



OCEE PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2007

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

President Wayne Henderson brought the meeting to order at 9:00AM at the Kroger Saddlebrook Community Room.

Board members present: Lalo Munoz, Reese Jacobs, Wayne Henderson, Gillen Young, Skip Hamel, Kathy Robb, Keith Siegfried, Julie Munoz, Jon Brasher

Board members absent: Rick Holcombe

OLD BUSINESS

1. December 9, 2006 meeting minutes

Meeting minutes for the 12/9/06 board meeting were distributed to board members via email on 12/15/06. No changes or amendments were requested. The board acknowledged that given no requests to change were received by the Secretary, these minutes are approved and accepted as final.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rick Holcombe - voting proxy authority

The Secretary informed the board members present that he had received notice from board member Rick Holcombe via email authorizing Reese Jacobs to vote in proxy on his behalf.

2. Registration update

Reese provided an update on spring registration. All leagues are full. Lottery players that were accepted have paid. There have been 4 withdrawals. There are over 150 on the waiting list.

3. Player Assessment Update

Reese updated board members on the schedule and approach for player evaluations. He requested help to run various sessions.

4. Approve and Adopt New League Constitution and By-laws

The new league constitution and by-laws had been distributed by Reese Jacobs to board members for review. Reese summarized that the major change from the current OPAA constitution and by-laws is that more emphasis is placed on the board that is elected from the membership and less emphasis on requiring special meetings



and membership quorum involving hundreds of members. This addresses the historically limited turnout for special meetings and general member meetings. This draft of the constitution and by-laws has been reviewed by the attorney working on the tax exempt status for OPAA. A special membership meeting is needed to adopt this new constitution and by-laws. This meeting will be planned and announced for Saturday, January 13, 2007 (preceding the coaches meeting.) The adopted draft will be posted on the website for membership review.

Keith Siegfried made the motion that the board adopt the constitution and by-laws draft distributed by Reese and recommend to the OPAA membership that this be adopted by the membership. Lalo Munoz seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

5. New Articles of Incorporation

Reese presented a draft of new Articles of Incorporation that have been part of the legal work being performed to have tax exempt status. There is a \$20 filing fee with the Georgia Secretary of State.

Gillen Young made the motion to adopt the draft Articles of Incorporation that Reese presented and pay the required filing fees. Wayne Henderson seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Authorize Expenditure for renewal of Corporate Registration

Reese explained that the OPAA corporate registration must be renewed. Wayne Henderson will be listed as the registered agent for the corporation. There is a \$30 filing fee.

Gillen Young made the motion to renew the OPAA corporate registration listing Wayne Henderson as the registered agent and authorize paying the filing fee. Keith Siegfried seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Approve Expenditure for filing Form 1023

The attorney has completed work on preparing Form 1023 for filing once the new constitution and by-laws are adopted by the OPAA membership. There is a \$750 filing fee.

Julie Munoz made the motion to approve a \$750 expenditure for filing Form 1023. Reese Jacobs seconded the motion.



VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

8. Approve Increase in Authorized Spending on Legal fees for Form 1023

At the 12/9/06 board meeting, \$6000 was authorized to spend toward the legal work required to file Form 1023. The expenses are higher than originally expected given additional work on the new constitution and by-laws. An additional \$1500 is needed bringing the total to \$7500.

Gillen Young made the motion to approve spending an additional \$1500 for legal work related to filing Form 1023. Julie Munoz seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Approve Expenditures for Shade Covers and Installation for Lower Fields

Reese Jacobs had distributed quotes for shade covers for the lower fields (Lang, Jacobs, Conklin) via email to the board members. The quotes received from Apollo Sunguard for the shade structures for these fields are \$16,514 (prepaid). Installation cost (from Mac Viers) is \$6200. Total project cost of \$22,714. The board discussed this capital improvement project in light of all improvement project priorities. This effort is aligned with the strategic goal for providing covers for all fields. Reese recommended we defer action on Tee Ball and Concession Stand shade structures until capital reserves are better known following Spring expenses.

Lalo Munoz made the motion to approve a purchase order and expenditure for shade covers for Lang, Jacobs, and Conklin Fields so they can be installed by 3/1/07 - total cost for the shade structures for these fields is \$16,514 (prepaid). Installation cost is \$6200 for a total of \$22,714. Keith Siegfried seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

10. Adopt Local League Rules for 2007

The association's by-laws require adopting reviewing, modifying, adopting, and approving local league rules for the 2007 playing season. Reese Jacobs had distributed via email a draft of the 2007 local league rules for the board's consideration.

