

TABERNACLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2016

Lynne Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

In attendance were: Lynne Hedden, Ron Bjorklund, Ginger Evans, Lisa Bogert, David Curtis, Lori Graff, Pete Damiri, Rick Sozio, Mark Lemire, Stephen Lee

The following board members were unable to attend: Rodney Haines (Professional-excused), Kim Albertson (sick-excused), Mike Taylor (Professional-excused), Tim Foley (Professional-excused), Brenda Bryan (Professional-excused)

The minutes of November 24, 2015 were reviewed & accepted.

Program Reports:

Soccer: Dave Curtis – Soccer Director – TAA will not be offering a spring soccer program this year. Dave Curtis will refer those who may be interested in spring soccer to Medford. Dave has contacted Doug about poor field conditions in the fall of 2015 due to inoperable irrigation at Pricketts Mill through spring and summer of 2015. Dave will follow up with Doug this spring to see if irrigation repairs are in the budget. Dave will also be purchasing some new equipment (nets and some goals) for fall 2016. A secure entry door has been installed on the side of the soccer container with a combination lock.

Baseball: Rodney Haines – Baseball Director – Nothing to report.

Wrestling: Lori Graff – Wrestling Director – 80 wrestlers registered in the program this year. The 1st home match was canceled because the Seneca gym floor repairs were not completed. SYW hosted a home match 2 weeks ago and everything went well. The last home match is scheduled for next week. Picture night will be Tuesday. The clothing sale went well and profits will be split between the SYW program and the high school wrestling team.

Softball: Kim Albertson – Softball Director – Winter general skills clinics going well at OMS on Saturdays as are pitcher/catcher clinics as Seneca on Mondays.

Basketball: Ron Bjorklund – Basketball Director – We are ½ way through the season. There have been no cancelations. Picture night will be next Wednesday. The 5th & 6th grade boys and girls will be playing in the President's Day tournament hosted by Medford Lakes at Vaughn Hall.

Volleyball: Brenda Bryan – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Ginger Evans – Financial report was approved. The board approved the ability to pay checks on-line with Lynne's sign off. This will greatly improve the current process and speed up the payment turn around time.

New Business:

Mark Lemire has accepted the role of Recreation Director, succeeding Betsy Piner. Lynne expressed her appreciation Betsy's dedication of time and energy to the TAA Community. Mark introduced himself to the Board and shared his long history as a Twp. resident and volunteer on the Land Development Board and the Tabernacle recreation council. Mark is looking forward to partnering with TAA to provide and possibly expand recreational activities for all Tabernacle residents.

Snack Stand –The plumbing passed inspection. All appliances and concession stand stock has been moved over from the old snack stand. Ron will contact the Board of Health and submit paperwork to begin the inspection process. Lynne will talk to Doug Cramer/Twp Bldg Inspector regarding any remaining items that need to be completed to obtain the final CO (Certificate of Occupancy). Any items TAA would like to keep will be moved to the 2nd floor of the new snack stand. We hope the snack stand will be open for the spring season.

TAA has been asked to assist with cleaning out all TAA items from the storage area under the Twp. Construction Office. Rick and Lynne will coordinate efforts on this project.

The bids for the dugout renovation project came in too high for both fields (Pricketts Mill and Patty Bowker) so Twp. will amend the scope of work and put the project out for bid again.

Opening day will be either April 2nd or April 9th (this will be clarified by Rodney Haines).

Lynne will work with Rick Sozio, Chuck Cottrell and Tim Foley to generate a list of volunteers who worked on the snack stand as requested by the Twp. Lynne will provide the list to Doug Cramer.

Ron Bjorklund and Mark Lemire will work together to review the 2009 Lease Agreement between TAA and the township regarding field and facility use.

Scholarships – Pete reported the essay prompt on the applications has been changed to ask the scholarship candidates to write about a favorite TAA memory. The names of the applicants will be removed before the Scholarship Committee reviews applications. Pete will submit information about the TAA Scholarship to Seneca High School and the Tabernacle Sun in the next couple of weeks. Lynne and Pete will coordinate efforts on yard signs advertising scholarship. Lynne will obtain Twp approval to place signs at Twp intersections for this purpose.

Director of Sponsorships – TAA is seeking a member from the community to service in the role of obtaining sponsors for our teams and activities. Please contact Lynne Hedden if you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering for this position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.