



**Little Falls Athletic Club
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2010**

Joe Ward called the meeting of the Little Falls Athletic Club to order at 8:00p.m. Joanna Ward read the minutes from the February 11th meeting.

Motion to Accept: John McGowan Second: Bob Black

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was receive and discussed in executive session

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand \$48,289. (Large deposit for Baseball/Softball) Total Income \$45,626. Total Expenses \$15,815

Motion to accept:

Wayne Hebert Second: George Woods

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BASKETBALL:

John Rich reported that the championship games are finished and the wining teams were Tom Chumacas (intermediate), Jim Madonia (Jr.) and Toni Damiano (Sr.). In order to get 4th grader ready for next year, a new 4th grade travel team was put together and will bes playing the month March in a Bill Marantz program. The clinic sessions for kindergarten to 2nd grade ended last week, one child broke his foot which we found out the following day.

Frank O'Neill reported that the 4th Grade girl's team went undefeated. For the 5th & 6th graders, Steve Kaspers team won the finals against a team from Totowa. The 8th grade girl's championship had an incident between Bob Black and Jim Madonia's team. Frank apologizes for the unsuccessful year for the 7th and 8th grade division, the traveling team didn't work out and now the championship game was stopped in the 3rd quarter.

Joe wanted to bring up the incident that occurred during the 8th grade championship game. The only ones who lost were the girls; this was not a good way to end their career with the LFAC. There are many emails going around regarding this issue and the Executive Board will review all items to perform its due diligence prior to making a decision on the incident. The game will not be replayed.

Mark Natale stated that they were never told why the game was stopped. They thought that there was a Double Forfeit but only to find out that they lost. John Rich stated that the refs called the game because of the red teams' behavior, which included the coach of the red team. The referees felt that the game was getting out of hand so they called a forfeit. Mark Natale said it was not glaring obvious that the game was a forfeit and why they were not told and kept in the dark. John Rich did apologize but he did not hear the refs say "Double Forfeit". George Woods stated they he hear the ref state and pointed to Bob Black "that's it you forfeit, game over".

SOFTBALL:

165 children will be in the program. Niv reported that registrations are closed and the turnout was great. However clinic applications are still being accepted. 6-7 girls were chosen from Little Falls for the Sting program and the LFAC should be proud that we have a lot of talented girls in our town. Coaches meeting will be held tomorrow night, indoor clinics will be held for the next couple of weeks.

Bob Black asked if we will have an in-town travel program and Joe stated that he believes no but it's up to the commissioners. Niv doesn't feel that we will be as competitive if we have an in-town traveling team.



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George Woods brought up the concern that there will be 14 girls on one team and why did we not have 4 teams. Niv commented that there are not a lot of pitchers available to make 4 competitive teams. George believes that it's not fair to the girls that they will have to sit out. George stated why are there 10 boys on one team? Joe stated that being a commissioner isn't easy especially when they have to crunch numbers to fit the appropriate amount of players. Last year in baseball there were 6 farm league teams and we condensed it to 5 teams. Niv stated that coaches need to plan before the game so that everyone gets in.

BASEBALL:

233 children will be in the program. Batting cages were destroyed because of the storm. The town is going through the insurance company to fix the cages. The town has received ~\$20,000 and we will use this money for new backstops and pavers around the Duva shack. Baseball and Softball Indoor clinics will be held in March. Township is mandating background for all coaches, assistant coaches and board members involved with the children, no one is exempt from the background checks. This will be held on March 23rd from 6-9pm at the Civic Center and you need to bring a valid driver's license or a passport. The town will get red light or green light, 5% of applicants will fail. We all will have the same renewal date; they will be valid for 2-3 years. If you receive a red light, you have 30 days to dispute this with the background check company. There is no cost to members and the mayor will budget the cost. If you do not have the ID card while you are on the field you will be asked to leave the field.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL:

Michele Haussmann stated that registration was held February 24 and another one was scheduled due to the poor turnout. Last year we had 64 players sign up and 56 for this year. The program received the same amount of revenue as last year due to the increase in registration fees. The season is starting on April 18th and it is expected to continue until June 27th. Amy asked if they could play both games at 9am on Duva Large and Duva Small. They received 4 sponsors this year and 52% of applicants are from Little Falls.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are looking to have an 8th Grade Recognition Dinner: Frank O'Neill visited a couple of restaurants and will go to a couple more. They will limit it to 8th Grade students, but in the upcoming years we may expand the event to all. We hope to hold the recognition event in mid May or early June. Goal is 150 people.

Shack Committee: Wayne Hebert will clean up the shack at Duva. Joe will email Phil from the DPW to turn on the water.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Pace donated a used cash register for the shack to be used by the LFAC and LFPPA.

Motion to adjourn @ 9pm: Paul Constantino

Second: Wayne Hebert

Next meeting to be held April 8th @ 8pm.