



**Diamond Club Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2020**  
**Curt Hughes Room, MS House – 7:00 pm**  
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- 1.) Call to order – Matt Mohs 7:03pm
- 2.) Entertain changes to the agenda – Matt Mohs
  - Changed number 6 to state Youth “Baseball”
  - Add 4a for scholarships
- 3.) Approve minutes from 12/4/19 regular meeting (no paper copies provided) –  
**MOTION - APPROVED**
- 4.) Treasurer Report – Tamsen Leimer

Account	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
Florida Account	606.07	1,450.89
Fundraising Account	30,941.48	31,236.72
General Account	29,091.17	26,463.54
Building Account	8,900.00	8,900.00

- Bank accounts are being set up at Olmsted National Bank
- Ron to help Tamsen close Florida Account
- Matt and Laura to stay after meeting to sign a few documents

4a. Scholarships

- \$150/player for both softball and baseball. Have to apply through counseling office.  
**MOTION: MOVE FORWARD WITH SCHOLARSHIPS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST – APPROVED**
- 2019 Diamond Club paid out scholarships for 13 players. Looking at size of classes could be 10-20 but it all depends on how many apply.
- Qualifications: Have to be out for softball or baseball for 4 years with no violations

- 5.) Equipment Needs (tarps, etc.) Discussion – Coaches
  - Tabled until February to allow more time for inventory and quotes. Mark to talk to Mr. Malone to see if school can allocate funds for the field tarps.
- 6.) Set Date & Time for the next Youth Baseball Diamond Club Committee Meeting
  - Tamsen has put together an email for the youth baseball program. Draft email will be sent to families of boy's grades 3-6. Email will also contain a list of volunteer positions that are needed on the Youth Diamond Club.
  - Small Youth Baseball group will meet ASAP to go over details so registration details can get ironed out. Registration needs to close the beginning of March to allow time for the Flower fundraiser.
  - Coach interviews need to be scheduled. Matt will work on arranging.
  - Attention Youth Baseball volunteers: There will be a meeting prior to the Diamond Club meeting on February 5 from 6:00-7:00 in Curt Hughes Classroom.
  - The Youth Softball group is working on the finalizing a code of conduct document



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- Email to go out for volunteers and registrations etc. Would like to get more people involved on the softball side as well.
- Youth baseball and softball both participate in the flower fundraiser
- Youth baseball 9-12U will be part of ZVL again this year.

### 7.) Concession Stand Update

- On Monday night Tamsen Leimer and Matt Mohs attended the school board meeting. Belinda Selfors (Superintendent) has proposed that the school would contribute \$150,000 to the concession stand project. These funds would be taken out of the capital outlay fund (not from the operating level that just passed). This will be voted on by the council at the March meeting.
- Matt Mohs has also talked to the city and they are well aware of the project.
- The Diamond Club would like to have as many members and parents as possible at the March meeting for support.
- Belinda requested we give the concession stand a name.
  - Option 1: Tigers Den (However tigers don't have dens)

#### a. Local contractor outreach

- We are currently working with TSP and Krause Anderson
- Nick Leimer (of Krause Anderson) has volunteered to be the construction manager.
- Between now and the March School Board meeting we want to do as much legwork as we can
  - Finalizing the numbers (\$\$) and design plan. (Nick Leimer will help with this)
  - Working with architect on how to schedule the bids (we want to work with local contractors if possible in hopes of getting a reduced rate)
    - ONB wants to participate
  - Need to contact other boosters clubs to see if verify if they would also like to contribute to the concession stand.
    - (Football –interested, Soccer – interested, SYAA – interested).
- Ron will follow up with Al Horstman regarding the sewer lines.

#### b. Fundraising

- There are a lot of community members that would be interested in helping out financially so we need to get the word out.
- Once new Diamond Club accounts are set up with ONB we will want to talk to them about financially supporting this project.
- Other Fundraising options:
  - Put together a trailer to collect aluminum cans from the community
    - Dan will look into finding a trailer and place to park it.
  - Raise program registration fees (as Stewartville has a much lower registration fee than other towns) and use the difference to put into the building fund. (Just a thought but we would like to try other routes before increasing registration fees)



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- Add a checkbox, when registering, to donate to the building fund.
- Send letters to Stewartville Alumni asking for donations. Matt Mohs with work with Coaches to generate a list of Alumni.

