

# **St Paul Park Athletic Association**

Meeting minutes – November 6, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by President Kevin Zittel

**Board Members Present:** Kevin, Donny, Katie I., Dave, Rich, Tina, Jeff, Tony, Katie S. and Jackie

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** none

Motion was made by Rich and seconded by Dave to approve the October 2, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's report:** Katie I. reported that there was \$ 14, 615.91 in the SPPAA checkbook and \$ 3600.72 in the traveling baseball checkbook. Katie S. motioned to approve the treasure's budget and Rich seconded. Motion carries on a voice vote.

## **Old Business:**

**Special Presentation:** Kevin purchased a plaque for Lee for his dedication to the SPPAA. A motion to reimburse Kevin in the amount of \$40.17 for the plaque was made by Katie S. and seconded by Katie I. The motion passes on voice vote.

## **New Business:**

**Bylaws:** Changes to part of the document were discussed. Some of the changes discussed were related to membership and voting rights, combining a few positions (fields and equipment), adding a communications director, abolishing the football program and adding participation requirements for each member.

There was a debate about changes to the voting rights. Changes proposed were that if a member of the City of St. Paul Park attends two full meetings they would have voting rights after the second meeting. However, if a member misses 2 consecutive meetings, they would have to sit for two meetings and would get voting rights back after the next meeting. Changes for board members are as follows: If a board member attends one meeting, they would get voting rights after the second meeting. If a member misses two consecutive meetings he/she would have to attend the next meeting in order to gain voting rights again. There was discourse about why members would have to lose voting rights due to missing meetings. There was a motion to approve the voting rights changes by Katie I.. It was seconded by Katie S. One member abstained. In relation to combining the fields and equipment positions, each director would be in charge of their equipment. A new position of communication director was discussed. Possible responsibilities would include: updating the website and Facebook. In addition, they would work with the directors to get pictures from each sport as well as SPAAA sponsored events and would post them on the website. A motion was made by Katie I. to abolish football out of the program. Katie S. seconded. The motion carries on a voice vote. 7 members voted yes, 0 voted no and 0 abstained. Due to limited participation by board members, discussion about participation requirements occurred. It was suggested that members commit to attending and participating at 50% of the SPPAA sponsored events. There was

some discourse related to this topic about members not wanting to agree to 50% participation. Further discussion about the remaining By-laws will occur in December.

#### **Board Reports:**

**President:** Kevin reported that the website still has a picture of the minors baseball tournament and that more pictures of recent events should be posted there. There was a discussion about who is responsible for posting pictures of events that occur. There was discussion about the website and that the city might link our FB page on their site. Conversation about making sure contacts are updated when positions are switched took place. The US Bank has a traveling softball account that needs to be transferred into Katie I's name. It currently is in Rick Ewy's name. Soccer goals were brought in due to convenience. Some board contacts need to be changed as they are incorrect. Conversation about the haunted house took place. Many people want to do it, but there weren't many people to commit to helping. In the future, more help is needed. Several kids stepped up to help. There was discussion to purchase the Halloween costumes and equipment. Cottage Grove is selling it for \$175, which is far below the market value for all of it. Tina motioned to purchase the equipment and costumes for \$175 and Katie S. seconded it. The motion passes on a voice vote. The holiday train is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Traveling Baseball:** Donny hasn't heard from 16U team. He mentioned that tournaments for 13U for the summer are starting to be posted. Donny will look into the tournament directors meeting. Fundraising for November/December is not necessary. There was discussion about next year's 13U team and how to determine who the team will be comprised of as well as discussion about making player decisions in the future. All members were in agreement for keeping a 13U traveling team. Next year there will not be an older traveling team.

**Secretary:** There was nothing to report

**Treasurer:** There were a few recent transactions. They included: payment to Advance sportswear for the soccer uniforms and candy for the Halloween parade from Sam's Club and payment for the website. There was a discussion that there were issues with the P.O. Box and a check was sent for payment, but the check was returned to the sender. A decision was made to stop payment on the check that was sent in. Also, Katie I. changed the P.O.Box into her name. Katie I. paid for the cost to renew the website. A motion was made by Katie I and seconded by Tina to reimburse Katie I. in the amount of \$120.00 for the website.

**Softball:** There was nothing to report.

**Soccer:** The last of the soccer bags have been returned.

**Baseball:** There was nothing to report.

**Events:** The Monster Bash was successful despite a small number of kids in attendance. The haunted house was also successful. Tina will be sending out info for the casino bus run soon. Tina suggested to start getting donations soon. A new fundraising idea was discussed (Script). This idea will be further researched.

**Fields:** Tony needs to go through the soccer equipment. Tony took down the batting cages. Base boxes are still full, but they will be cleaned out soon.

**Equipment:** Katie S. may have to resign on January 1, 2014 due to her recent appointment on the school board. She will find out more by the next meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by Rich and seconded by Tina. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

The next meeting will be held

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Stangl

SPPAA Secretary