

# **Muhlenberg Twp. Athletic Assoc.**

## **Meeting Minutes 5/21/12**

**Attendance:** Randy Heckman, Michelle Heckman, Cori Olmeda, Jeff Bieber (\*), Chris Rear (\*), Don Raifsnider (\*), Danielle Sheipe (\*), Kelli Miller (\*), Jen Wilson, Denny Eberhart, Randy Shauger, Kevin Button (\*), Vicky Shauger, Scott Yerger (\*), Mike Eberhart, Jenn Eberhart, Kathy Light, Mike Hummel, Kristy Hummel, Erron Archie, Valon Archie, Wendy Button (\*)

\* Denotes Board Member

Meeting was called to order by Danielle at 7:06pm

Kevin motioned to approve April's meeting minutes. Kelli seconded the motion. All approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Kelli reported \$12,093 in the bank. All bills are paid however we are anticipating the bill for the football pads shortly. No fall registrations have been deposited yet.

### **Softball Report (given by Commissioner Kevin Button):**

- All has been going well.
- There have been a few problems with umpires which have been reported but nothing drastic
- As of the meeting, our 10uA and 12uB teams were each in 2nd place for their divisions. The 12uA and 10uB teams were in the middle of the pack.
- Championship week will begin June 3rd which will be a week-long, single-elimination tournament.
- We are still in need of a commissioner for next year

### **Baseball Report (given by Commissioner Kelli Miller):**

- We are half way into the season at this point
- There have been concerns with coaches vs. umpires as well as parents chirping at every call made.
- There have been problems with kids being in the press box. We need to put word out that this area is adults only and kids are only allowed up there if a parent is present. Kids were spilling drinks near the new PA system and just hanging out up there and trashing the area. We had some parents being turned away by kids. This is not acceptable and we need coaches to help enforce it.
- There has been a lot of trash left in the dugouts. We need coaches to make sure the teams are cleaning it up at the end of a game. If the trash cans at the dugouts are full, a coach needs to tell a board member in charge.
- All Star game info will be coming out to coaches in the next week. Kelli would like to make it the Tom Baslick Memorial All Star Celebration.

### **Football Report (given by Commissioner Chris Rear):**

- Chris has a call in to Matt at Rydell for the pads. They will ship them to Jim Sheipe's business and will hold the invoice until all the pads are delivered

### **Field Hockey Report (given by Commissioner Wendy Button):**

- Nothing to report at this time

### **Cheerleading Report (given by Commissioner Jenn Eberhart):**

- The age cutoff for cheer has been changed to August 31st to be in line with the school. We will accept girls to age 12 as of 8/31 also.
- Jenn would like to make sure the township will give us enough space for cheer to practice at Jim Dietrich this fall
- Junior high had their tryouts 5/21 & 5/22 so we may get some girls who were cut but still age eligible to come back to MTAA.

**Girls Basketball Report (given by Commissioners Jen Wilson & Cori Olmeda):**

- Nothing to report at this time

**Boys Basketball Report (given by Commissioner Mike Eberhart):**

- Nothing to report at this time

**Fall Baseball Report (given by Commissioner Jeff Bieber):**

- Numbers are low so far. Jeff may have to move some kids around based on age.
- At this point, we have enough for 3 teams

**Wrestling Report: No commissioner present at meeting**

**New Business:**

- **Erron Archie's suspension**
  - The board heard statements from Erron Archie and several people on his behalf regarding his suspension that was handed down by Kelli Miller after he had a confrontation with umpire Dave Long at one of the games Erron was coaching. Erron was questioning a call the umpire made regarding the placement of the batter in the box. After questioning it several times, Erron claims the umpire started yelling at him and antagonizing him. Erron, in turn, was loud and confrontational with the umpire and the umpire ejected him from the game.
  - The suspension Kelli decided to hand down was 4 games. 2 for the incident per the guidelines in the coach code of conduct and another 2 because she felt Erron's arguments went beyond the realm of the ball game and became persona.
  - Erron came to the meeting asking the board to consider reducing his suspension to 2 games and that we consider some sort of suspension, etc. for the umpire as well.
- **The Shauger's request**
  - Vicky and Randy Shauger came to the meeting to ask the board to allow their son, Jonas to leave JDL and go back to in-house. After the first time the parents came to us to complain about the JDL head coach, they decided, along with the others, to give him a chance to right his wrongs. It was better for a while, but now they feel things are right back to the way they were. They feel the kids are being belittled, there is favoritism, and no advanced skills are being taught.

**Old Business:**

- No old business to be discussed

Danielle put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Seconded by Wendy. All approved.

***Minutes submitted by Wendy Button, Recording Secretary***