

Palmer Township Athletic Association General Membership Meeting Minutes

Charles Chrin Community Center

March 19th 2015

Members Present:

Doug McTighe, Lori Fulmer, Maureen Brehm, John Weber, Jeff Bowman, Dave Dumpel, Maureen Rinda, Lisa Bowman, Paul Cinoa, Chuck Romfo.

Call to Order 8:03 pm – Lori Fulmer

Motion by Dave Dumpel to accept the February treasures report second Jeff Bowman. **Passed**

Correction made to the February minutes. \$127.47 was not to replenish petty cash. Motion was 127.47 for Staples supplies.

Motion by Paul Cinoa to approve February minutes. Second Maureen Rinda. **Passed**

Correspondence – Letter from Suburban EMS thanking us for our donation to their golf fundraiser.

Email from Easton Area High School (EAHS) Baseball looking for a donation.

Motion by Dave Dumpel to donate \$100.00 to EAHS Baseball. Second Paul Cinoa. **Passed**

Board Report – Lori Fulmer

Revising the photo release language to mimic the Easton Area School District Language.

The code of conduct is still being revised. Policies being discussed were a 24 hour rule before speaking to a parent or coach to allow time to cool off. Implementing a Chain of Command structure to be followed to resolve issues e.g. Coach then Commissioner then Executive Board.

The Turf field is set to be approved at the April 6th Board of Supervisors meeting. It will be placed near the current field 8 location at Palmer Elementary.

Sports Reports

Soccer – Dave Dumpel

A record number of 247 kids sign up for spring soccer. The season will run from April 12th to June 14th. BMYSL will be divide into a North and South Division, with Palmer being in the south. Several coaches earned the E/F license with an agreement to coach for the next 2 years.

Motion by Dave Dumpel to reimburse himself and 2 other coaches for E/F licenses not to exceed \$450.00. Second Paul Cinoa. **Passed**

Softball – Paul Cinoa

Mark Brehm, James Kessler, and John Weber need to be reimbursed for a pitching clinic.

Evaluations are this Saturday the 21st at the community center. Majors, minors and juniors have 154 girls total to include 13 teams. It's an increase of 12 girls over last year.

February's pitching clinic hosted by EAHS Softball Team was attended by 29 girls with 15 from Palmer.

Motion by Paul Cinoa for \$250 donation to EAHS Softball for pitching clinic. Second Jeff Vincent. **Passed.**

Motion by Paul Cinoa for \$77 for SuperSass field scheduling for 3 months. Second by Dave Dumpel. **Passed.**

Motion by Paul Cinoa for \$1200.00 for 154 visors. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed.**

Palmer Derby Days are going to be on June 6th no softball games scheduled that day.

Coach's clinic was held in Catasauqua on February 20th and attended by Coach Mike Weaver.

Motion by Paul Cinoa for \$45 to reimburse Mike Weaver for the clinic. Second Jeff Vincent. **Passed.**

Basketball – Lori Fulmer

Season will finish this weekend.

Lacrosse – Lori Fulmer

Games are postponed until April because fields are wet. Practices are being held in parking lots.

Baseball Lower Level – Jeff Bowman

Signups are down 25 kids from last season mostly from tee-ball. One coach backed out at the tee ball level.

Evaluations are March 28th for 9/10 year olds. No evaluations for 11/12 year olds.

Baseball Upper Level – Craig Conner

Two teams needed at the Bushkill Valley level, looking for one more coach. Equipment is being ordered now for the season. League fees are due at the April 20th league meeting.

Motion by Jeff Bowman NTE \$1300.00 for hats for Legion and Bushkill valley. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed**

Motion by Paul Cinoa for \$300.00 to Craig Conner for concession stand startup fees. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed.**

Motion by Jeff Bowman for \$376.72 for Legion baseball fees to be reimbursed by the Recreation Board. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed.**

Field Hockey – Maureen Rinda

Reaching out to coaches to gauge interest for upcoming season.

Wrestling – No Report

Football/Cheerleading – Lori Fulmer

Signups will be May 1st – May 31st. Weights are being determined for football.

2-2-2 – Chuck Romfo

Looking to fix the Fairview Park baseball infield. Taking quotes now for work to begin in the fall or winter. Also taking quotes for concrete footing for bleachers.

Approximately \$49,000.00 in the account with winter sports monies to be deposited soon.

Old Business – None

New Business – Lori Fulmer

ACT 153, the Jerry Sandusky inspired law requiring FBI, Child molestation, and Criminal background checks for coaches will cost \$28 per coach. ACT 153 goes into effect on July 31 2015. Discussing with Groupnet and our attorney Stan Margle about how to implement checks and store the information. Discussion ensued about who should pay for the background checks, the volunteer or the Association.

Motion by Jeff Bowman for \$247.50 to Margle Law offices. Second Dave Dumpel. **Passed.**

Motion to Adjourn 9:01 pm

Respectfully submitted

Douglas A. McTighe

Secretary