

# Palmer Township Athletic Association General Membership

## Meeting Minutes

Charles Chrin Community Center

1/15/2015

### **Members present:**

Tom Gutekunst, Doug McTighe, Paul Cinoa, Pat Howlett, Chuck Romfo, Lisa Bowman, Jeff Vincent, Dave Dumpel, John Morsillo, Lori Fulmer, Darryl Long, Joe Olah.

### **Call to Order:** 9:05pm Lori Fulmer

**Motion** by Dave Dumpel to accept the January minutes. Second Paul Cinoa. **Passed**

**Motion** by Tom Gutekunst to accept the January treasurers report. Second Paul Cinoa. **Passed**

### **Board Report:** Lori Fulmer

The Christmas tree sale brought in approximately \$3500.

Looking into purchasing an iPad Mini for clothing sales and fundraisers.

Handing out sports flyers at Palmer and Tracy Elementary schools.

Spring sports late fee kicks in on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

Commissioners are reminded to let last year's coaches know that due to a drop in signups, there might not be a guaranteed position for them this year.

Lisa gave a breakdown of how much fundraising money each sport brought in. Soccer brought in the largest amount. All the monies go into the general fund.

Lori is talking to the Board of Education about the slippery gym floor at Palmer Elementary. The Association is looking at making a donation to help defer the cost of resurfacing it. We are currently waiting to see what the cost will be.

Wrestling mats are being stacked too close to the sideline of the basketball court at the community center.

**Motion** by Jeff Vincent to nominate Joe Olah as the fundraising chair. Second Dave Dumpel.

**Passed**

One of the goals of the fundraising chairman is to eliminate the need for commissioners to run their own fundraisers. Currently individual sports run their own fundraisers often stepping on each other's toes. In the future we will have 4 major fundraisers a year, one ever quarter.

Wish lists are finished. Now the lists will go back to commissioners to prioritize then back to Chuck Romfo.

Winter sports signup monies totaling \$12,900 have been given to the Association.

## **Sports Reports**

**Cheerleading** – No Report

**Football** – No Report

**Lacrosse** – Darryl Long

The registration numbers are way down from last season. At present only 2 girls have signed up. Hoping to get more boy involve as well, only 19 have signed up. The Deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Loftus is fitting mouth guards again this year at no charge.

Some of the equipment is out of spec, mostly helmets. The Recreation Board will decide if the money is available to replace 60 helmets. Most other townships do not provide equipment because most players bring their own.

A code of conduct is being drafted for Lacrosse players with a discipline section in it.

**Baseball Lower Level** – John Morsillo

Spring registration is now open. League meeting next week.

**Soccer** – Dave Dumpel

Spring registration is now open. \$200 league fee for background checks is being instituted by the BMYSL (Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League). It works out to \$4 per coach.

**Softball** – Paul Cinoa

30 girls from the area signed up for a pitching clinic we hosted.

**Wrestling** – Chuck Romfo

Exhibition matches and Tournaments are in a few weeks. A Resolite employee is coming to fix mats that have tears in them. Lisa Bowman has the deposit from the holiday tournament.

**Recreation Board Report** – Jeff Vincent

Turf field design and placement is being presented to the township supervisors on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business** – Chuck Romfo

222 inaugural meeting was on Tuesday. Township Supervisor Bob Smith provided a bank statement with a balance of \$49,618.77 as of 12/31/2014. The first deposit was in 2011. The monies will be used for field improvements, lights, etc. Fairview Park baseball field is being discussed as the first project, with new benches and dugouts. The 222 committee needs to come up with a set of operating by-laws. Members of the committee are Craig Conner and Chuck Romfo from the Athletic Association, Rick Bulette and Jeff Vincent from the Recreation Board, and Jeff Young and Bob Smith from the Board of Supervisors.

Pat Howlett mentioned that the quality of referees in the basketball league is very poor. Bad calls and not knowing the rules are two of several examples. CBL (Community Basketball League) has operational control of referees but has no guidelines about their use. Palmer currently does not have refs and Pat wants us to consider using our own in the future. Discussion followed and was tabled to the next Board meeting.

**Motion** by Lori Fulmer for \$250 for Shane Simpson to attend the Blue and White game. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed**

Motion to adjourn – 9:26

Respectfully

Douglas A. McTighe

Secretary