

ZELIENOPLE / HARMONY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

General Meeting December 14, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - Bill Tretter

ZHAA President called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm and presented the meeting's agenda.

ROLL CALL - Bill Dawson

BOD Present: Bill Tretter - President, Ted Schlick - VP, Mark Lachendro - Treasurer, Bill Dawson - Interim Secretary,
BOD Absent - Herb Brittner - VP Baseball, Rick Buletko - VP Softball

Quorum attendance satisfied.

READING OF MINUTES - Bill Dawson

Minutes from the November 2, 2008 General Meeting were distributed.

Motion: To accept the minutes from the November 2, 2008 meeting. Passed 100%. Jerry Stephenson / Scott Cowell

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mark Lachendro

Treasurer presented November Statement and current Book Balances.

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report. Passed 100% Ted Neil / Jerry Stephenson

Treasurer will look into transferring some money to a short-term CD (3-6 months)

COMMITTEE REPORT - CONCESSIONS - Vanesa Collins and Marilou Hudanick

Committee presented a draft Concessions Stand Policy for membership review and discussion. Major components of the draft policy and discussion: T-ball, PeeWee and Pony will be required to participate in Concession stand; drinks can be sold at PeeWee field utilizing a mobile cart; all families would be required to work concession stand for each of their players (further discussion realized that there are more players than concession time slots); Softball stand could be opened for High School games; all families would be required to provide concession specific volunteer deposit at registration, this deposit would be returned when concession is worked (this was removed following discussion and considered inclusive with general volunteer deposit); individuals signing-up for concession times will be responsible to hire approved works for \$15 a game, if volunteer does not fulfill obligation their \$50 volunteer deposit will be forfeited.

The policy will be redrafted based on this discussion and presented for BOD approval prior to season start.

COMMITTEE REPORT - NIGHT AT THE RACES - Ted Schlick

NATR will be held February 7th at the Zelianople American Legion. The cost will be \$20 per individual and \$35 per couple. Doors will open at 7-pm with races starting at 8-pm.

COMMITTEE REPORT - REGISTRATION - Bill Dawson

Dates for registration will be Thursday January 8 @ 6-8 pm (with a general meeting immediately following), Saturdays January 10 and 17 @ 1 -3 pm. All events will be held at St. Gregory's cafeteria.

Registration fundraiser was discussed. It was concluded that Bruster booklets and a money raffle will be offered. All booklets and tickets will have a \$10 value. Each family will be required to purchase \$40 worth of materials.

Baseball umpire fees are expected to remain the same, with Softball increasing by ~\$5.00/game.

Motion: To increase softball registration fees \$5 per player over 2008 fees, with no increase in baseball fees. Motion passed 100% Jerry Stephenson / Scott Cowell

Motion: To increase late registration fee to \$25 if not received by March 1, 2009. This will be enforced with registrations received at Brittner's Smoke House. Monies will be used to cover extra cost of shirt and hat ordering. Motion passed 100%. Ted Neil / Scott Cowell

There was a discussion about the availability and use of patch umpire for Minor League baseball and bettering the PeeWee umpiring system. The discussion was tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORT - BASEBALL - Herb Brittner

Try-out have been scheduled for March 14th at the Intermediate High School gym starting at 2-pm. A time schedule will be prepared for distribution at registration.

Umpire Clinic is scheduled for March 28th from 9 - 11:30 am at the St. Gregory's gym.

OLD BUSINESS

Hat and Shirt Bids - Ted Schlick

Two (2) hat and shirt bids have been received to date. No review or decisions have been completed.

Motion: To have Zeli / Harmony on the front of league shirts. Hats will have ZH logo. Motion passed 100%. Greg Cowell / Steve Rocco

Jacob Denzik Memorial - Melanie Horn

Discussion continued for memorial options in Jacobs's memory. Melanie will present ideas to the family and coordinate with Greg Cowell for discussions with Zelienople Park Board.

Toll Gate Property - Bill Tretter

Review of the Jackson Township agreement, finds that the ZHAA property rights includes a 6.1-A area. This is area for 2 baseball / softball fields which are required to be developed within 5-years.

NEW BUSINESS

Little League / Bronco Rules - Ted Schlick

Brad-Mar Pine has not committed to Bronco program for 2009. Following a lengthy discussion about the direction of the 11- and 12-year old baseball program the following motion was made.

Motion: To change the in-house Little League format to 70' bases with lead offs. To use "Bronco" rules for all baseball games played at this age group. Motion passed 100% Jeff Patton / Mark Lachendro

In-House Play with Evans City Teams - Ted Schlick

To expand baseball teams and competition the following motion was made.

Motion: To play in-house PeeWee, Minor and Bronco baseball games with Evans City only. Motion passed with 3 descending votes. Greg Cowell / Jerry Stephenson

Equipment Swap Program – Mark Lachendro

The idea of having an equipment swap during try-out was discussed. Steve Rocco and Jerry Stephenson will consider logistics and see if there are individuals interested in running such an event.

ADJOURNMENT - Bill Tretter

Motion: To adjourn @ 10:45 pm. Motion passed 100%. Greg Cowell / Jerry Stephenson

Recording Secretary – Bill Dawson