

PBSA Fall Meeting 11/11/08

Attending: Howard Shirling, Judy Shirling, Mark Radabaugh, Paula Radabaugh, Jackie Fix, Stuart Collins, TJ Tuttamore, Ron Nabors.

Motion to accept minutes by Judy, second by Paula. No opposition.

Treasurer is Dawn Hiser. Sara Symanski resigned as treasurer early in the season. Dawn Hiser volunteered. Dawn is having health problems and is unable to attend the meeting.

Savings account \$6,814.83 and Checking account \$6,170.56 balances are current.

Doug Albright has usually audited books. Doug is to audit the books when Howard/Dawn has them together.

2 checks yet to be written – one to Pemberville school for mowing town field. Estimate from Howard is \$80.00. PBSA Mower is broken for mowing due to bad clutch. One to Free Fair for \$40 to pay for advertisement in fair book.

Balance as of start of year was 6625.90 6793.99 in savings at spring meeting.

Additional expenses for this year were permits for stand and sink replacement. Stand was not open during most of the free fair. Stand sold out near the end of the season.

Umpire fees were higher than usual due to ASA fees for umpires for Boys U12 and up and Girls U10 and up. Previously we have used one ASA and one non-certified. Some of this was due to coaches getting their own umpires and having 2 ASA umpires.

Upgraded uniforms to better shirts. General consensus is that we keep the nice shirts and hats like this year.

New Business....

Howard is proposing a league change from Southwood to a new league for the Boys and Girls. Fees were \$200 per team. Girls softball East Suburban girls fees were \$40.00 for comparison.

Luckey (Pat Luther) is switching to the Great Lakes league for Boys. Webster is also switching to the Great Lakes league. The teams in Great Lakes are the same as the SLL teams (for the most part).

Stuart discusses some changes in Southwood with regard to trophy expenses.

Howard to research information on the switch and call a meeting of PBSA on or before Jan 15st, 2009.

year old girls have been in East Suburban for years. Discussion is to move the remaining girls into the East Suburban league.

Lake, Genoa, Woodmore, Oak Harbor, Northwood, Genoa are current members. Need to research cutoff dates and start dates. Howard said some games were Saturday which he does not care for.

Speculation is that fees are lower for the new leagues.

Discussed the possibility of using the legion field for older boys. Howard to check with Legion about the possibility of using the field and any concession stand issues. Also discussed using the school.

Boys U12 playing town field this year was a mistake. Do we want to continue this (question by Mark). No major problem though fields need work to make it workable. If we do move to Great Lakes will the current fields suffice?

Town recreation levy did not pass. Howard is considering the issue of merging the 3 towns into one Eastwood league and thinks we should pursue this. Looking for input on this idea. Paula brought up difficulty with travel distance.

Team selection is raised by Howard. Howard did not like the current team selection. Ron felt there were issues with the way teams were picked. Ron has reservations on a blind draw with respect to pitchers. Howard would like to make it a blind draw. Mark and Ron have reservations on this. Transportation issues should not be a big deal though this is often used as an excuse to stack teams.

Howard asked at East Suburban meeting on how teams are selected. Communities are allowed to select the teams and they have not had a big problem with it. Some leagues have a core of 5 kids that are allowed to stay together. Ron is concerned how this discourages the other 'non-core' players. What happens is a lot of kids drop out and they go into a draw.

RisingSun kept the same group of kids for each coach as you move up. Every other year you get the same group of kids. 2 teams were not an issue there due to the size of the teams.

U12 had 18 girls sign up. Team split into 2 but had major coaching issues. Paula proposes a blind draw with a reshuffle for pitch/catch. All solutions seem bad as best I can tell....

Proposed to include the language in the bylaws.

Proposal is Coaches kid and one assistant. Coaches at draw are to attempt to make sure pitchers are evenly split as best as possible. All other positions are to be a draw with siblings kept together if desired.

This will be voted on in January.

Bylaws are to be voted on in January.

Upkeep of Grounds....

City is probably not going to do upkeep on the ball fields. Ron proposes a fundraiser to purchase or look for a donation of a mower. PBSA will need to cut the field. Bucket or scraper to cut back grass on the infield.

Concession stand... Refrigerator died, Howard donated one to the club. This year paid positions were concession stand and a separate position for field maintenance. Rebecca Shirling may or may not be interested in running the concession stand. Health department is requiring a permit this year with a higher cost.

Officers: Secretary – Mark Radabaugh, President - Howard Shirling, Treasurer - open, VP of Softball is Judy Shirling, VP of Baseball is also open.

Concession stand manager was not informed of game cancellation.

Next meeting is Jan 12th - location and time TBA.

I make a motion that we adjourn this meeting, Judy seconded.