



## OCEE PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2006

### MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER

President Hank Wiley brought the meeting to order at 7:04 PM at State Bridge Kroger.

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

Board members absent: Wayne Henderson, Bobby Lang and Keith Siegfried.

Committee Chairmen Present: Gillen Young – Booster Club.

### 1) OLD BUSINESS:

#### a) Update on Capital Improvements:

- Bleacher Canopy Installation. Hank updated the group that the footings for the canopy's were scheduled to be put in place this week (8/10), the canopy's have been ordered and are scheduled to ship on 8/21 with an arrival date of 8/24. We still need to pay for the installation of the canopy's which is expected to be \$7,200.
- Wheelchair ramps: Fulton County has released funding (\$3,280 to meet the projected costs). Hank will follow-up with "Craft-Tech Builders and Developers" to see if they have the funding and when the expected date of installation is to occur.
- RE/MAX donated \$5,000 for the new scoreboard for Conklin Field. Estimated total cost for the scoreboard is \$5,100. We need to get banners. Reese will send the image to Eric and he will order the banners.
- Field Improvements: Gillen provided the group a handout that high-lighted the improvements made to date, a list of volunteers who have provided time and effort so far, an outline of the expenses incurred, and a proposal for future improvements in progress. Additionally, Gillen provided a plan for continued improvements for the fall 2006 through summer of 2007.
- Key Highlights:
  - Outfield Grass moved in 6 feet to shorten depth of skinned infield.
  - Narrowed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base paths to specifications.
  - Grass to 10 foot circle around home plate.
  - Bases have proper cut outs around each respective base.
  - Old sod has been relocated to build bullpen areas outside fence of dugouts.
  - Charter committee requires Divisional Format for 2006 and Dual Charters for 2007. A letter was handed out to the group dated February 3, 2006.
- Remaining tasks to completed soon:
  - Add fill dirt and brick dust\field conditioner to raise playing level.
  - Move warning track gravel to create more slope for water removal.
  - Edge fields as needed.
  - Work on Pitching mounds on field and warm up areas.
  - Cut baseline edge on Lang
  - Fertilize with Ultra Nitrogen
  - Spray weed killer.
- Expenses:
  - Budget was \$2,200
  - Expenses to date are \$2,728. Balance has been made up from volunteers. BOD agreed to cover the incremental costs that the volunteers spent that are not covered by the Star's contributions.
- Future plans:

- Gillen presented many thoughts for the Fall\Winter of 2006 and Spring\Summer 2007.
- Plans encompass fields remaining fields.
- BOD asked for detailed plan for the purpose of budgeting in our fiscal plan. Gillen's projections are roughly \$20,000 for then next year.
- Gillen suggested we need to aerate the fields immediately, top dress with proper conditioner. Expected budget is \$3,500 with the expectation of the Stars donating possibly as much as \$1,000.

## **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 June 4, 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.

### **b) Treasurer's Report – Julie Munoz:**

- Julie provided a handout for the group that outlined the current financial position, a review of the Summer tournament actual expenses, and a rough projected budget for the fall season.
  - Expenses were higher this year for the district tournaments due to the added teams required by Little League. Uniforms and banners were higher than budgeted and need to be managed to a lower value next year. Additionally, the expense for the Police and Emergency support needs to be reviewed prior to next year's tournament.
  - A rough fall budget was presented, discussed, and modified that is well within our expected revenue plan for the fall.
- A motion was made by Lalo and seconded by JD that we budget \$3,500 (any fees collected from the Star's will be applied to this value to reduced the funds) to cover a list of improvements (see handout) to be completed in the fall 2006 season. Keys are field conditioner treatment, topdressing, mound clay, over-seeding and sprinkler head repair. The motion passed unanimously.

### **c) Sponsorship Program – Gillen Young:**

- Bank of America: Gillen discussed that anyone that opens a new checking account with Bank of America, will get a \$25 donation to the Little League organization that referred you. An extra \$10 will be donated if the individual also opens a savings account.
- We are planning to spend approximately \$2,000 to finally order the bricks that were purchased by individuals starting over a year ago.

### **d) Player Agent – Reese Jacobs:**

- Update of Fall Registration – Most leagues are now complete with only a few spots left which will drive the need for a waitlist. Softball is really doing well and the Juniors Baseball program looks like it will fill up due to the large rising 13 year old group.
- Fall Uniform Order – Order will be for Minor League teams.
- Awards – T-Ball and Farm League will still get participation trophies with the other groups to get participation pins or medallions. We will contact Denise Fasone to see if she will volunteer to be the coordinator once again.
- Fall Schedule:
  - August 20 – Close registration.
  - August 21 through 31 – Teams to be assigned.
  - August 25 – Withdrawal Refund Deadline.
  - August 26 – Coaches Meeting/Training and Equipment Pick-up.
  - No later than August 31 – Player/Team notification.
  - No later than August 31 – Schedules posted.
  - September 5<sup>th</sup> – Pre-season practices begin.
  - September 16<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day games begin. There will not be any rain make-ups for lost games this fall.
  - September 16<sup>th</sup> - Photography Day (Rain Date October 7)
  - September TBD – Town Hall Meeting to discuss league affiliation options and new John's Creek boundary issues.
  - October 22 – Annual Membership Meeting at Ocee Park pavilion.
  - October 28 – Season ends and equipment return to take place.

### **e) Appointment of Nominating Committee to create a slate to fill Board vacancies for 2007:**

- Require three Board Members plus at least one regular member. Discussion took place and the following names were suggested; JD Rutledge, Reese Jacobs, Julie Munoz volunteered from the existing BOD and the suggestion of Paul Belongie was made for the regular member. Hank will contact Paul to confirm his ability to fill this role. Eric made the motion to accept these individuals for the committee, it was seconded by Lalo, and the motion passed unanimously.

**f) Equipment, Safety Officer – Keith Siegfried (Absent):**

- Equipment requirements for Fall season:
  - Baseballs, RIF Baseballs, 11” and 12” softballs have been ordered.
  - Backstop pads have been ordered for Fields 3 and Nichols to match those on Field 1 and 2.
  - Equipment was returned from the Spring Season as well as a few extra from past seasons. We have enough for the fall season.
  - Equipment will be handed on out August 26.

**g) Coaches Director – Wayne Henderson (Absent):**

- Coaches Training: Date, Location, and Training Group are yet to be defined.
- Selection of League Commissioners and Managers: TBD
- Coaches Shirts, Commissioner Shirts, and BOD shirts have been ordered for the fall.
- A Little League T-Ball coaches instruction book as been ordered for coaches this fall.
- Scorebooks have been ordered.

**h) Umpire-in-Chief – JD Rutledge:**

- Umpire training: TBD
- JD wants to incorporate more adults with younger umpires to help train more in the fall. His opinion is that the young umpires will learn more and coaches will be more respectful with this combination.

**3) NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday August 24 at 7:00 PM at Jocks and Jill Restaurant.

**4) ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn was presented by Eric. The motion was seconded by Hank, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.