

Minutes of 10/01/07 SYS Board Meeting

Present: Ron W., Rachel B., Andrea B., Kim O., Mindy H., Chris D., Mike R., Bob P., Keith B., Ken O., Jim R., Ken W., Kevin R., Jay McQ., Dave L., Roy P., Allan J., Jim E., Bob G.

Meeting began at 7:05 PM at Shrewsbury library.

The Minutes for the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report (Mike R.)—Mike presented an up-to-date financial statement through September of 2007. We have \$20,000 more income this year than last, although the reason why is not yet clear. Mike went over the expenses for this year so far and there were not large discrepancies from last year's expenses. We have spent \$10,000 on paint over each of the past two years. Mike then presented a preliminary budget for the coming year. None of the amounts on this preliminary budget are meant to be firm yet. Ron asked the board members to look over the tentative budget and make suggestions for changes at the November meeting.

Board openings (Ron W.)—We need a GU-12 AGC and we need a Website designer/manger. There are two candidates for the latter position. Ron and Bob P. will meet with these two to figure out how to work this situation out.

Spring registration (Bob P.)—In the past the registration has gone from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 for the older kids and we had two walk-in registrations. The rosters for MAYS are due the first week of Jan. and so are the team placement forms. We need to know the team placements before we get pass cards. Ron suggested that we reduce hassles for ourselves by have the registration be from 10/15 to the week of Thanksgiving *with no late registration*. We will have a wait list with no promises instead. At worst, a kid whose parents are late in signing him or her up will miss just one season. This policy is consistent with what the other sports claim to do. Andrea said that she felt that it was easier to take a firm line for the spring than it is in the fall because of families that move in over the summer. There followed a fairly long discussion about registration. In the end there seemed to be a consensus to try the waiting-list policy with no late registrations.

Spirit of Shrewsbury report—Board owes Chris a big “thank you” for all her work in organizing our participation in the event. We sold \$495 worth of sweat shirts. The necklaces were also a big hit. We also had a marching contingent in the parade.

Ron said that he has a full slate of volunteers to staff the snack shack at Municipal.

MAYS report—There have been a fair number of lop sided games so far. Ron will go to the next MAYS meeting with Bob R.

Ref report (Mindy H.)—So far, so good. Mindy said it is hard to get refs for the U-8 games. We need to recruit more young refs.

Fields report (Keith B.)—There have been parking problems, particularly at the Foundation fields. Keith bought “no parking” signs for the Foundation fields. ***Coaches need to get parents to move cars that are illegally parked before games begin.*** There is a real safety issue with the possibility of little kids running out into the driveways from between illegally parked cars.

At Municipal, all cars must park on the Paton school lot. Can't park cars on the dirt lot near the transformers.

The parking lot at Glavin needs to be sealed and lined but it can't be done until the spring or summer because you need warm days and nights. There are only about 148 spots on the large parking lot but that isn't enough. There will be a meeting with the Glavin people in

November to discuss how best to handle the parking lot overload. If we could have the MAYS scheduler make sure not to schedule all the Glavin fields at the same time, that would be a huge help. In any event, we need to check the MAYS spring schedule as soon as we get it for possible problems.

Keith has put out mowing bids for the Glavin fields.

The field take down has been scheduled for Sat., 11/10 at 9:00 AM at Glavin.

We will have an end-of-the-season coaches meeting to get back equipment and to serve as a wrap-up session on 11/15 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Sherwood.

Bylaws (Ron W.)—Ron said we need established policies that are public. Ron said we will vote on the bylaws at the November meeting. We also need to discuss whether or not we want to increase our registration fees but will table that discussion until we have more info.

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Garvey