



OCEE PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2006

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

President Hank Wiley brought the meeting to order at 7:07 PM at Jocks and Jill's Restaurant.

Board members present: Wayne Henderson, Reese Jacobs, Eric Mathis, Julie Munoz, Lalo Munoz, JD Rutledge, and Hank Wiley.

Board members absent: Bobby Lang and Keith Siegfried.

Booster Club Committee Chairman present: Gillen Young

Other members in attendance: Steve Capizzi

1) OLD BUSINESS:

a) Capital Improvements Updates:

- 20 Foot Flag pole – **COMPLETE**. Bobby purchased the flag pole and Charlie Lang installed the pole.
- Installation of New Bleachers Update – **COMPLETED by OPAA volunteers**.
- Move old aluminum bleachers to replace old wood ones on Lang, Jacobs, and Conklin. **COMPLETED by Fulton County**.
- Replacement of the wood benches with new aluminum benches. Open until budget values are confirmed to be available later.
- Removal of lower steps on the light poles that back up against bleachers. **COMPLETED by Fulton County**.
- Scoreboard for Conklin Field – Open. James Bradburn is coordinating requirements with Coke supervisors and Fulton County
- Repair of existing batting cages – Lighting repair, additional cage lighting. Hank has contacted an electrician (Classic Wiring) for an estimate for the lighting and to place switches on timers. The electrician to also hard wire the ThorGuard Lightning Warning system to prevent accidental unplugging of the system.

b) Field Maintenance:

- Lang, Conklin and Jacobs Field scoreboard repairs – **COMPLETED by Mahalo Advertising (Coke Sub-Contractor) and West GA lighting (paid by Fulton County Parks)**.
- Scoreboard repairs - Ordered repairs for Field 2 Controller and light bulbs for Field 1, 2, 3, and Nichols.
- Dugout repairs on Conklin (end caps on end nearest home plate) – Open. Fulton County will install to finish this project.
- Repair light poles on Fields 1 and 3. **COMPLETED by Fulton County**.
- Screening of outfield fence on Field 2 and 3. Wayne – Made a motion to purchase and install a dark mesh on the outfield fence on Field 2 to help break up the activity in the outfields for less than \$800. Lalo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c) CHARTER WAIVER for Spring 2006:

- OPAA submitted a boundary population waiver request (population exceeds 20,000) to the District 2 Administrator Jeff Colwell on January 22, 2006.
 - Charter committee requires Divisional Format for 2006 and Dual Charters for 2007. (A letter from the Charter Committee detailing these requirements was handed out to the group dated February 3, 2006.)

- An Appeal of these requirements was sent to the Southern Region by Hank on February 22, 2006.
- Appeal to be presented by Southern Region to the Charter Committee on Thursday, March 16th.
- Discussion took place about the timing and thoughts to potentially look for alternate affiliations. This centered around the adjustments that will need to take place in 2007.

d) Safety and Equipment – Keith Siegfried:

- Field equipment repairs – Two pitching machines are in disrepair – Open.
- Development of Equipment SOP – Open.

e) OPAA Hosting of the 9-10, 10-11, and 11-12 Year Old State Tournaments:

- State Softball Tournaments - pending approval of appeal by the Charter Committee.
- Baseball 11-12 year old District Tournament – pending approval of appeal.

2) NEW BUSINESS

a) Secretary Report – Eric Mathis:

- Reading of Secretary's Minutes - Hank Wiley confirmed that the minutes had been reviewed from the last meeting held on February 12, 2006. A motion was presented by Lalo, was seconded by JD, and carried unanimously to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accepted them as issued previously.
- Background checks. Eric has issued a note to Wayne Henderson, Hank Wiley, and Reese Jacobs outlining the status of the Baseball program.
 - T-Ball – Missing 12 forms.
 - Farm League – Missing 13 forms.
 - “A” – Complete
 - “AA” – Complete
 - “AAA” – Missing 1 form
 - Majors – Missing 1 form
 - Juniors – Complete
 - Seniors – Missing 2 forms
- Softball – Lalo
- Umpires - JD
- Concession – Bobby

b) Treasurer's Report – Julie Munoz:

