**Hershey Little League**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: March 3, 2013**

**Meeting Location: MHS Elementary School**

**Members Present:** George Blackall, Chris DeFlitch , Jen Garver-Hynes, Myron McCurdy, Pat Meister, Dave Myers, Dave Mysel, Vince Pasquini, Terry Singer, Stan Sullivan, Matt Wildasin

**Guest Present**: Harry Strawser

**Members Absent:** Dana Best, Jeff Hahn, Jim Larkin,

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Myron McCurdy at 6:33 PM

**Minutes from February 10, 2013**: Chris DeFlitch made a motion to approve- second by Matt Wildasin. Motion passed unanimously.

**President’s Report**: Myron McCurdy

 Stipend with HS Baseball- Myron spoke to Coach Ruhl- he supported our decision to discontinue to stipend.

Uniforms- ENKay Sporting Goods will do our uniforms this year. Thank you to Julie Larkin for leading the bid process.

Sponsors- Myron has spoken to several new potential sponsors- **please follow-up on your assigned sponsors early this week**. We are up to 27 sponsors- we need 40-45.

We had a request from a local cub scout pack to try to recruit boy scouts on opening day by handing out brochures. No objections.

Myron sent out revised FAQ’s- please review and provide him feedback.

Pitching machines will be listed for sale on our web site. They list for over $130 on ebay. We will list for $125 OBO.

Myron spoke to Wayne Jewel- the umpires felt that last year there was improvement in HLL coach behavior. There is still room for improvement. Chris DeFlitch asked Myron to remind Wayne that he is a member of Baseball Operations and we welcome his attendance at meetings.

Chris DeFlitch raised the point of being cost conscious re: umpires. The umpire prices were raised this year and our annual budget for umpires is around $1,300.

**Will need help for assessment days next week. Please come out next Saturday and Sunday to help.**

Concessions update- the proposal is a 3 yr contract with JC&J- it is currently being reviewed by our attorney, David Becker, Esq., This agreement would profit HLL $62,400 over three years plus 5% of all food sales. – see attachment.

**Vice President’s Report:** Chris DeFlitch-

Reviewed the in-season clinics and camps with Coach Ruhl. Dates will be posted on the web site.

**Coaches clinic set for March 16, 2013: 10 AM-12 Noon.** Memorial Field- if bad weather, Granada Gym.

**Colts Clinic: March 23, 2013: 11 AM- 1 PM** at Memorial Complex (North/South). Granada Gym if bad weather.

**In-season Teeners Clinic: April 20, 27, May 4, 2013: 11 AM-12:30 PM** at Memorial Field.

**Camps**

**Teeners Camp June 10-13th.** 9AM- 3 PM at Memorial Field

**Early Development (6-8 years old). June 10-13th.** 9 AM-11 AM (North & South Fields)

**Advanced Development (8-12 years old). June 10-13th**. 12 Noon- 3 PM (North & South Fields)

Preseason colts clinic- recommendation of Baseball Operations is to have the clinic early in the season. Coach Ruhl is willing to do this. HLL did not want to add fee to parents so HLL will pay for it. Proposing a $500 payment to HS Baseball. Motion to pay HS Baseball program $500 for colts clinic made by Vince Pasquini, second by Matt Wildasin. Motion passed unanimously

Brian Bingeman is enormously helpful at Kuhns. HLL extends our thanks to him for all of his hard work and great results.

**South field Update-**

Target date for completion of renovations is mid-march. Weather is making this a challenge. We do have a contingency plan- majors games would be moved to Gelder. We also have the Plaza field available for practices.

The girls’ high school softball team has requested additional practice time- for practices the Varsity and JV teams will practice together on South- if South is not ready- they will practice on the Plaza field. Once the make-up of the teams is decided and they are split, Varsity will use North, JV on Plaza. Once South is completed- Varsity on South- JV on Plaza. This is not expected to interfere with HLL use of the fields.

Koons fields are progressing- Koons lower fencing complete and the infield has been skinned. Diamond-Tex will be spread by township.

Koons Upper- fenced in entire driveway, benches will be moved from south to Koons upper- regrade upper infield to be done by Umbergers.

Retaining wall behind the backstop needed (**will need volunteers for this coming weekend**), - currently under budget for entire project. Under $5,000 for two new fields- thanks to Chris Deflitch for leading the effort.

Mound on Memorial- Brain Bingeman will try to repair it.

**Coaching Proposals**: All proposed coaches have passed the criminal background checks unless noted otherwise.

**T-Ball: Stan Sullivan, Commissioner: Proposed Coaches listed as Head Coach/Assistant Coach**

Team 1: Dom Argento/Duncan Campbell

Team 2: Charles Chappell/Erin Moran

Team 3: Doug Erwin/Doug Hummer/David Umberger

Team 4: Bill Fisher/Kris Bouslough

Team 5: Joshua Orris/Todd Felix

Team 6: Terry Connor/Michael Miller

Motion to approve proposed coaches for T-Ball made by made by Terry Singer, second by Dave Mysel. Motion passed unanimously.