### c. Financing

- Work with Krause Anderson on all the quotes and use local contractors as much as possible.

### d. Timing Fall

- Hoping to begin build in fall of 2020
- Once the group has met with TSP and Krause Anderson, Matt will put together some notes and we can start setting up meetings and assigning tasks.

### 8.) Engaging families of middle school players for participation in the Diamond Club

- Matt to give a brief talk at sign up night to talk about the concession stand and the booster club.
- Add booster club meetings to the Stewartville Star and on the Facebook pages.

### 9.) Coaches Comments

#### a. Varsity Softball Coach – Curt Hughes

- In favor of purchasing a Radar Gun
- Dome ball league starts Sunday – if you are participating please give Coach your \$40 and pick up your shirt.
- Coaches Clinics Jan 24-26 and Feb 1.
- School equipment to be ordered this week
- School uniforms to arrive next month
- New cage net set up on stage, needs to be adjusted but looks good – Thanks Dan
- First Softball practice March 9
- Water softener sales - Ron Smith will coordinate but will need a volunteer from Baseball and Softball.
  - Baseball: Heather Hanson
  - Softball: TBD
- Morning throwing has started Tuesday and Thursday before school

#### b. Varsity Baseball Coach – Mark Schmitz

- Spring Signup Night February 24.
- Thank you to Diamond Club for paying for the Coaches to attend the ABC coaches clinic in Nashville
- Over Christmas break we had an opportunity to help a family move. Coaches and staff helped and the family donated \$500 to Diamond Club.
- Gear has been ordered and will be coming in soon
- Thanks to Dan for setting up the cage net on the stage.
- Uniforms should be here this week and players can try them on Friday
- Still working to find a 7<sup>th</sup> grade coach



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- After school workouts with Coach Pohl are going well
- Boettcher Barn is also open for hitting (\$25/year/player)
- Morning throwing is at BCI – goal to get pitchers up to 75 by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Multiple camps going on
- Youth Clinic in February 16, 23 and March 1 for grades 3-6. Email went out at BCI. Coach Schmitz will bring the fliers to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade house. Coach will be looking for players to volunteer.
- Nik Mohs, Zane Stier, Riley Eickhoff will be featured in the State Breakdown Magazine
  - Photos for the magazine will be in Stewartville on February 9
- Spring Schedule still missing 2 games – AD working on this.
- Legion/VFW meeting in 2 weeks.
  - Coach is getting quotes on new VFW uniforms (may need to raise entry fee for this group)
- 2 months from today practice starts.
- Registration for Jr Babe, Babe, Legion, VFW will probably be March/April
- Radar Gun Program package includes gun, tripod and cords, as well as information on speed of pitches etc.
  - Would be used by baseball and softball.
  - Price is \$499 and this is the top of the line. No yearly fee.
  - MOTION TO PURCHASE RADAR GUN PACKAGE FOR \$499
    - Heather Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridget Neubauer APPROVED
- St. Olaf Coaches Clinic
  - 3 coaches would like to attend on Jan. 25.
  - Cost is \$60/coach.
  - Stewartville Coaches have been going since 1994.
  - MOTION TO SEND THE COACHES TO ST. OLAF CAMP AT \$60 EACH
    - Heather Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Sikkink APPROVED

- Rochester Honkers fundraiser \$10 ticket and \$5 comes back to program and you get a hotdog and pop. Tamsen will work on getting a date scheduled.

10.)Next Meeting Date February 5, 2020 @ 7:00 in Curt Hughes Classroom (6<sup>th</sup> Grade House)

- Youth Baseball will meet at 6:00 prior to Diamond Club meeting at 7:00

11.)Adjourn 8:05pm