- Julie presented a Financial Report.
- Audit Report of our FY'2005 financial records from Linda Reeder. Was issued to board in previous e-mail.
- Status of completion and filing for our Form 990 which is due to the IRS, the GA Secretary of State, Fulton County Parks Department, District 2 Administrator, and Little League Headquarters. Bill Cartwright, of H & R Block, will be preparing these forms.
- Forms 1099-MISC due to IRS by March 31, 2006. **COMPLETED.**
- Additional Forms 1099 for umpires and concession stand workers are needed. Julie will send JD a PDF file for distribution to those who have not filled it out.
- Third letter to the IRS – Hank submitted a third letter with additional documentation on March 6, 2006, requesting abatement of a \$2800 penalty.
- Final tally for the fall photography day was revenue of \$13,095 net of expense <\$5,517.58>. Gillen suggested including a picture packaging into the registration process, at an additional registration fee of approximately \$20.

c) Player Agent – Reese Jacobs:

- Discussion of replacement regarding replacement of a Majors Baseball player who was injured in a car accident and will be unavailable for 6-8 weeks. The player may be replaced by a player from the Player Pool or by a player in AAA. A motion was presented to refund the family \$160 for the season. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- A motion was presented to provide the player a give certificate or like item of less than \$50. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Implementation of Player Pool for Majors teams which cannot field 9 players. A motion was presented to approve the implementation of the Player Pool for the 2006 season. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A new uniform will need to be ordered for each Majors team.

d) Sponsorship Program:

- Discussion took place about the potential use of funds raised. The group decided that we would focus monies on Safety (Bleacher Covers), field aesthetics\maintenance, and equipment.
- Discussion took place regarding the future of Ocee Park as it relates to the potential change in ownership from Fulton County to the City of Johns Creek.
- Gillen Young presented the following recommendation for Sponsorship levels for 2006:
 - Field of Dreams Sponsor - \$25,000
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 - 4'x8' aluminum painted sign displayed at the park entrance walk displayed for 5 years (includes planned replacement sign in year 3).
 - 2 - 4'x8' aluminum painted signs displayed on Field 2 & 4 for 5 years (includes planned replacement sign in year 3).
 - Annual sponsorship plaque for 5 years
 - Recognition via OPAA President email announcement broadcast to families at Ocee Park.
 - Local press announcement with picture of sponsor and OPAA league officials.
 - World Series Sponsor - \$10,000
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 - 4'x8' aluminum painted sign displayed at the park entrance walk displayed for 2 years.
 - 1 - 4'x8' aluminum painted signs to be displayed on Field 2 & 4 for 2 years.
 - Annual sponsorship plaque.
 - Recognition via OPAA President email announcement broadcast to families at Ocee Park.
 - Local press announcement with picture of sponsor and OPAA league officials.
 - Championship Sponsor - \$5,000
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 - 4'x6' Vinyl banner (3 Colors) displayed at the park entrance walk displayed for 2006 spring and fall seasons. (Sponsor can upgrade to full color banner for incremental cost)
 - 3 - 4'x6' Vinyl banners to be displayed on Field 1, 2, and Nichols for spring and fall seasons.
 - 1 - Sponsorship plaque.
 - All-Star Sponsor - \$2,500
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 - 4'x6' Vinyl banner (3 Colors) displayed at the park entrance walk displayed for 2006 spring and fall seasons. (Sponsor can upgrade to full color banner for incremental cost)
 - 2 - 3'x5' Vinyl banners to be displayed on Field 2 and Nichols for spring and fall seasons.
 - 1 - Sponsorship plaque.
 - Major League Sponsor - \$1,000
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 - 3'x5' Vinyl banner (3 Colors) displayed at the park entrance walk displayed for 2006 spring and fall seasons. (Sponsor can upgrade to full color banner for incremental cost)
 - 1 - 3'x5' Vinyl banner to be displayed choice of fields (Field 2 is default) for spring and fall seasons.
 - Banners may be substituted by alternate items at equal value.
 - 1 - Sponsorship plaque.
 - MVP Sponsor - \$500
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 - 3'x5' Vinyl banner (3 Colors) displayed at the park entrance walk displayed for 2006 spring and fall seasons. (Sponsor can upgrade to full color banner for incremental cost).
 - Banners may be substituted by alternate items at equal value.
 - 1 - Sponsorship plaque.
 - Friend of OCEE Park - \$250
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - Listed on Sponsorship banner displayed on park entrance (received by 4/16/06)
 - 1 – Personalized brick (anyone joining before 3/25/06).
 - Family Membership - \$100