Safety Officer Keith Siegfried expressed concern about requiring catchers to wear a dangling throat guard on a hockey style catcher's mask. He is aware that some manufacturers are recommending dangling throat guards NOT be used on the hockey style mask. Reese Jacobs explained that OPAA league insurance (provided through Babe Ruth, Inc.) requires the throat guards. Keith will research the issue in more detail and get written notice from a manufacturer if it exists and communicate this safety concern to Babe Ruth, Inc.



Jon Brasher requested that the rules be amended to include specifying helmet requirements by league (face guard, cage, C-flap, etc.) and list what OPAA recommends for AAA league and higher.

Kathy Robb made the motion to adopt the local league rules as distributed by Reese, amended for the additional clarification regarding helmets. Julie Munoz seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

11. Update on New Bleachers Purchase

Reese provided an update on the purchase of new bleachers for Lang, Jacobs, and Conklin fields. The bleachers are scheduled for delivery to the park on 1/9/07 with installation to follow.

12. Spring Coaches Clinic

The spring coaches clinic is scheduled for 2/3. Coach Perez is confirmed to lead this clinic. The location has not been finalized at this time.

13. Electric Repairs for Lower Fields

Reese explained he was meeting with West Georgia Lighting to investigate and repair the loss of electrical power to these fields. This happened when the nets were installed, apparently cutting an underground wire. This was to be done by Fulton County but was not before the CJC takeover. OPAA may be responsible for these repairs, but it must get done. We are waiting on power to be restored to the lower fields so those repairs can be tested. Reese will report the outcome at the next meeting.

14. Scoreboards

Field 2 is still in need of repairs to the console. Mahalo will be contacted by Keith Siegfried. All others are reported to be in working condition.

15. City of Johns Creek Field Use Permit

Reese reported that the field use permit has been submitted to Johns Creek.

16. Umpire Expenses

Umpire Cost Projections for Spring 2007 - Wayne requested a pay scale from Paul Belongie. Umpire expense is one of the major expenses and the board investigated a pay scale on a per league/game basis in contrast to a pay scale per umpire. We don't need \$40 a game umpire calling a game in the Farm League. The board agreed that for the 2007 season, OPAA would not provide a paid umpire for Farm games since



there are no standings kept. We will encourage Paul to use the Farm League as non-paid training to develop skills of new umpires.

The board discussed asking Paul to include closing the park as part of the duties of the last adult umpire to leave the park. They would get an additional \$10 for this service. This is usually one of the umpires from Majors or Senior league.

17.Uniforms

Rick Holcombe was absent and unable to provide an update to the board on uniforms. Reese and Kathy provided an update base on their knowledge of the situation.

18.Equipment Bags

Keith Siegfried provided an update to the board on equipment bags.

19.Coaches Shirts

Coaches shirts need to be ordered. Coaches will get a stone colored shirt with the new logo. Board members will get a black polo style shirt with the new logo. The estimated cost is between\$3300 and \$3500.

Keith Siegfried made the motion to authorize spending not to exceed \$3500 for acquiring coaches and board member shirts. Kathy Robb seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

20.Field Maintenance

Gillen Young presented a field maintenance plan at the last meeting. He reported he was unable to get with Hank Wiley during the holidays to plan out how to approach Johns Creek regarding the field maintenance. Based on previous discussions, it has been reported that Johns Creek has no additional funds to cover any maintenance other than bathroom cleaning, trash removal, and grass mowing.

The critical problem is water drainage on F3 and Nichols. Any rain leaves large puddles that requires significant work to fix or in the case of F3 can make the field unplayable due to the size of the problem.

Wayne Henderson commented that in years past, the association had spent upwards of \$3500 per field annually. That type of maintenance has not been done during the past 2-3 seasons.

Reese asked Gillen what would be the estimated cost of working on water management of Field 3 and Nichols. Wayne asked what would be involved in adding materials to the Tee-Ball field to address the excessive problems with rocks on that



field. Based on previous budget estimates, Gillen estimated \$12000-\$15000 for this work.

Reese Jacobs made the motion to authorize expenses not to exceed \$15000 to address water problems on Field 2 and Nichols Field and to put new infield material on the Tee-Ball field. Lalo Munoz seconded the motion.

VOTE - The motion was passed unanimously.

21.Sponsorship

Wayne presented the sponsorship folders discussed and authorized at the 12/9 board meeting. Wayne explained he would like the board to promote 100% participation in sponsoring OPAA. No set money amount is defined, but rather asking that every one participate in some manner, regardless of the amount.

The board agreed to setting this focus for the families participating in OPAA programs. In addition, the new sponsorship materials will be distributed to area businesses and discussed at the coaches meeting to raise funds for additional capital improvement projects at the park.

NEXT MEETING

Wayne will notify the board of the next meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to end the meeting was presented, seconded, and carried. Meeting ended at 10:55AM.