

St. Patrick Athletic Association
January 5, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Board: Monte Hennen, John Jenness, Mark Tiede, Kevin Hart, Mike Sticha

Non-Board: Bill Steigauf, Bill Dunker

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Treasurer's Report: Mike provided current Checking and Savings account totals, with the Association being in sound financial position. Mike also provided a detailed summary of 2015 income and expenses. Total incomes were \$65,924.45, offset by total expenses of \$62,890.20.

Old Business:

Dinner Fundraiser

Fundraiser takes place on Fri, January 29th. Tickets have been disbursed to a variety of coaches and Board members to sell. Mike will send emails to these people in a week or so with further direction. More Silent Auction items are sought. Irish players are expected to man the stations and volunteer their time to work the event.

New Business:

Riding Mower Replacement - current John Deere 425 riding mower has 2 oil leaks and needs replacement. Hart motioned to have Tiede seek a replacement, and to spend \$2,500 or less. A 2nd by Jenness, motion passed 5-0. Further discussion to take place on whether the Association will seek to build a small storage shed for the reel mower, or if it will be sold.

Youth League Structures - Mark T. and Bill S. reported on the current situation in the Midget and Pee Wee League. This year, Midgets is expected to be 3rd/4th graders, and Pee Wees 5th/6th graders. Lonsdale had a resident who coordinated Midgets last year, but he is not planning on returning. Mark and Bill will ensure they understand who is replacement might be, and ensure a spring meeting is called, with St. Patrick in attendance. Pee Wees was coordinated by Bill Steigauf, but also will not be returning. Bill sent an email to other league contacts from last year seeking a replacement, but he's not had any replies thus far. Furthermore, he was trying to learn more about the River Valley League Minors and Majors programs, as 7th graders will need to find a League to play in for 2016. There has been no coordination thus far from DRS teams as to whether they will all seek to have their 7th graders play in the River Valley league, or if the DRS will have its own league. Mark and Bill have other feelers out to local non-DRS communities to see if St. Patrick or other DRS teams could join them. Mark and Bill will keep the Board updated.

Additional SPAA Board Members/Titles - it was motioned by Sticha and a 2nd by Jenness to explicitly have our Board comprise of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and 2 Advisors moving forward. Motion passed 5-0. Until now, Secretary did not exist, as there were 3 Advisors instead. There was also a motion by Sticha and a 2nd by Jenness to have future SPAA Boards consist of a representative to the newly formed Cedar Lake Township Park Board; the

representative would not have voting rights on any SPAA matters however, UNLESS the representative is also a member of the 5-person SPAA Board. Motion approved 5-0.

2016 ATV Raffle Fundraiser - after discussion was motioned by Tiede and a 2nd by Jenness to conduct the ATV Raffle Fundraiser once again in 2016. Same guidelines as in the past, raffle date to coincide with St. Patrick Church Festival and Irish game on Sunday, July 24, 2016. Motion passed 5-0. Mike will get paperwork with County and State started ASAP, as getting tickets ASAP was the Board's wish.

2016 Association Fees - after discussion was motioned by Hennen and 2nd by Jenness to keep Youth team and Shamrock Association fees at \$60 for the 2016 season, with a family maximum of \$120. Motion passed 5-0.

2016 Coaches Meeting/Board Elections - next meeting will be Feb 15th at the St. Patrick Tavern, 7 pm - Board elections will be conducted, as well as kicking off the season with all coaches. Mike will send emails to potential coaches.

2016 Youth Registration - Board will look at options for Youth Registration date at the St. Patrick Social Hall - setting a date Tabled to Feb 15th meeting.

2016 Irish Season Passes - SPAA Board will once again issue 2016 Irish Season Passes to all youth team parents who want them. They will be given to Head Coaches to give to parents; all extras will be returned.

Jack Friedges Juvenile Arthritis Donation - Jack Friedges has Juvenile Arthritis and Board members found out he is seeking donations to a National Fundraiser for the affliction. Seeing as Jack has been a youth team participant and is a current Irish player, as well as his family being extremely active in the Association, Hennen motioned for a \$100 donation to the fundraiser, a 2nd by Jenness, motion passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn by Sticha at 9:03 pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mike Sticha