

Mattawan Little League

Board of Directors Meeting

August 7, 2017 – Mattawan Little League fields

Members Present: Rob Sullivan, Angie First, Tim First, Jon Sytsma, James Carlisle, Shawn Klinger, Christi Grabowski, Ed Ruble, Jim Ford, Bryce Rollins

1. Meeting called to order by President Rob Sullivan at 7:10pm.
2. July 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. Tim First made a motion to approve the July 2017 minutes as written. Shawn Klinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Report by Treasurer Tim First
 - a. Good year for concessions. Will get better when returns are credited
 - b. Plans to bring draft budget to September meeting
4. Report by League Information Officer James Carlisle
 - a. Nominations for next year's board due at September meeting
 - b. Voting will take place at the October meeting
5. Report by Vice President of Softball Angie First
 - a. 8-9-10 All star team made it to district semi-finals.
 - b. Angie reminded the group that we should make sure we score using players number and last name. Will make it easier if we get audited for games played.
6. Report by Player Agent Jon Sytsma
 - a. Ratings are ongoing
7. Report by Safety Director Shawn Klinger
 - a. No report
8. Report by Concessions Director Christi Grabowski
 - a. We have returned what we can to Klosterman's. Remainder was donated to the school lunch program
 - b. Selling Tumblers an idea for next season. \$15 purchase and \$0.50 refills
 - c. Look at preloaded cards for kids next season. 8 week lead time.
9. Report by Equipment Manager Bryce Rollins
 - a. Still need to set a date for fall clean-up
 - b. Bryce and Bill working on getting things put away
 - c. Ray Owsiany quoted \$1,200 to level Field 5 outfield and bring in topsoil.
 - i. (Bryce later corrected the amount to \$2,500)
10. Old Business
 - a. Angie First made a motion to grant permission for Mattawan Softball Club to host a Fall softball league from September 7 – October 18. Shawn Klinger seconded. Motion passed.
11. New Business
 - a. Proposal from Automation Design + Entertainment was shared by Rob Sullivan
 - i. Group discussed the following add-ons:
 1. Outsource cable burial

2. Look at better speakers
 3. Purchase Wireless mic
- ii. A motion was made by Angie First to create a committee comprised of Rob Sullivan, James Carlisle and Lisa Sylvester to have power to act to spend capital not to exceed \$25,000 on the new sound system. Shawn Klinger seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Batting Cages
 - i. Motion made by Tim First to rescind previously approved capital for batting cages. (no capital spent to date). Seconded by James Carlisle. Motion passed.
 - ii. Motion made by Tim First to form a committee of Jon Sytsma (chair), Rob Sullivan, and Bryce Rollins to have the power to act to spend capital not to exceed \$15,000 in the purchase and installation of new batting cages. Seconded by Ed Ruble. Motion passed.
- c. Practice Fields
 - i. Obtaining quotes
- d. Field 5 repair
 - i. Motion by James Carlisle to spend not more than \$2,000 from capital on field 5 repair.
- e. Safety Nets
 - i. Tabled
- f. Doors on scorers stands
 - i. Cost estimated at \$350/stand and work to be completed in fall 2017
 - ii. Motion by Shawn Klinger to enclose all scorers stands (fields 1-8 and big field) using capital not to exceed \$3,500. Seconded by James Carlisle. Motion passed – Bryce dissented.
- g. Road Sign
 - i. Progress report on sign design by Angie First
 - ii. Motion by Angie First to spend no more than \$2,000 from capital on road signage improvements. Seconded by Jon Sytsma. Motion passed.
- h. Keys
 - i. Motion by Tim First to spend no more than \$2,000 from capital for Bryce to re-key the complex (coaches/master/concessions keys). Seconded by Jon Sytsma. Motion passed.
- i. Red Arrow Soccer Club usage
 - i. Motion by Jon Sytsma to allow Red Arrow Soccer Club to have 3 6v6 fields in the fall/2 6v6 fields in the spring at the front of our complex. This is contingent upon Red Arrow agreeing to staff concessions for all star tournaments up to 10 tournament days. Seconded by Bryce Rollings. Motion passed.
- j. Offseason fees
 - i. Discussion by the group on adjusting fees to encourage field usage in the offseason.
 - ii. Motion by Angie First to amend the 2017 field usage policy to set the offseason rate at \$15/2 hr blocks. Offseason is defined as 8 August 2017 – 28 February 2018. Seconded by James Carlisle. Motion passed.
- k. State Tournament hosting

- i. Rob Sullivan reported that we have been asked by District to host the state 50/70 tournament next season. The group agreed that this would be a good event for MLL. Rob will report back to Joanne Willson. The state will award the host sites in late September.

12. Motion by Tim First to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jon Sytsma. Motion passed.

13. Meeting adjourned by President Rob Sullivan at 9:00 pm

Next board meeting – September 11, 2017 at 8pm at Main St. Pub in Mattawan.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Sullivan, President