

**St. Patrick Athletic Association
February 19, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

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

Non-Board: None

Note: Board meeting took place after the conclusion of the 2013 Coaches Meeting. 2013 SPAA Board elections took place during the Coaches Meeting and results were as follows:

President (2 year term): Mike B. Sticha (unopposed, no other nominations)

Vice-President (1 yr): Mark Tiede (d. John Jenness)

Advisor (1 yr): John Jenness (unopposed, no other nominations)

Advisor (1 yr): Pat Luskey (unopposed, no other nominations)

Advisor (1 yr): Monte Hennen (unopposed, no other nominations)

Treasurer/Secretary Report:

Mike provided Checking and Savings account totals. He also provided a recap of the 2013 Dinner Fundraiser. Profit was \$5,800, which was the highest we've seen in quite some time.

Old Business:

2013 ATV Raffle Fundraiser - Gambling paperwork is almost complete, Mike should have the license number shortly, and we can then have the tickets printed. Mark will work on verifying the exact model of the ATV so it's correct on the ticket.

Cedar Lake Township Park Update - The SPAA Board met with the CLT Board previous to this meeting. The Township is finalizing their purchase of land to the north of Bonin Field. In doing so, due to Scott County Zoning issues, no new plats can be added in the area. SPAA owns a small portion of land in RF, which was purchased from Ron Bastyr in 1988. The intent at that time was to transfer SPAA's ownership to St. Patrick Church, to fold into SPAA's Lease, of which encompasses all other aspects of Bonin Field. There is no record of that transfer with Scott County. Partnering with Mel Gregory of St. Patrick Church (Trustee), SPAA agreed to transfer our parcel to St. Patrick Church, and it will be rolled into our current Lease. This will reduce the number of plats by one. Cedar Lake Township will purchase their portion from Ron Bastyr, of which it appears SPAA's scoreboard and flag poles are infringing. Cedar Lake Township will work with SPAA and St. Patrick Church to ensure those assets and pieces of land are given back to the church.

Youth Team/League Updates -

Midgets: lengthy discussion on current state of Midget league took place during the Coaches meeting. Mike will draft a letter to other DRS Association's leaders to see if they are encountering similar issues, and if so, what can be done to improve the situation. One issue is that not all DRS Associations have direct oversight to their town's Midget program. Veseli,

St. Benedict, and St. Patrick appear to be the only such towns with jurisdiction/oversight.

Minors: Jim DeGross outlined the thought for a Minors team at the Coaches meeting. The Board supports exploring the possible demand and desire for potential players forming a Minors team. Jim and others should gather as much info as possible (loop in the Board if needed), and report to the Board when they feel they have the needed info (soon after Registration Day). The Board will continue to only support the Pee Wee teams and Majors team at this time, but will make a final decision on support of a Minors team when that group presents numbers/potential coach after Registration. If a Minors team is formed, all will need to be flexible in the team administration.

Youth Registration Day - Coaches are aware. Mark will work with teams to finalize returning players and confirmed new player rosters. Mike and Mark will work together to provide an Apparel Order form for sweatshirts, jackets, etc. to have at Registration Day as well. Mike will bring Registration forms for coaches.

New Business:

2013 Irish (non) Fees - discussion on feedback the Board had received regarding the fact the Irish don't pay any fees to play, unlike other teams in our Association. More concern may be the level of volunteerism from the Irish players. The Board will work with John Johnson to ensure the Irish are aware we need them to set good examples of volunteerism, especially at summer tournaments.

2013 Bonin Tournaments - Team Sponsors - discussion on the possibility of having SPAA teams sponsor days/dates of the scheduled summer tournaments at Bonin Field. They would be in charge of providing needed volunteers. The thought is to have the Irish sponsor at least one or two dates where they'd be responsible for finding needed volunteers. More discussion as the summer approaches.

Adult T&C Coach - 2 former players are interested in taking over coaching the team, but they are one year removed from playing. The Board feels this isn't a good situation, as there should be at least one adult as coach. Paul Montgomery was mentioned as a possible adult coach. Mike will reach to him. The Board would also like to have the 2 former players meet with the Board to discuss expectations.

Next Meeting: Will send email to set next meeting date