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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM Erlingheuser Room, City Hall

Regular Meeting:

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*Chris Ahearn*

1. Roll Call

- Members Present: Charlie Revere, Brad Zealor, Baron Jones, Kurt Haas, Henry Rondon, Colleen Rondon, Keith Maynard, Joe Pinto, Melissa Haas, Chris Ahearn, Chris Sherman, Joe Czajkowski, Chris Saddler
- Members Absent: Marc Cornish, Steve Tamburrino

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes from 3/14/16 Meeting – Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Public Session – Jeff Devine present. No discussion.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Income: \$3130.81
- Expense: \$299.94
- Profit: \$2830.87
- Balance Forward: \$22,099.42
- Cash On Hand: \$24,930.29
- Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

6. Fundraisers

- Apparel: Chris Sherman, Joe Pinto, Colleen met with Nu-Age, all will be on-line. Colleen sent email to fundraiser committee to start looking for logos. Nu-Age will do coaches' shirts (need only couple days' notice) - Colleen to contact Tuesday.
- Hit A Thon: May 15<sup>th</sup>, Colleen to contact Rob Hyder to ask what info we need to take (number of hits, pitches, etc). Need concession stand coverage – we can

assign tasks to people who have signed up for volunteer committee. Colleen will send emails to coordinate. Rain date following Sunday.

- Bricks and Barley: Chris Ahearn – They want to do a Tues family night fundraiser, they need to get back to us with dates. Chris A will follow up to see if June 7<sup>th</sup> works. Will ask them to show baseball movie.
- Peachwave: April 19<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm. Colleen will make copies of flyer, send email to League, post on Facebook. We get 20% of profits.
- Jersey Mike's: They reached out to Colleen re: fundraiser, they are supposed to get back to us.
- Edwina Figueroa has friend who sells candles, offered to set up table at concession stand on Saturdays and will donate % of profits. All agreed it is a good idea. We will need protocol for future vendors - discussion on charging fees for tables, what percentage to require. We decided not to charge fees and to review the offer of the first vendor on what percentage we will get. Offer each vendor one day only. Colleen to clear with city.
- Edwina also brought up Bluefish night. We agree that we do not have time to manage this but if the Bluefish can do all online (ticket sales, etc), we can do this.

#### 7. Sponsorships

- Last remaining team sponsors going on Softball (all softball teams are sponsored). Elks sponsored two teams. Sponsorship paperwork still needed for Bricks & Barley (Chris A will submit), Charlie Revere's company (Charlie will submit). Team sponsorships are closed, we will accept banner sponsorships throughout season. On Time told Kurt that banners will not be ready until next week. Kurt told them we need this week, they are getting back to him.

#### 8. Umpires - paperwork, training, assignments, payment plans

- 4 Ansonia people went to umpire training.
- Joe C – So far so good with schedule. Joe C will report to Joe P weekly to let him know who worked last week. Joe P will get checks to stands.
- Contract/W-9/Volunteer forms – One umpire has concerns with contract and volunteer forms, he did not sign. The insurance comment in section 6 is of issue – we aren't making them get insurance or worker's comp, so we can eliminate that verbiage, keep in that we are not liable for injuries. All umpires will need to sign same contract, or sign addendum if they already signed original. Purpose of contract is to establish that there is no employee/employer relationship between ALL and Umpires. Discussion on whether umpires have to fill out volunteer forms since they get paid. Matt Edo confirmed that this was reviewed by city and umpires do need to fill out volunteer forms. Umpire who did not sign paperwork

is scheduled to ump today and Wednesday. Joe P and Joe C will meet with him after game Wed and with revised contract and volunteer forms to sign. If he refuses he will not umpire any more games.

#### 9. Rec Board/Director/Public Works Update

- Colleen: Financial reports need to be signed by president and treasurer prior to submission; Sean Rowley asked if rec board would set date in spring for games to start. Will help in getting fields ready. Matt Edo – City looking into private contractor to help with spring readiness. In talks with DPW union. Other towns are doing it. Nelligan graffiti and batting cage need fixing.

