

## ZELIENOPLE / HARMONY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

### General Meeting January 8, 2009

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - Bill Tretter

ZHAA President called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm and presented the meeting's agenda. Meeting was held at St. Gregory's immediately following registration.

#### ROLL CALL - Bill Dawson

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

Quorum attendance satisfied.

#### READING OF MINUTES - Bill Dawson

Minutes from the December 14, 2008 General Meeting were distributed.

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the November 2, 2008 meeting. Passed 100%. Ted Neill / Scott Cowell

#### TREASURER'S REPORT - Mark Lachendro

Treasurer provided December Statement Balance (12-31-08) and Book Balance (12-31-08). Also provided Concession Balance:

Bills to pay - there are 2 invoices pending from last Fall season and HHH down payment

**Motion** - To accept Treasurer's report. Passed 100% Greg Miller / Ted Neill

#### COMMITTEE REPORT - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - Bill Tretter

Pony League - Bill Tretter and Greg Cowell working with school and park board to determine next steps. School board approval will be necessary for dugouts. Approval will require building specifications. Also to be considered is pushing field out to increase backstop area. Mickey Flood will lead effort to get specifications and budget for dugouts and field alterations.

Little League - There is a need for an equipment shed in this area and a used quad for field dragging.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT - NIGHT AT THE RACES - Bill Dawson

NATR will be held February 7th at the Zelienople American Legion. The cost will be \$20 per individual and \$35 per couple tickets are available, see Ted Schlick. Doors will open at 7-pm with races starting at 8-pm.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT - REGISTRATION - Bill Dawson

Following review of last year's registration fees and current economic climate the BOD proposed a reduction in 2009 registration fees.

**Motion:** To decrease registration fees from those of 2008. Softball and T-Ball registration fees will be decreased \$10 per player, and baseball fees will be decreased by \$15 per player. Motion passed 100% Jerry Stephenson / Scott Cowell

The first registration for the Spring 2009 season was held tonight. There are two more registrations scheduled for Saturday January 10th and 17th at St. Gregory's from 1 - 3 PM.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Hat and Shirt Bids - Mark Lachendro

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

##### Toll Gate Property - Bill Tretter

Due to the small area (6-acres), BOD would like to pursue alternative property use to include indoor practice facility and fields. John Muto will discuss opportunity with SV Baseball boosters to see if there is interest in a joint project. Pending interest, the BOD will approach Township for alternative use.

##### In-House Play with Evans City Teams - Bill Tretter

Evans City has agreed to play in-house baseball games (PeeWee - Little League) with ZHAA.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Colt Field – John Muto

Field availability is a concern for the Colt league. The park's upper field is currently used by Colt, American Legion, Seneca Valley 9th grade and multiple Palomino teams. The VP of Baseball is going to look into other field options to assure Colt teams have fields available for practice and games.

Tournament Team Selection

The need to select a tournament team earlier in the season was discussed and the following motion made.

**Motion:** To allow tournament team selection to take place anytime after May 15th. Motion passed 100% Mark Lachendro / Nik Eppinger

7 & 8-Year Old Softball Program - Rick Buletko

There was a discussion about breaking the current 10&U softball into two programs (7&8 and 9&10). The follow motion was made.

**Motion:** To create two softball groups, a 7&8- and a 9&10-year old. The 7&8-year old program will be coach pitch and cost \$70/player. The 9&10-year old age group will replace the current 10&U programs. Motion passed 100% Bill Dawson / Rick Buletko

Softball Tournament - Rick Buletko

All fields (including pony and legion) will be used for the Pittsburgh Spirit Softball tournament June 26, 27 and 28, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – BOD

Board of Directors positions still open: President, Vice President, and Secretary

Capital Investments Committee Chair needed

Multiple Committee Chair and volunteer leads needed. Volunteer list available for at sign-ups.

Seneca Valley school has donated an used infield tarp to the Association. ZHAA must transport and repair.

Field groomer information to be presented at the next meeting.

People are needed to lead the equipment swap event.

ADJOURNMENT - Bill Tretter

**Motion:** To adjourn ~9:40 pm. Motion passed 100%. Scott Cowell / Craig Gehm

RECORDING SECRETARY

Bill Dawson