

Washington Township Parks and Recreation
SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, John Daly, at 7:17 p.m. in the Washington Township Municipal Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

SAB members in attendance:

Shawn Kraemer
Rich Silvesti
Steve Turdo
Steve Vitola

Sport Board members in attendance:

Baseball – Trish Chelston
Cheerleading - Chrissy Kuss and Carolyn Webster
Football – Paul Heston
Lacrosse – Scott Burns and Roe Raspanti
Soccer – Kevin O’Neill and Chad Vilotti
Softball – Margaret Earling
Track and Field – Mark Meddings
Wrestling – Trish Chelston

Town Council Liaison: Scott Newman

SAB new member, Steve Turdo, was introduced to those present.

Liaisons to Sport Boards:

Lisa Collins – Cheerleading and Football
John Daly – Track and Field and Wrestling
Shawn Kraemer – Softball
Mike Mullin – Lacrosse
Rich Silvesti – Baseball
Steve Turdo – Basketball
Steve Vitola – Soccer
No one assigned to Field Hockey

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Vitola moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting. The motion received a second and was approved.

BASEBALL:

- Travel team players are now working out indoors through March at TSA Academy.
- Sign-ups taking place January 15 through February 15. Flyers are going to the schools. Online registration has been set up.
- Phillies Fundraiser – Mike Gillen has been in contact with the Rotary Club requesting use of their raffle license for this fundraiser.

CHEERLEADING:

- The program is having a problem with a coach and they do not want her to return. The Board reached out to Lisa, SAB Liaison. The board selects the coaches so the bylaws need to back up the board.
- Bylaws are in the process of being revised for first reading at February SAB meeting.

FIELD HOCKEY: No one in attendance.

FOOTBALL:

- Program did not participate in Championship games this year.
- There is still no heat in the Football building. They are working on getting this resolved.

LACROSSE:

- First year working as joint board.
- Sign ups began in December and will run to February 4th.
- Lacrosse would like to expand to include boys K-2 "Scoopers Division". They have someone interested in coaching this age group. The registration fee would be \$100.00 as there are no referee fees involved.

Rich Silvesti moved to approve the K-2 "Scoopers Division" addition to the Lacrosse Program with a registration fee of \$100.00. The motion received a second and was approved.

- Lacrosse will hold a "Meet and Greet" at Fudruckers on January 27th.
- South Jersey Lacrosse is requiring dedicated fields for the lower age groups.

SOCCER:

- Easter Soccer Tournament is in the planning stages.
- Spring Soccer registration will begin. Rich Kahl will be contacted to update the registration system for the Spring Program.
- Fall Travel Team tryouts have not been set up yet.
- Fees for the Fall program will have to be raised to cover the costs of Travel Teams being required to have three (3) referees.

SOFTBALL:

- Registration has been extended to January 31st. Expect 600 registrations.
- Program is having a Phillies Fundraiser raffling off tickets for small game packages. This fundraiser conflicts with Baseball who is running the same type fundraiser. Further discussion is required with the Softball Board.
- USSA would like to host a tournament in Washington Township in late July. They will be in touch with the Softball Board in March. They will do everything. No dates have been set up. USSA will give the board \$1,000 and waive entry fees. Softball was reminded that outside organizations using Township fields will be charged in accordance with the Field/Facility Use Policy. More details are needed.
- The next Softball Advisory Board meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

SOCCER:

- Board would like to hold Beef and Beer on March 11 at the Wedgwood Country Club. Funds to go to training and equipment. Motion tabled to February.

TRACK AND FIELD:

- Mark Meddings requested the approval of Kevin Kershaw as a member of the Track and Field Advisory Board.

Steve Vitola moved to approve the appointment of Kevin Kershaw to the Track and Field Advisory Board. The motion received a second and was approved.

- Code of Conduct member will be Mark Wall.
- Track and field to hold two (2) in person registrations. One will be held on January 29th. The second date has not been confirmed.
- Board would like to offer Spirit Wear sales online through their web site.

Shawn Kraemer moved to approve the Spirit Wear fundraiser. The motion received a second and was approved.

WRESTLING:

- Participated in their first Grape Vine League match. The season is going well.
- No fundraisers for approval
- Banquet will be held the end of April.

BASKETBALL:

- A report from Steve DiGiulio, Basketball Commissioner, was read by the SAB Secretary, Mary Schneider.
- Still following up on the lone “pending” Megan’s Law certification. The coach called the WTPD in mid-December and was told to call back after the holidays. A parent on the team is certified and has been on the floor during practices and will be on the bench for games in lieu of the pending coach.
 - The Marlton Holiday Girls basketball tournament was cancelled due to the snow. Five (5) out of nine (9) teams were entered. The board budgets for one (1) tournament per team (part of the travel fee). Some teams have scheduled to play in a tournament in King of Prussia January 22/23. The Board will refund that portion of the travel fee if a team decides not to play in a tournament.
 - The intramural schedule began on Monday, January 3rd.
 - Pictures are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9.
 - No suspension yet.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE:

- All sport boards have a member represented on this committee.
- Committee should plan on meeting soon to select a Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

MEGAN’S LAW

- Updated listings are now mailed every other week.
- Enforcement of ordinance must be done by the volunteers themselves. It is a Township Ordinance and needs to be enforced.

501(c)3 STATUS

Each board should be incorporated with insurance to protect its officers. It is not necessary to hold a 501(c)3 non-profit status, but each should be registered as a not-for-profit organization.

NEW BUSINESS

CONFLICTING FUNDRAISERS:

Baseball and Softball are running the same type fundraiser during the same season. Scott Newman will go to the next Softball Advisory Board Meeting to get the matter resolved.

Next month Softball will meet in Closed Session with the SAB.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Mary Schneider, SAB Secretary

