

# ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

## February 16, 2004

President Tom Gruver called the meeting to order with 4 board members and 12 members present.

Treasurer's report- Motion to approve made by Wayne Hultgren and seconded by Leon Stull. Motion carried.

Minutes Report- Motion to approve made by Billie Weiss and seconded by Ron Barry. Motion carried.

### **Comments from the Floor:**

- Ron Barry asked about the indoor batting cage. Mike Farrell responded that now that the baseball budget has been approved, he will present the indoor batting cage to the rec. board and then to the supervisors. He is looking in to 2 methods - the rollaway cage or the drop down nets. Mark Hammerstone said that there are special balls for hardwood floors. Don Miller offered no comment.

### **Correspondence:**

- E.A.H.S baseball program requested that we sponsor the team by a sign that will be placed along the outfield fence. Mark Hammerstone made a motion that we sponsor them for 3 years at the cost of \$350. Ellis Weitzman seconded it. All were in favor. Fran Tone made a motion to donate \$500 to the John DeAngelo children's fund. Billie Weiss seconded it. All were in favor. We received an outstanding bill from Leisers for \$500. This was for a tent rental at the Blue Mt. Soccer Tournament. Cary Salkin will talk to Don Garvey about making this payment from soccer's budget. Kathy Kickline, our township manger sent us a letter requesting a financial audit done by March 15th. Jeff Riddle, C.P.A will do the audit. She would like to meet with the Athletic Association to begin discussing a new agreement since the other agreement between the FTYSO and the township has expired. Tom Gruver would like to sit down with the commissioners to get their ideas and needs for their sport. We will hire a lawyer to help us make this deal. .

### **Commissioners:**

#### **Baseball (Mike Farrell)**

Mike Farrell reported that regular sign ups are over, but he will accept late sign ups. Numbers are down at the 9+10, 11+12 year old levels. Mike wants to reinforce fun

and learning first, winning last. He had a baseball meeting last night. Baseball will have a 50-50 raffle to raise money. They will sell 3000 tickets and the prizes will be 1st- \$750, 2nd- \$500 and 3rd \$250. He will have an umpire clinic on April 9th. Attendance is mandatory for umpires under 18 years. Chris Ringel will be the umpire assignor this year. Mike has tee-shirt fund-raiser information from Schukill Valley Sporting Goods.

### **Basketball (Don Miller)**

Don Miller reported that he is 2/3 through the season. Some teams are doing well. The playoff schedule is on the website. The season will end in April.

### **Soccer (Cary Salkin & Jon Seckinger)**

Cary Salkin reported that the sign ups for spring will be Feb. 21st and Feb. 28th. They mailed out cards. He would like to have ½ of the storage space in the Pavilion area.

### **Cheerleading (Billie Weiss)**

- Billie Weiss reported that she has 94 girls signed up. She is not accepting late sign ups. Tryouts are March 24, 25, 26 at the community center. She will have her parent meeting on March 24th. Fund-raisers were handed out at sign ups. The money raised will go toward the banquet. A pizza fund-raiser will be done to help offset the cost of accessories. They will have a car wash in July or August. Billie asked about the new equipment room. Don Miller said he will hire an equipment room manager. There is one wardrobe and another one will be purchased. Billie will take an inventory. .

### **Wrestling (Mark Hammerstone)**

- Mark Hammerstone reported that the season is over. They finished in 6th place out of 30. 9 varsity players placed and 7 J.V. players placed. He is planning the banquet. He asked Tom Gruver to call a parent about returning a uniform. .

### **Softball (Bob Schaming)**

- Bob Schaming reported that sign ups are over. Numbers are the same as last year. He attended the league meeting last night. They discussed new rules. Games are scheduled to start on April 12th. He has to submit the township insurance policy to the league. Equipment he ordered should be in by the middle of March. Tryouts for the 8-yr. olds and 13+14 year olds are scheduled for April 3rd.

### **Football (Fran Tone)**

-Fran Tone reported there have been discussions for the league to have Easton and Firhtown join. He will know at the next league meeting. He asked where the "in-season" equipment would be stored. Don Miller answered that the Pavilion Building will be used for storage. Fran has some ideas for fund-raisers. He might sell wool hats

again.

**Lacrosse (Tom Ellison)**

- Tom Ellison reported that 49 players signed up. Numbers are down from last year. Season will start on April 12th and end on June 12th. It will be an instructional league. They will play some games against teams from Parkland and N.J. The closest league is in Chester County. They will use regulation Lacrosse rules. The level of coaching will improve this year. .

**Committees:**

**Snack Bars (Wayne Hultgren)**

- No Report.

**Background checks (Mike Farrell)**

- Mike Farrell needs forms from softball and cheering. Any one supervising children must have a check done every 3 years.

**Scholarship (Tom Gruver)**

- Tom Gruver will talk to Ed Moore about having the forms by March. Ellis Weitzman offered to update the names on the plaque. .

**Website (Mike Farrell and Jim Mazurowski)**

- No Report.

**Awards Committee: (Tom Gruver)**

- No report.

**Registrations (Phyllis Naiden)**

- Mike Farrell requested that we use PayPal online sign up program. We need a better way to track volunteers. Don Miller suggested that sign ups be taken at the front desk. Mike made a motion to table it until the next meeting.

**Recreation Board**

- No report.

**Dance (Wayne Hultgren)**

- No Report.

**Old Business :**

- Mike Farrell has ordered 3 lightning detectors for the Community Center, Forks school, and Richmond Rd fields. Coaches will be instructed on how to use them. Mike Farrell made a motion that the changes in the bylaws discussed at the Jan. meeting be reviewed by Attorney Mark Minotti. Billie Weiss and Laurie Arnold seconded it. Jerry Stefanelli offered to run the Mets- Phillies trip. It will take place on Sept. 4th at the Phillies new stadium. Bob Schaming has offered to run the Yankee trip. We still need a volunteer to run the Golf Tournament.

**New Business :**

- Bob Schaming resigned as Treasurer. He will remain softball commissioner. His registration was accepted. John Holmes will stay on as Treasurer. The database will be set up at Tom Gruver's office so John and Tom can access it. Jerry Stefanelli has offered his help. He will not be able to write or sign checks. Motion to accept this was made by Ron Barry and seconded by Mark Hammerstone.

Motion to adjourn made by Ron Barry and seconded by Wayne Hultgren.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Ziegenhorn.