

**Palmer Township Athletic Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2010**

Meeting called to order 8:04 p.m.

President's Report – J. Olah

- Discussed a request by a new semi-professional football team that visited the recreation board. They inquired about renting our football facilities for five (5) home games and possible play-off games. Games would be on Saturday evenings and they would try to adjust their schedule to play during Palmer's away weeks. Interested in providing clinics and community outreach events for area youth football teams and would want the PTAA to run the concession stand as a fundraiser. Recreation has some concerns about the condition of the fields. The team will draft a detailed proposal and submit it to the Recreation Board. The PTAA will accompany them at the Recreation Meeting and speak to B. Fulmer, Football commissioner.
- J. Olah will meet with the Director of the Community Center to discuss registration fee payments and cuts. Suggests that full registration fees will go to the PTAA and we will cut the CC a check for their \$5.00 per registration fee.
- Discussion on the \$2100 propane bill for one month for the concession stand and tank is set at 40 degrees. They are new tanks and J. Olah asked B. Smith to look into it and talk to the township. PTAA cannot keep absorbing this cost.

Baseball – B. Webb

- Connie Mack registrants way down
- Only three (3) sign-ups at Sr. Legion level
- B. Webb will discuss situation with the leagues and see if Sr. Legion could go on hiatus for a year if our numbers do not improve
- Approximately \$1500 handed in from tournament fundraiser. Community Center received profits from the door.

Softball – J. Young, J. Vincent

- Extended sign-ups. League rosters for younger teams need to be submitted first week of March
- 15% down on registrations from last year
- Presentation by J. Vincent regarding a coaching clinic at Lafayette College. Motion by L. Fulmer for up to twenty-five (25) softball coaches not to exceed \$60.00 per coach to attend a coaching clinic at Lafayette College. Second by B. Webb. Motion passed.
- Presentation by J. Vincent on a live scheduling program to help alert parents, coaches, and the parks department on field changes and cancellations. The charge is per entry for up to 900 entries. Works out to approximately \$33.00/month. Discussion followed by membership. Most felt that Baseball,

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Basketball, and other sports might be able to use the program. J. Young and J. Vincent will work with T. Doerner and explore options.

Wrestling – B. Webb

- Season over. Valley tournament televised on RCN this year. Palmer finished fourth in the team bracket and had three (3) champions. Most champions Palmer ever had. Good year.
- Motion by B. Webb not to exceed \$45 for three jackets for those champions. Second by B. Johnson. Motion passed.

Basketball – L. Bryfogle

- Yankee candle fundraiser was a success. Raised a little over \$5,000 and it was a quick and easy fundraiser. Laura reported all money was handed in and we would receive 3% more back if we paid the bill early. K. Smith will send the payment.
- Laura is working on a reschedule for older kids who have to attend a mandatory PJAS event.

Lacrosse – T. Doerner

- Older team numbers are down
- Reported he made a mistake and has about twelve 6 and 7 year olds who don't miss the cut off dates set by the Recreation Board. The division is U9 and children are nine and under. Recreation had some concerns about 6 year olds playing with 9 year olds and felt the details were confusing. Much discussion followed as well as statements from disappointed parents who have started the season. It was discovered that all area teams accept 6 year olds and those are the guidelines listed under the U.S. Lacrosse Organization. Members compared this age to wrestling/football and other contact sports that allow 6 year olds. Lacrosse is not even contact. T. Doerner will draft a clearer proposal to ask Recreation to change the age. J. Young suggested that we share the information via email to recreation since they do not meet again until next month. J. Olah to contact M. Knox about the concerns.

Football/Cheerleading – L. Fulmer

- Approximately \$2300 handed in from concessions. Previously approximately \$2800 handed in from green and white; about \$3,000 from beef and beer fundraiser and additional money from the raffle drawing.
- Championship jackets were distributed to players and cheerleaders. Thank you to PTAA for this kind gesture.

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- Football/Cheerleading sign-ups will be May 1st through June 1st. Online registrations will be accepted for cheerleading and walk-in registration only for football because of handout information they like to give parents.

Board Report – L. Fulmer

- A save the date handout will be placed at the community center to include information about all upcoming PTAA events. Commissioners and committees can email S. Heron with updates and she will provide copies to the CC.
- The PTAA has the money wheel for community weekend. We will probably also do pull-tabs from our tent. The permit application and payment was sent.
- Clam and Jam committee has met and is looking into mid-July for the 2nd annual event at Penn Pump Park. Information to follow.
- J. Olah spoke to Schuylkill Valley and they will not sell anymore Palmer gear. They are donating what they have left back to the PTAA to sell.

New Business

- J. Olah appointed an asset committee to include A. Panuccio and Tori Wolfe
- Motion by J. Olah to accept the December 2009 and January 2010 minutes. Second by B. Johnson, all in favor.
- Motion by J. Olah to accept the January 2010 treasurer's report. Second by S. Heron, all in favor.

Old Business

- Motion by L. Oliver to purchase and ID machine and digital camera not to exceed \$2500. Motion second by R. Swick. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn 9:40 p.m. by R. Swick; second by J. McDonald.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Fulmer
PTAA Board Chairman