**Colts: Matt Wildasin, Commissioner.**

Team 1: Travis Treadway/Matt Wildasin

Team 2: Tom Richards/Chad Alander

Team 3: Matt Kaag/Scott Hanford

Team 4: Mike Preis/Brad Winnich

Team 5: Kevin Rowland/Steven Valoczki

Team 6: Mike Wolfe/John Weatherhold

Team 7: Dan Schauble/Mark Copenhaver

Motion made by Chris Deflitch to approve proposed coaches for Colts, second by Stan Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minors: Jim Larkin- Commissioner**. Jim was absent so the coaches were presented by Myron McCurdy. 86 players registered- 7 teams proposed – there was discussion about the need for an 8th team if the number of registered players increases this week. This is up to the Commissioner to decide. The 7 proposed coaching pairs are:

1. Chad Alander/ Ed Liesch
2. Kevin Hugues/ Anthony Nerino
3. Jeff Schmidt /Mike Hand
4. Dan Hugendubler/Kevin Rowland
5. Pat Meister/William Fisher
6. Mark Snyder/ Joe Peca
7. Will Fortunato/Michael Still

 Motion to approve the minors coaches made by Chris DeFlitch, second by Dave Mysel. Motion passed unanimously.

On March 4, 2013, Commissioner Larkin proposed to add an 8th team with the following coaching pair:

Harry Strawser/Craig Erwin

By email vote, this coaching pair was approved by a vote of 11-0.

On March 5, 2013, Commissioner Larkin reported that William Fisher declined to be a coach and his proposed replacement was Arthur Horner. By email vote, Mr Horner was approved 12-0.

**Majors: Terry Singer- Commissioner: 76 players registered- 7 teams proposed.**

Team 1: Aaron Fackler/Brain Bingeman

Team 2: Doug Field/Chris Sicher

Team 3: Dave Mysel/Jeff Hahn

Team 4: Jim Larkin/Matt Wildasin

Team 5: Phil Wood/ Colby Hollinger

Team 6: Darin Kehler/ Mike Warfel

Team 7: Mike Ioffreda/Tim Bergren

Motion made to approve the majors coaches made by Vince Pasquini, second by Matt Wildasin. Motion passed unanimously.

On March 6, 2013, Commissioner Singer reprted that Mr Bergren was no longer able to coach. He proposed Tom Buerk as his replacement. By a vote of 12-1, Mr Buerk was approved.

**Teeners 13 and 14 year olds: Dave Mysel- Commissioner:**

Teeners 13’s: 15 players registered, Chris Barrett is currently the only parent to volunteer to coach-. Dave will reach out to other parents to try to get at least one more person on the ballot.

14 year olds: 24 players registered- there will be 2 teams. Coaches who have volunteered:

Rick Donnegan

Chris Bravacos

Chris DeFlitch

D.J. Hedrick

Motion to approve these volunteers as coaches without the specification of head coach/assistant coach at this time made by Stan Sullivan, second by Matt Wildasin. Motion passed unanimously.

On March 14, 2013, Commissioner Mysel proposed a coaching pair of Ron Juchem and Doug Larsen. Via email vote, they were approved by a vote of 10- Yes and 3- No.

**Suburban- Vince Pasquini, Commissioner:** 12 players currently registered so they will have one team.

Chris Lacoe and Wayne Underkoffler (background check pending on Wayne) and Scott Snoke volunteered to coach. Motion made to approve Suburban coaches made by Stan Sullivan, second by Jen Hynes. Motion passed unanimously.

Sr Teeners/ Legion- 11 registered- Doug Ruhl will coach Legion

 Sr Teener coach pending based on which players end up on the team. Tabled vote until next meeting.

**Secretary’s Report:** George Blackall- The old scoreboards have been removed. We received the written proposal to purchase and install the Nevco 1608 scoreboard on North from TR Stoner for a total cost of $13,100. This is $300 below the quote received last August. Dave Mysel suggested that we verify that the color of the scoreboard is in line with the traditional Hershey colors. That was done with Mark Shrift on 3/4/13.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Pat Meister:

Distributed financial statements as of 2/25/13. Attached as a pdf.

Chris DeFlitch asked if we can reallocate $900 from new mats at Memorial Field (which apparently have been purchased by DTSD) to field prep for HS Field? Pat Meister agreed. Chris will investigate.

**New Business:**

Field Set up day- Myron will send an email to establish dates. **Will someone step up to organize set-up day?**

Given the impending bad weather this week, a decision will be made by mid-week about whether to post-pone the minors and majors evaluations by one week.

**Old Business:**

Motion to adjourn by Chris DeFlitch at 8:35PM. Second by Dave Myers. Unanimous approval.

**Next Meeting**: April 14, 2013; 6:30 PM at the MHS Elementary School.

Minutes submitted by George F. Blackall, Secretary, Hershey Little League

Date:3 /15/13