

Hershey Little League

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 17, 2014

Meeting Location: Hershey Medical Center, H 1059

Members Present: George Blackall, Chris DeFlitch, Doug Hummer, Myron McCurdy, Pat Meister, Josh Orris, Chris Painter, Jeff Schmidt, Terry Singer, Matt Wildasin

Members Absent: Vince Pasquini, Marc Snyder, Stan Sullivan, Dave Umberger

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Myron McCurdy at 7:00 PM.

Approval of minutes from June 8, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes by Pat Meister. Second by Matt Wildasin . Unanimous approval.

President's Report: Myron McCurdy:

Elections next month. Please contact people you think would be a good addition to the HLL Board. We have 4 openings this year.

Myron recognized Terry Singer, Stan Sullivan, Vince Pasquini and Dana Best for their years of service to the HLL Board.

There is a proposed softball game against the Hershey Area Umpires Association. Majors players would be the umpires. General consensus was that it was a great idea. Myron will work out the details with Wayne Jewel.

Terry suggested using it as a fund raiser for a worthy cause. This is a good idea and should be pursued in future years.

The HLL brick building was recently broken into. There was no real damage or loss to our property. Myron recommends putting all of the locks on the inside of the building.

Equipment has all been turned in- thanks to all who were involved.

Next year we should look at installing a scoreboard at Plaza field. This can be part of the capital expenditures discussion in the coming months.

The Hershey Fire Department has put up and taken down the netting at Memorial Field for many years for free. They use it as a training exercise for their junior members. Myron suggested that

we make a donation to HFD. General discussion was that it is for services we are not able to perform ourselves and therefore a donation is appropriate.

Vice President's Report: Chris DeFlicht:

Still need a coach for the 18U teenagers fall ball team. Chris and Vince have been leading the effort thus far.

Terry presented the coaches' assessment for the year that was linked to PCA. 60 coaches were evaluated. This will be saved and made available for commissioners next year. 90% of parents completing the surveys were positive about their child's coach. Chris asked the Board to consider if we should speak with coaches who got negative feedback. We agreed that each commissioner would send a note (with similar language) to the coaches who received positive feedback thanking them for their work this year. Chris suggested that for coaches who received negative feedback, offer them an opportunity to sit down and discuss the feedback.

Terry asked what data should be sent to HLL parents? Chris suggested a general letter to all of HLL letting them know that the overall results were positive. Chris will put together a summary letter for parents.

Josh asked if we intend to set a minimum score level for coaches in the future? While there is agreement that it is a good idea, given that we are a volunteer organization, it is difficult to put strict limits on the process, due to the challenges in participating Volunteer Coaches.

We have 3 Hahn Award recipients who will be honored on Opening Day. We will get a plaque for each recipient. Chris also suggested that we get a HLL plaque that will be engraved with the name of each recipient every year so we maintain the history of the award winners.

Terry brought up how to increase parent attendance at the PCA workshop. We will consider tying all-star eligibility to having a parent attend a PCA workshop. Terry has offered to work with whoever decides to take over PCA this year, or if no one is available, he is willing to help out next year.

All-star summary- there were some levels in which fielding a white team was challenging- the viability of white teams is something that should be revisited next year.

We should consider developing a mechanism for coach feedback for all-stars.

One of the 14 U teams won their division in the Dauphin County League. Congratulations to Coach Nerino and his team! Coach Nerino and several Hershey 14 U players represented a Dauphin County all-star team and placed Third in the VFW State Tournament.

Overall, the season was very successful.

Secretary's Report: George Blackall – Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Pat Meister- current financials dated 8/9/14 attached.

Fall Ball update-

In House- 6 teams which includes 2 Palmyra teams (last year we had 8 teams)

Pre-Minors: 6 players registered, only one coach so far.

Instructional Level- 14 registered. The only coach signed up is Ryan Bown. He will need some assistance.

We may have to combine
the two lower levels.

Old Business:

Josh:

Legion Coaching - there were many problems with the Legion team this season. We will move forward in accordance with our previous decision on coaching. In our March, 2014 meeting this was discussed and it was recognized that going forward it is not considered good practice to have the high school coach also coach Legion. We are the only town in this area that allows this.

Impact of Ad resignation- Myron continues to be in contact with Dan Serfass. The DTSD School Board is in the process of finding a new AD. We will work hard to continue the good relationship we have with the School Board and AD going forward.

Myron will revisit the Hershey youth sports council to see if it is viable.

Concessions- Koons was only opened once this year. Parents were not happy about that. This will be addressed next year as the contract is reviewed and discussed in December, 2014. Chris reported that the input he received on the quality and availability of concessions was poor from a service stand point. We need to find someone on the Board to take a leadership role on the concession program in an effort to improve the concession's customer service needs.

Memorial Field Renovations: there are multiple repairs needed. A recent walk-around revealed deteriorating conditions and safety concerns with the mound, infield edges, home plate, third base and the outfield warning track. The bottom line is that all repairs total an estimated

\$10,000. Chris suggested that we move forward with these repairs. This would entail shutting down Memorial Field for the fall.

A motion was submitted to spend \$10,000 to make the necessary repairs to Memorial. Motion to approve spending \$10,000 on Memorial renovations made by Myron McCurdy. Second by Doug Hummer. Unanimous approval.

South field also needs repairs- it is around \$15,000 to get the necessary repairs done. This is on hold for now pending further field assessments.

Koons field bleachers need to be scraped and painted.

Policy revisions: Myron reports that Exhibits 1, 2 and 7 have been reviewed and reformatted this year. Policy documents are converting to a new format and select policies will be archived that are no longer in force. Josh will continue to reformat current policies.

Josh: Registration Process revisions: Teeners- last year we let registrations run late which created problems with the Dauphin County League. Next year Teener registration will close on March 31.

Motion to adjourn by Terry Singer . Second by Josh Orris. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

New Business: None

Important Dates:

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on September 14, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the Hershey Medical Center, Room H1059.

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

Date: 8/20 /14

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