#### 10. Opening Day Prep

- a. 9:30am Sat 4/16 at Nolan; Committee met 4/10. Colleen to send email to parents. Schedule: Set up at 8:45, player arrival at 9:15, teams will line up on fences on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base sides (according to signs) and march toward 2<sup>nd</sup> base (oldest to youngest, baseball/softball mixed in). Softball Juniors welcome – Brad will send info Bob Lange about opening day. National anthem possibly to be sung by Ansonia student; Fr. Sullivan from Assumption will do opening prayer. Henry to contact Coach Vacca to see if high school players can attend; players will recite Little League pledge, mayor throws out first pitch.
- b. Concession stands need to be set up for opening day: Joe P getting debit card, after discussion it was decided Joe will be only signer for debit card. Colleen/Joe P will shop for opening day at Nolan, Kurt in charge of restocking. Charlie to stock Nelligan for opening day, softball will restock. All to be reimbursed by Joe P, who advised not to let non-board members take money out of cash boxes and to minimize money taken out of boxes. If board members take money out of boxes, write details on receipts.
- c. Motion made to add Colleen as signer on bank account. Approved unanimously
- d. Nolan/Nelligan field update – Flagpole added to Nolan. Kurt to set up Nolan Tuesday night; pads for backstop not in (maybe not until next week), Kurt to follow up Tuesday. Repairs needed: Nolan: Homeplate on coach pitch field, 1<sup>st</sup> base side fence curling up on Nolan LL field. Inspection of yellow covers on top of fences. Colleen to email Sean and Sheila (get fence contractor info).  
Nelligan: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout fence curled;

11. Registration Update - baseball (168) and softball (89). Chris Saddler: Four minor teams - one has 14 (Pirates), all rest 13. One team (Brewers) may be down player; Chris wants to move player from Pirates to Brewers. Discussion: Should ask for volunteer first. Make it known that it will benefit because it will balance teams, more playing time. Email to be sent to team (talk to manager Dan Lynch first).

## 12. Equipment Update

- Not all equipment is getting returned (catchers' mitts – 2 out of 6 returned), we ordered supplements (tees, catchers' mitts). Need scorebooks (Kurt will talk to Blanchettes – get dozen. Add to city line item invoice if possible).

## 13. Expenses

- a. Itemized equipment list for city line items
- b. Proposed expenses - Nolan refrigerator/freezer (Add in a little chest freezer – up to \$250, Kurt will get measurements to Joe P – motion made and approved unanimously), Scoreboard at Nolan (paint is peeling – Kurt will look into it), "Ansonia Little League" flags - one for BB field, one for SB field: <\$125.00 (Kurt proposal into City Stitchers – approx. \$40 each; Chris Sherman will reach out to Nu-Age to see if they can do flags with coaches' shirts symbol. Motion made and approved unanimously to approve up to \$200 for flags). Small signs for each gate at Nolan – "This field is for games only" – (2) – Motion made and approved unanimously to approve \$50 total. Check out LL International website for signs. Discussion on locking gates, leaving keys in concession stands.
- c. Reimbursements - Binders reimbursement (\$47.86 + \$11.68 = \$59.54). Propane = \$19.97. \$79.51 Total to Kurt. Approved unanimously.
- d. Proposal made to get John Gentile a \$50 gift card for helping at clinics. Approved unanimously.

## 14 New Business:

- Colleen got email from Little League - need to submit safety plan (completed last year – will contact Bob to see if he has copy).
- Concussion screening – offer from parent, her company does free concussion screenings; made up flyers for ALL. Discussion: We will make this available to parents to choose to participate. Parents have to be there to give consent.
- City Background checks: Board members filled out. Discussion: We can propose to city that since our background checks are comparable, they can accept ours.
- Dick's Sporting Goods gave us \$300 each for baseball and softball. We will discuss how they will be used at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.