



OCEE PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2006

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

President Hank Wiley brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at State Bridge Kroger.

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.

Committee Chairmen Present: Gillen Young – Booster Club.

1) OLD BUSINESS:

a) Update on Capital Improvements:

- Repair of existing batting cages – COMPLETE. Additional batting cage lighting and timer switches, and hardwiring of the ThorGuard Lightning Warning system and both shed garage door openers into conduit boxes – installed by “Classic Wiring” at a cost of \$500.
- Screening of Outfield fence on Field 2 – COMPLETE. Cost of Screening and delivery from League Direct from League Direct of \$800.
- New Item: Wheelchair ramps needed thru curb around Concession Stand. Our membership includes paraplegics who need access to the concession stand and restrooms. Hank contacted “Craft-Tech Builders and Developers” (putting in the playground equipment at Ocee Park) and asked for an estimate. Eric made a motion to allow up to \$1,000 to be utilized for this installation, the motion was seconded by Reese, and passed unanimously.

b) Field Maintenance:

- Scoreboard repairs - Field 2 and lights for Field 1, 2, 3, and Nichols – **COMPLETED by Mahalo Advertising (Coke Sub-Contractor)**
- Field 2 - Scoreboard Console connector fixed, field 2 & 3 were aerated, reseeded, and fertilized during spring break. Additionally, rock dust was placed inside the foul fences of Field 2 by the Ocee Stars.
- The Ocee Stars donated a sod roller, and installed blue wind flags atop the foul poles on Field 2.
- Dugout repairs on Conklin (end caps on end nearest home plate) – Terminal fence poles were purchased by OPAA. They were installed by Fulton County. **COMPLETE.**
- New Item: ThorGuard technician called on April 21 to re-calibrate and repair system.
- New Item: Field light, shed, and #56 lock keys purchased by Reese for BOD members. Members present at meeting were given keys. **COMPLETE**
- New Item: Batters box formers. Discussion took place about purchasing batters box formers that easily fold up for storage. As we are hosting the District 2 tournament with as many as 10 teams in the tournament, a motion was made to purchase two forms; the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously for approximately \$135 each.

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 was handed out to the group dated February 3, 2006.
 - Appeal filed February 22, 2006

- Appeal APPROVED with requirement for two tournament teams in Baseball 9-10, 10-11, and Little League ages, and Divisional Format to be in place for the 2007 season. The divisional format will require as many as 12 Majors teams next spring.
- Request for Common Draft Pool tournament team selection method APPROVED by the Southern Region on April 4, 2006. A letter was handed out to verify this approval from Reese.

d) Safety and Equipment – Keith Siegfried:

- Keith has submitted our ASAP plan, including ASAP form, field inventory form, and OPAA Safety Manual to Williamsport. We are still awaiting approval by Little League. OPEN.

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

- Georgia State Little League has moved the Softball State Tournaments to an alternate location which has not been finalized.

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 March 12, 2006. A motion was presented by JD, was seconded by Lalo, and carried unanimously to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accepted them as issued previously.
- Background checks. Eric updated the group that several forms were missing as noted below for Baseball:
 - T-Ball – Missing 5 forms.
 - Farm League – Missing 11 forms.
 - "A" – Complete
 - "AA" – Complete
 - "AAA" – Missing 1 form
 - Majors – Complete
 - Juniors – Complete
 - Seniors – Complete
- Softball – Lalo will conduct the checks.
- Umpires – JD will send all forms to Eric this week.
- Concession – Bobby will conduct the checks.

b) Treasurer's Report – Julie Munoz:

- Julie presented the monthly Financial Report.
- Julie made a comment that the concession stand is doing great and has exceeded our expectations for the year. This is believed to have come from the group following the agreed upon procedures. JD made a request that the concession stand be notified of game schedule changes for make-ups so that the concession is open when games are played.
- The end of year Trophies have not been ordered or paid for while the participation pins have been included in these numbers.
- All Star uniforms need to be paid for as well for Internal and Out of Park.
- Status of completion and filing for our Form 990 which is due to the IRS (COMPLETE). Copies will be sent to the GA Secretary of State, Fulton County Parks Department, and Little League Headquarters.
- Forms 1099-MISC due to IRS by February 28, 2006. **COMPLETED.**
- Additional Forms 1099 for umpires and concession stand workers are needed. JD will provide the complete list to Julie.
- Third letter to the IRS – Additional documentation has been sent in an effort to remove \$2,800 penalty. Hank submitted another letter on March 6, 2006. Still have not heard back from the IRS.

c) All Star Day

- All Star day will be held May 20th at the Park.
- Reese handed out a schedule for games, fields, rules, etc.
- Discussion took place on the potential to host a general gathering prior to the event. The idea turned to having a quick announcement ceremony prior to the 11:00 games which will be in the middle of the day.
- We will acknowledge the coach of the year from each league, a volunteer of the year (forms to be sent to Wayne Henderson), and a thank you to our sponsors.

d) Player Agent – Reese Jacobs:

- Selection process & Format for In-Park All Stars – Players will vote for in each league except Farm League which will be supported with parent review. Managers will be selected using the proposed process created by Reese. Uniforms will be purchased by OPAA for the Internal All Star Game.
- Selection process for All Star Tournament Team – Reese had sent out a proposed process for the creation of the Player Pools to be utilized for the Draft Method. We will have two teams in each age group for 12U and below to 8U. Juniors and Seniors will only have one team each.
- Eric made a motion to accept the proposed selection processes for Internal and Out of Park teams (which includes a Common Pool Draft Method for the 10, 11, and 12 YO Baseball), JD seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Out of Park Tournament Team players costs – Discussion took place about the costs that OPAA will require all Out of Park Tournament players to pay to be part of the teams. As we will be increasing the number of teams and total players while also increasing the quality of the uniforms a value of \$100 was discussed. Reese made a motion to require all Out of Park players to pay \$100 to defray uniform costs, trophies, umpire expenses, tournament fees, etc., Eric seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Fall Ball – Reese sent out a note prior to the meeting for all to review. Registration will open May 14th and be open through August. A motion was made by Lalo to set the fee structure as follows, it was seconded by JD, and passed unanimously:
 - Tee Ball - \$150 (Includes cost for pictures)
 - All other players - \$175 (Includes cost for pictures)

e) Sponsorship Program:

- Update on sponsors and Booster Club members. Gillen updated the group that McCar Homes will be an All-Star sponsor (\$2,500) and that Chick-Fil-A will also be noted as an All Star sponsor due to their contribution of \$3,200 worth of meals in the MVP card donations. Others were mentioned as well. Julie will send Eric the new names and values so that Thank You Letters can
- Eric updated the group that all plaques and Thank You letters had been sent for donations noted prior to the meeting.
- Fall Photos – Gillen has volunteered to manage the Fall 2006 photos as a fund raising event to the park. We agreed to his proposal as his work last fall was considered great.

f) Report from District 2 meeting held February 19, 2006:

- Deadline for player 2(d) and 4(h) waivers is June 2, 2006.

g) Safety and Equipment Officer – Keith Siegfried:

- Update on player injuries – Hank discussed a couple of incidents where players have been hurt during the season. As Keith was absent from the meeting this item was not reviewed in detail.

h) Umpire-in-Chief – JD Rutledge:

- 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.

3) NEXT MEETING

- Two requests were brought up prior to the meeting to move the meeting date away from Sunday evenings. While we are nearing the end of the season, we decided to avoid a permanent date change for now.
- The next meeting date will be May 16th at Ocee Park in the Pavilion located behind the Outfield of Field 1 in the wooded area.

4) ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was presented by Eric. The motion was seconded by JD, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.