

St. Patrick Athletic Association
September 7, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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

Non-Board: Mark Westman, Lee Kes, Jim DeGross, Kevin Hart, Larrell DeJong

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Treasurer/Secretary Report:

Mike gave the Treasurers report with the following balances:

- o Checking: \$7,446.27
- o Savings: \$8,117.46

This is the strongest the Association has been financially in at least 6 years. He also gave a recap on each team's 2011 Concession deposits and other expenses/income.

New Business:

Areas of Opportunity: The Board documented 9 separate dates in 2011 in which an unlocked door was discovered at the field. Coaches will have to continue to be responsible for this after their practices/games. The Board will take back keys if there are chronic offenders.

Team by Team Discussion:

Shamrocks: Kevin Hart reported the Shamrocks had a great inaugural season, winning the State Championship in Class C. He will not be the game-day Manager next season and the team is looking for someone to take that post. Kevin will continue with team administration however. Kevin listed some basic equipment needs for 2012 and gave guidance on 2012 player fees. He felt \$150-\$175 for new players and \$50 for returning players seemed appropriate (similar to this year). Board will discuss and finalize all 2012 fees at a later date.

Irish: Monte Hennen reported the team had a successful year, reaching the State Tournament once again. No major issues/needs to report.

T&C: John Jenness reported the season went well, no major issues to report. The uniform tops are still in good shape and he believes Bill Dunker collected them at season end.

15U/Majors: No report

Pee Wees: Jim DeGross reported no major issues/needs. The plan is to have 2 Pee Wee teams in 2012.

Midgets: Mark Tiede reported no major issues. The plan is to again have 3 Midget teams in 2012. There is the possibility of another area coach coming to coach one of our Midget teams. Mark Tiede and Jim DeGross are working on the details. Mike also asked that Mark and Jim

outline the possible 2012 Midget players/teams/coaches to ensure everyone is on the same page. Mike prefers to have this documented to avoid confusion.

2012 Youth Registration Day: Discussion about a 2012 Youth Registration day to be held in February 2012. Perhaps at the St. Patrick Tavern or St. Patrick Social Hall. All Midget, Pee Wee, 15U/Majors and T&C players/coaches would come to fill out registration forms, pay all applicable fees, and try on hats/uniform tops/possibly uniform pants, etc. Larrell DeJong also suggested that the Association present a letter or packet to give all parents explaining the Association, all of the different teams we support, as well as outline our Fundraising efforts and expectations/needs of those involved in our Association. Look for further details on this as the Board plans for 2012.

Cedar Lake Farm/Spring Lake Fields: Larrell DeJong reported back to the Board on his discussion with Cedar Lake Farm/Park about using their softball field areas for youth practices in 2012. They will discuss with their own Board, or it may get pushed to Three Rivers Park District for a determination. The Park is a passive park, meaning we would not be able to book time for usage if their Board grants us permission to use. Larrell will update when he hears back. Monte will be in contact with Spring Lake Township regarding their fields.

Field Clean Up: Bonin Field Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 at 10 am. Rain date/make-up is set for Sunday, October 9 at 1 pm. Jobs to include rolling up the fence mesh, picking up leaves/yard waste, perhaps some other light dirt work in the infield and outfield.

Fence Mesh/Windscreen: Discussion on replacing 3 - 50 ft. sections of fence mesh/windscreen. Mike documented 3 sections that are in need of replacing. New sections are approximately \$150. The Board agreed to purchase 3 new sections, to be put up in Spring 2012 to avoid winter elements.

Look for next meeting to take place in late October. Mike will email dates and times.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Mike B. Sticha