

SCYA Board Meeting
February 4, 2009
7 - 9 pm
St. James Church

ATTENDEES:

Beverly Duvall, Bryce Duvall, Bart Williams, Pam Davis, Mike Thomas, Michelle Bickerton, Jenny Tippet, Susan Hutchins, Lynn Strauss, Paul Atwood, Mike Baker, Rich Bowen, Chris Knapp, Brian Trott, Margaret Butler, Paul Bush.

Registration presentation from Sports Registration net - Stefan Koziolk. He demonstrated how online registration program will work and benefit SCYA.

Motion to approve minutes from last month meeting. Motion approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Michelle Bickerton told us that the Balance in checking is \$33,115.42 and the savings is \$11,467.57. Pending bills are \$28, 546.50 – net available \$16,036.49.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT. MOTION APPROVED.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Jenny said that pictures went well for basketball. We are switching picture providers. It will now be M & D image out of Mitchellville. He will come at evaluations and explain what he offers. Standard package and certain things for action photos. He will handle distribution of packages to parents. If complaints you will deal with him directly. He is willing to give 10% back to the club. He has guaranteed 4 – 5 weeks delivery. He is giving package A to coach and team mom - \$35 value. We are going to try him for the spring season and see how it goes. If not working we will go with Classic but think this would be a good thing. Michelle asked about the vendor issue. Jenny said that she can't terminate Lifetouch till March 4th. M & D does Bowie, Upper Marlboro, and St. Mary's pictures at this time.

FIELDS STORAGE/CLEAN UPS:

Jenny has bids for the field maintenance, will share at next meeting. Jenny said her husband is willing to put in shelving in any way you wish – the big wall in the back for shelves. Jenny has also looked at Tracey's to see the need for shelving. Rich said if you can get the equipment out of there then yes. Jenny asked if he wanted the sheds or the sea container? Rich said he only keeps the goals there. Bart and Pam can use storage in the building but the stuff in there now has to get out of there. Lynn wants to leave her stuff in the shed right now. It will be vandalized if it is moved further towards the back at Tracey's. Jenny said if they want to get rid of the sheds to let her know because she has someone who will take them.

There is an empty one at SS. Jenny told Rich to let her know what they want to do. Michelle said that the sea container should be replaced at OS for the leaking one. Bryce said that the metal bats are useless and could be turned in for cash for the club.

Jenny asked Bryce if we are using Tracey's for baseball? Bryce said that keeping Tracey's would be difficult to keep up without equipment. Difficult enough with Old South and now Tracey's. Rich said that if there are games at Tracey's, if available lax would use outfield for overflow if games are going on. Bryce said that the fields are big enough that there is enough room for t-ball and clinic to share the fields with lax. Paul said that with Tracey's having become the state of the art field we need to start catering some of our things from Old South to Tracey's. It is the biggest facility that we have. Use it. You practice everywhere else but games are at Tracey's. Bryce said that from his standpoint you could use fields of grass and use for clinic and t-ball and eliminate safety issues. Jenny said it has to be dragged etc and set up for spring. There are too many holes etc. There were also 4 different people bringing their dogs up and leaving a mess the other day when she was there. It needs to be tilled, sprayed and dragged. Bryce said that then we have to be able to maintain it. Jenny said she has proposals for all of that. We are going to make sure that we have someone to do it.

Jenny said that she will meet Bryce at Old South to decide where to put shelves. Bryce said that he doesn't have a preference. Jenny asked Paul if he has a problem. Paul said no.

Margaret wanted to know if we are going to discuss when the soft ball assessments are. She wants them the 1st Saturday of March – March 7th – 10 am – 1pm – all ages at Shady Side and she needs two fields. Margaret asked if Bryce had any problems with Southern Middle School – Bryce explained that they allowed him to move the ping pong tables out to use the gym as long as everything was put back like it was. Margaret said she is going to Extra Innings instead.

Jenny said that if anyone wants to do a walk up registration – pick a location and shoot Michelle and Jenny an email about it.

Bryce informed the board that Mark George offered to run an ad in the paper for registration for softball and baseball – as long as he can get a tax deduction. Michelle said to tell him to send paid bill to her and she will send him tax form.

TROPHY/BANQUET:

Bart said that he doesn't agree with them not getting a trophy. A trophy is important to kids especially the younger players. Paul said we need some sort of reward – certificate should be given for their participation. Rich said it is kind of like what the high school gets, it's a big deal. But as a kid, the trophy means more. Bart and Rich said they will continue to buy trophies out of their own pocket then if the club won't. Bryce said he thinks 10 and under should get trophies. Rich thinks the parents are the ones that don't care anymore about the trophies and banquets. Michelle said we could put age limit on it. Jenny said that you have to be sure that it is worded right. Mike asked why are we worried about where they finish the county does it right? Michelle and

Bryce both said The County does a team trophy but not players for winners of divisions. Mike said that cheap trophies are cheap trophies.

