

Minutes

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

President Tom Gruver called the meeting to order with 4 board

Members present and 22 members present.

Treasurers Report- Motion to approve made by Leon Stull, seconded by

Cary Salkin.-Motion carried.

Minutes Report- Motion to approve made by Cary Salkin, seconded by

Billie Weiss- . Motion carried.

Correspondence-

1. We received a thank you note from the Forks Kiwanis for donating water and volunteers at their first family bike race held in October.

Comments from the floor- None

SPORTS REPORTS

Baseball- Tom Gruver reported that he got together with coaches. He has an assistant commissioner for every age level.

Cheering- Billie Weiss reported that the season is over and all the uniforms have been returned.. She made a motion that the cheerleaders who cheered for the championship football teams (midgets and pee wee) receive money to purchase a sweatshirt. She asked for \$18 per cheerleader. A vote was taken. The motion passed.

Football- Fran Tone reported (by e-mail) the season ended on 11/13. Forks had 3 teams in the championship games. The Jr. Pee Wee team (coached by Bill Mason) lost to Palmer, 20-6; The Pee Wee team won over Palmer, 12-0; The midget team won over Williams, 6-0 .The Jr. Pee Wee team (coached by Doug Heater) ended 4-4 and qualified for playoffs . Flag football had a solid year. Overall, 142 players participated. He requested \$20 (the A.A. allowance for championship teams) for each player who played on the championship teams.

The league will reorganize in 2006. Thanks to the rec board and the A.A. for all their support.

Soccer- Cary Salkin reported that the season is over but it was a challenging one. They met with the league about coaches and came up with some good plans. Forks had one team fold and were fined by the league \$1,600. Instead of paying the fine to the league, it was suggested that they donate \$1,000 to the Katrina relief fund. A motion to do this was made by Cary. Jerry S. brought up that

Forks had already donated \$500 to the relief fund. And that Soccer had \$945.00 left in their A.A. budget. Tom G. Suggested that soccer take \$500 out of their budget and the A.A. will put the other \$500 in. This motion was made, vote was taken, and this motion passed. Jon Seckinger tried to return uniforms, but Rick Hartranft was unavailable. He was told that they can be returned to the front desk. 23 out of 30 teams returned their uniforms.

Wrestling- Joe Veres reported that they are in the 3rd week of practice. They have about 56 participants. The varsity team will attend the Fall Brawl Tournament this coming weekend. The first match of the season will be on December 4th. The new scale is working out well. He is going to submit a request to the Rec board for a new mat. There may be an old maroon mat in storage. Can it be sold to help pay for a new one?

Basketball- Don Miller reported that there was a CBL league meeting held on 11/20. There are 370 teams in the CBL league. Forks has the same number of teams that they had last year. Uniform hand outs will be on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, and Dec. 2. There are 150 children in the instructional league and 32 boys in the 8 year old league. 8 yr. old girls still participate in the instructional level. Don was asked if the 8 yr. Olds could be co- ed. He said he may find someone to work with the girls. The instructional and the 8 yr. Old teams are not sponsored by the Athletic Association.

Lacrosse- No report

Softball- Leon Stull asked about outstanding uniforms. He wants to know if because Rick is now in charge of uniforms, does he bill people for the outstanding uniforms or do the commissioners? Don Miller asked Kathy Kickline to address this issue because it is discussed at almost every meeting. She suggested that it is Rick's job to work with the commissioners and coaches. This is not working. It will now be Rick's job to send an invoice to people with outstanding uniforms. Invoices will be sent out a month after the uniform return date. The A.A. will provide Rick with paper, envelopes and postage. Dan M. Suggested using postcards-he will get a price for them. Rick was not present at this meeting. We will discuss this with him at the next meeting.

Kathy Kickline also pointed out that with the townships new software program, a note could be placed on the persons sign up data and a flag would come up about it and the person would not be allowed to signup until the uniform is returned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dance- Wayne Hultgren reported by phone that there were no problems. Butch Scerbo brought up that chaperones are not told what to do. He wants someone at the coat room, and at each bathroom and spread out on the dance floor. Wayne did hand out instructions to chaperones at the last dance. Some chaperones need to be reminded what to do by the commissioners or whoever is in charge of the dance. .This message will be relayed to Wayne.