- Website recognition on home page.
- 1 – Ocee Park car magnet.
- 1 – Personalized brick (anyone joining before 3/25/06).
- Basic Membership - \$50
 - Website recognition on home page.
 - 1 – Ocee Park car magnet.

e) Report from District 2 meeting held February 19, 2006, which was attended by Hank and Lalo:

- Deadline for player 2(d) and 4(h) waivers is June 2, 2006.
- District 2 umpires are available to call our games and to oversee and instruct our umpires. As volunteer umpires, request umpire pay to be sent to District 2 to be used for travel expenses to State, Regional, and National Tournaments.
- Baseball 9-10 year old State Champion will play Special Game Tournament in West Virginia.
- To host a District or State Tournament we must have an approved ASAP plan.

f) Potential hosting of Smoltz-Grissom Wood Bat Classic:

- SGWBC will not be sponsored or hosted by Fulton County this year.
- Fast Pitch Softball tournament May 20-21. Baseball tournament – Memorial Day Weekend May 26-29.
- Requires Field Supervisors for each of 5 fields, and a Bat Coordinator, for two 6-Hour shifts each day (total of 48 six hour slots). Volunteer names needed by end of April.
- A motion was presented to not host the SGWBC. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Hank to notify the SGWBC that our fields are not available.

g) Safety and Equipment Officer – Keith Siegfried:

- The OPAA Safety Officer is requested to meet with Steve Mott, District 2 Safety Officer and Milford Little League President, to develop ASAP Plan for OPAA.
- 6 cases (10 dozen per case) of game baseballs purchased from League Direct.
- Shortage of L-Screens in batting cages.
- A request was made to have Charlie drag the T-Ball Field.

h) Umpire-in-Chief – JD Rutledge:

- Umpire Information - Umpires must fill out a Volunteer Application Form, provide a copy of their driver's license, and provide Name, Address, and SSN for the IRS Forms 1099.
- Steve Capizzi addressed the group regarding umpires attitudes at Ocee. Steve outlined his specific issues in regard to concerns he has noticed in his games and the incorrect calls and the behavior of a specific umpire during his game. Additionally, he outlined his concern that umpires are working the games to end in a timely manner vs. the concern for making the game a positive outcome for players. Steve then specifically requested that this umpire not be allowed to umpire any more of his games.
- Wayne followed up with his concerns about other Majors umpires in regard to demeanor towards coaches. He referenced a situation where an umpire was questioned about a potential call. The umpire responded in a derogatory manner without addressing the call.
- JD outlined his concerns about not being made aware that these specific issues would be addressed at this meeting. He believes he illustrated the BOD's beliefs to all umpires during umpire training. If these issues are still occurring then we might need to source outside umpires to meet some of the requirements.
- JD will follow-up with all parties involved in the referenced incident and notify the group of his findings and the actions taken to correct.

3) NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting date will be Sunday, April 23rd, at the State Bridge Kroger pending Hank's ability to reserve this location.

4) ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was presented by Eric. The motion was seconded by JD, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.