

Present: Randy Hodge, Ann-Marie Chretien, Lynn McManus, Dan Machado, John Graham, Pat Rooney, Shane Oates, Rita Ferioli, John Egersheim, Steve Dowler, James Albert, Heidi Tanguay, Mike Sargent, Greg Farley, Greg Ulrich, Andy Larson, Chris Pabst, John O'Leary

Randy Hodge made a motion to open the monthly meeting at 8:25pm. Seconded by John G.

- **Secretaries Report:** Lynn read the minutes from the April 2016 meeting. AMC made a motion to accept the April minutes, the motion was seconded by AMC and accepted by all.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was read. See treasurer for information about league balance. Lynn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded by John G and accepted by all. Many expenses during the month of April including new ConEx box, payments for uniforms, fundraiser expenses and miscellaneous. See treasurer's report for detail.
- **Concession:** Opening day was a big success with the snack shack making almost \$XX. See Dan for information about snack shack balance. Dan spoke of a lack of volunteers – we need to make a better plan for this in the future – maybe assign shifts. At this time the snack shack is in the hole but Dan is not worried about it as there is the rest of spring rec, summer and fall ball ahead of us as well as tournaments. We also have many shirts to sell. We will accept personal checks for t-shirts with the phone number written on the check. We will charge for insufficient funds if check is returned. Dan suggested altering the schedule for double headers on Fridays and Saturdays to maximize the snack shack earning potential.
- **Field clean-up:** in April was a huge success with a lot of people pitching in!
- **Opening Day:** Was a great success! Great weather and great coverage in paper!
- **Tournaments:** In regards to the 18u tournament we are hosting in July, only 2 payments have come in so far. 3 other towns have signed up but payment has not been received yet. We will reach out to them (Rob & AMC) to needed on different shifts.
- **Fundraising:** We are planning a golf tournament for a Saturday in September (possibly 7th or 14th at 12noon). John Graham is looking at Squirrel Run in Plymouth as an alternative site from The Back Nine in Lakeville. John said the price would probably be \$55 each for golf fee, cart and meal. We would charge \$100-125 per person as a fundraiser. We talked about maybe golfing there and having the after event at the Elks. Chris will be involved in planning the event once decisions are made.
- **Summer softball:** Tryouts are on May 15th. Neil will be taking the paperwork to SSSSL in early June so after tryouts, coaches will need to make decisions asap. Lynn will prepare folders for each summer coach with notarized rosters, birth certificates, proof of MYSL insurance, etc. Payment of \$150 per player will be collected. Each team will participate in the week night league games and 2 tournaments that fall within this cost. Extra tournaments may be signed up for with parents absorbing the cost. Any ASA sanctioned tournaments that are signed up for – some of our players that are on ASA club teams may not be eligible to compete in. League age sticks for summer ball (except for the 1 girl that was moved up for spring rec season). Chris suggested having 2 practices instead of a single tryout and some coaches liked this idea. We decided that this process will be at the coaches discretion. Uniform/helmet needs will be handled by each coach with help from Lynn – Carrie Roberts at ZiPrint will be handling uniform orders.

- **By-law updates: (need to be done for by-laws)** Edits are almost complete. Call up rules need to be written in. Daily call-ups only will be done. League age sticks from now on. For daily call-ups, 3-4 names from each team should be placed on a list. Then the names will be rotated. There is no lateral movement for call-ups. We need to hammer out these details. Discussion also of a controlled draft for future teams to keep things balanced.
- **Field Improvements:** 2 outfield fences were purchased from OnDeck Sports and installed on field 1 & 2. Randy and Rob Desrosiers are looking at concrete pad and stairs on the other side of the snack shack. Peirce trustees may help.
- **Call up rules:** Last year, any call-up player could not pitch. Some coaches feel that they should be able to with parental permission. We are looking into this as a liability issue with ASA, so we are tabling the discussion until we find that out. At this time, call-ups are done on a daily basis from a list and the coach of the upper age has discretion on positions and call-ups.
- **Draft next year:** Pat suggested that we need to slow down the process between the Juniors and Majors and really take a look at the numbers before we decide how to proceed with Juniors moving up into Majors.
- **New Business:**
 - **Transportation issues:** NMS/MHS away games are an issue with interfering with Rec games – students are not back in time for the night games. Parents need to be able to help with driving other kids back on time. However, the MHS Athletic handbook does not allow for this. You can only drive your own child. Chris and Randy called the Superintendent's office to talk about how this could be resolved so that parents can help each other. The Superintendent worked with us to come up with a solution which is that a waiver form, copy of car insurance policy and copy of driver's license would be sufficient to allow parents to drive other students home from away games.
 - Randy suggested that coaches need to enforce stretching
 - John E talked about spring rec league playoffs for Senior League which Middleboro is hosting. He said the playoffs would start on June 2. The teams will be seeded #1-9. As the host, MYSL will supply the cup and the trophies. Chris ordered 15 1st and 15 2nd place trophies.
 - Field 3 need the extra pitching mound anchors installed because we are hosting 18u tourney in July. Andy Larson suggested magnetic bases and will look into this for us.

Monthly meeting closed @ 10:11pm. Motion made by Lynn, seconded by Heidi. All were in favor.

Next monthly meeting June 8, 2016 @ 8pm @ Middleboro Elks Club.

Lynn McManus, Secretary