Jenny asked if everyone agrees with the banquets? She said the auditorium holds 526 – soccer will have to be broken down due to size. Mike Thomas asked if this was being done on a work night? How long is it going to take with all the teams...it is going to be a long banquet with all the players, we need to think of that. Jenny said she talked to Lytle and he said it can be done. So I got the permit and booked it. Bart asked how many players? Jenny said 30 teams. Brian said a lot of the older teams won't show up unless they win 1st place. Rich said it will work but it needs to be short and sweet synopsis of the team, mention the kids name, give trophy etc. Michelle said the coach has to give count to commissioner and commissioner has to give to the banquet coordinator. Jenny said we are still providing the pizza and soda? Lynn doesn't think we should ever get rid of pizza and soda.

Mike Thomas doesn't understand why the organization has to provide pizza and soda. Lynn said we tried it this fall and it was fine. No problems. Mike said the club is providing the trophy why does the club have to provide the food? Lynn said that we have always done it and it doesn't fly well if we don't.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BANQUET/TROPHY POLICY. Mike Thomas (Nay)
MOTION APPROVED.**

REFUND POLICY:

Lynn thinks that people are going to be upset if we keep their money and they are going to want to go elsewhere because they are going to be upset. Rich wants to know what the benefit is of keeping their money. Bryce said it doesn't say if it is going to be a credit or a refund. Michelle said we could stipulate which is refund and which is credit, be more specific. Mike Baker doesn't like keeping the money as a credit either. Lynn thinks they should get the money back as well if we are unable to place their player. Bart asked why not give them a choice? Bryce and Rich both said that they would all want the refund. Bart asked if someone is requesting a refund why can't we just issue it? Jenny said she just wants everyone's point of views. Paul said it is getting out of hand; it is like my daughter didn't make the "a" team and now she doesn't want to play anymore but wants a refund. Bart thinks we should keep the \$15 dollars no matter what.

Michelle asked if we should do away with the credit? Get them used to losing the \$15 first. Rich said we can do our best to sell the credit but give a refund if they want it. Mike Thomas wanted to know who is going to keep track of the credits. Michelle said she would revise and resend it to us for approval.

FUNDRAISERS:

Jenny is taking donations, has the tickets and permit for beer. We have to have a minimum of 100 people in order to have the caterer. She has two bartenders. Dinner is 6 - 8:30; 7:30 - 10pm is gambling. DJ is at 7; 5 - 6 is mixed drinks and wine. Beers and soda are free. There is a 50/50 raffle, may have a silent auction. She's trying to get

Copper Threads to donate a jacket. There will be a money table, dice wheel. Door prizes.

Jenny suggested future fundraising ideas - cookie dough, magazines, scratch cards. Jenny said she has a meeting with Redskins concessions. They donate 50% to club, the Nationals do the same thing. Michelle said the Navy does it too. Rich said the outdoor LAX team sells season tickets for that team. The top prize can go with the team on west coast trip. Jenny also suggested a "5th inning blowout". Play each inning, donate \$1 inning.

OLD BUSINESS:

Margaret asked about the cost of the registration program. Lynn said it equals out to a \$1 a player. Michelle is researching who to use for the credit card program.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROGRAM and paying by credit card. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn said that in June the County is supposed to enforce that any coach leaving they can only take their own child. Emily Fox is resigning. Margaret said that Emily is having her son play in Deale and her daughter wants to be there too so she is resigning here to go there and coach. Paul said that they do not enforce them going to another club. Lynn said they are supposed to start reinforcing them going somewhere. Jenny said that she is going to do what her kid wants to do. She said that she may be the President of SCYA but she is going to do what her kids want if that means going to play somewhere else.

Waivers must be submitted to the sport commissioner for sign off.

Paul Bush asked about a 4 yr old t-ball program again. Jenny said Brenda did it last year but she isn't doing it anymore. Michelle said you are the commissioner it is up to you. Paul Atwood said he got a call about one too. We should incorporate them in with the t-ballers. Paul Bush said it is hard to do though because they don't work that long when it is hot. Michelle said she can send an email. Paul Atwood said get them in as beginners. Paul Bush said it isn't stating 4 year olds, can you please send an email.

Bart asked Jenny how walk ups went. She said she got 18.

Jenny told us that she was able to get signs - \$1000 for 5 of them.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009 from 7 - 9pm at St. James Church.

Meeting was adjourned.