for the past 6-7 years. Both groups rented our field for a fee and we received full concession income. It's been difficult to get volunteers for these events, and we've had increased demand from our own teams to use our field. Last year Mike received feedback from SPAA coaches that it would be nice to have full access to our field. He touched base with Board members and all agreed it would be wise to discontinue the relationship. Mike will contact both groups now to ensure they can plan properly ahead of 2014.

Commercial Fridge/Freezer for shack – tabled

Field Updates – Kevin Hart and Mike headed up a project this fall at the field; they rented a sod cutter and edged all infield edges as well as the outer infield arc. They also widened the aprons in front of the dugouts. Thanks to those that helped, including Monte H, Steve T and boys, Rick T.

2014 Season Passes – Mike brought up the idea of providing Irish Season Passes to each set of parents for those with boys on our youth teams. This wouldn't "cost" the Association anything, and there are only a few sets of parents who currently buy the Passes. This could entice more parents to bring their kids to the Irish games and build interest/larger fan base. We also charge \$1 for students, so perhaps we could provide the youth team players with a pass as well. Mike will bring up at next meeting.

- **As noted by Mike B. Sticha**

Next Meeting: Will send email to set next meeting date