Snack Bar-Wayne Hultgren reported by phone that everything is fine.

Registrations- Jerry Stefanelli reported that even though we extended winter signups to Oct. 31st, there were still a lot of late signups. He suggested that we go back to the old way. Don Miller said that people liked it this way better. Kathy Kickline also said that we only did it once and that we need to try it again to give it another chance. Jerry asked about the new software program and having work stations. Kathy told us that the license belongs to Forks Township and would like the front desk monitors (who are employed by the township) to put the data in. Joe Tuterice, Leon Stull and Tom G. feels that the old way was better because commissioners can see the people who are signing up and you can answer questions and ask for help with coaching. Billie Weiss also stated that it is very important for the parents to receive paperwork on the sports.

Steve Semanek made a motion was to have 2 Commissioner

Saturdays (a sign will be posted at the front desk to announce these dates- for this one, it will be Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 from 9-12) Signups will be held from Jan. 21st thru Feb. 19th during the community center hours. Money will be collected by the desk monitors at the time of signups (commissioners will have to provide a list of people who did NOT volunteer). The motion was voted on- the motion passed.

Scholarship- No Report

Background Checks- No report

Rec Board- Butch Scerbo that money can be held in escrow. He also noticed that the fields are getting torn up. It was reported that a soccer team from Lafayette was using a field in the rain and mud without permission. The field was messy.

Old Business

1. Dan Martyak proposed a change to our Bylaws. This change was read, and will be read at the Oct. meeting and then voted on at the Nov. meeting. This passed.

Article XVII- Children (players) now reads:

Section 2. Children from outside of Forks Township may participate in F.T.A.A. programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Forks Township Recreation Board and current leagues.

To:

Article XVII- Children (players)

Section 2. F.T.A.A. Sports are for Forks Township Residents. Children from outside of Forks Township may request to participate in F.T.A.A. programs from the Forks Township Recreation Board.

2. Nancy Bonafonti and the new guidelines committee met with the Wrestling commissioners.

2. Dan Martyak had the call list from the front desk. It is now updated.

3. Spring sport commissioners met with the township. The projects (\$120,000 bathrooms, \$30,000 walkway lighting, and \$35,000 sign) that the township would like a donation from the A.A. for is still under discussion. Tom G. has to write a \$15,000 check (per our contract with the township) to the township in January. There are other things that need to be considered before we commit to anything. Commissioners are asked to bring a wish list to the January meeting for things that are not covered by their budget, yet needed for their sport (for example, football would like a new P.A system) We will discuss your need and see what money is available.

4. Commissioners met with Rick again about their budgets.

5. Don gave the townships insurance policy to Joe Veres needs for the wrestling league.

6. Tom Gruver passed around a sign up sheet for the Christmas dinner. It will be held on Dec. 2 at Cosmos from 7- 10.

7. Nominations were held for the board and sports (except basketball and wrestling-they are held in the spring). The following people were voted in:

Board

President- Tom Gruver

Vice President- Dan Martyak

Treasurer- Jerry Stefanelli

Secretary- Colleen Ziegenhorn

Sports:

Baseball- Tom Gruver

Cheering- Dana Guffy and Linda Gruver

Football- Fran Tone

Lacrosse- Scott Holland

Soccer- Greg Russell and Tin Woodard

Softball- Leon Stull

Congratulations!

New Business

1. Dan Martyak reported that funds were lost from the snack bar at a football game. The Cash box was missing money. His proposal is to:

1. Make everyone aware of it.
2. The money from dances and snack bar should be deposited or taken to the treasurer within a week.
3. Have receipts for everything. All payments should be made by checks.
4. Use the counter again at dances. Commissioners will be responsible for this. 2 people should count the money and sign for it before the dance is over. Dance and snack bar money should be kept separate.
5. We can be audited so it is important that we try to follow this.

Motion to adjourn was made by Billie Weiss and seconded by Butch Scerbo.

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Ziegenhorn