

**Muhlenberg Township Athletic Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 2012**

**Attendance:** Wendy Button (\*), Kevin Button (\*), Jeff Bieber (\*), Ted Ellis, Cori Olmeda, Rick Frank, Hip Olmeda, Kelli Miller (\*), Frank Pilat (\*), Don Raifsnider (\*), Chris Rear (\*), Jim Sheipe, Danielle Sheip (\*), Scott Yerger (\*), Michelle Cheri, Mike Eberhard, Jenn Eberhart, Brad Coley (\*), Sherri Fulp (\*), Erik Keiper, Jonathan Moyer

**(\*) Denotes Board Member**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Frank Pilat

September Minutes were approved

**Treasurer** reported \$23,282.90 in the bank with all bills paid. Waiting to be given the rest of the fall ball concession money, Haunted Hollow money & rest of football concession money

**Girls Basektball**

- Signups went well with over 50 girls rostered. There will be two teams at the 3rd & 4th grade level and two teams at the 5th & 6th grade level as well as a 5th grade travel team. There was not enough interest to have a 6th grade travel team
- 5th grade travel team tryouts are taking place October 23rd
- In-house evaluations will take place next week
- There is a travel team meeting November 17th. The team fee is \$100 with referee fees TBD
- They are still waiting for the school to give their approval of gym time
- There will be an in-house league meeting in December.
- The travel team pays \$30 extra plus their normal \$20 uniform fee but keeps nothing and does not play in-house. Can they get some kind of shirt to keep?
- The commissioners have asked for approval to create their own flagrant foul rule that is not included in the BCYBL. Would like to suspend an offender for 1 game. After 2nd flagrant foul, it would be a 2 game suspension and after the 3rd, the offender would be done for the season. If a coach is found to be promoting flagrant fouls, he/she would be removed of their coaching duties. This was approved.

**Boys Basketball**

- About 85 boys have signed up so far. Mike expects to have about 100 after all is done.
- There is a travel meeting on October 23 and in-house on Friday
- Travel team try-outs will take place next Friday but there will be no try-outs needed for the 6th grade travel team due to low numbers
- Referee fees will be approximately \$675 for all

**Wrestling**

- Erik will be placing his equipment order with SVSG this week as approved by the board
- Don informed Erik that what was given to the school for gym time was approved
- There will be a parent meeting November 9th from 6 to 8.
- There are 34 boys signed up so far.

## **Fall Baseball**

- The season has ended
- Equipment hand ins are scheduled for October 30th
- Phil & Mark will be discussing if they want to continue with the program next year and let us know
- Jeff is resigning as commissioner effective November 1st as his son is aging out of the program
- Tom Kline has expressed an interest in coming back in as commissioner again

## **Cheerleading**

- The football cheer season is over for the most part
- There are about 20 girls signed up for basketball cheer so far. Numbers are very low on the might level. If they don't get at least 10-12, they will not have it at that level and return everyone's checks. Don will put an email out to try to get more to sign up
- The commissioner have been trying to set up a meeting with the cheer league but have received no response so far

## **Field Hockey**

- Season is over
- Wendy has resigned as commissioner effective immediately. Frank will take on the role and search for a co-commissioner. Wendy's daughter has one more eligible year with MTAA and will advise the new commissioners for an easy transition.

## **Football**

- Season is pretty much over other than a few games this weekend
- Mite playoffs are scheduled for this Sunday with the final games being played on November 4th
- Equipment hand-ins are tentatively scheduled for November 6th & 7th

## **Softball**

- Nothing new to report

## **Baseball**

- The city/county meeting will take place in December
- Rick Frank from the A's came to speak with us about their program in conjunction with ours. They would like to work something out so that the 12 year olds who don't make the middle school team or the A's can come back and play for us. The A's are no longer taking the 12 year olds that don't make the middle school team because they feel, if they can't make the middle school team, they are not competitive enough for the A's. They will only be taking 12 year olds that DO make the middle school team. There should only be 3-5 kids who would be in this situation and turning 13 after April 30th. To do this, we'd need to push our signups back about 2 weeks.
- Jim Sheipe asked if there would be any leeway for 10 year olds in 5th grade to be able to try out to play up a level

Ted Ellis addressed the board suggesting that we consider a payment plan. He stated that other leagues offer one. Reading has a \$20/month plan and Mifflin offers something similar.

Don asked that people start to spread word to accept emails from MTAASPORTS & Muhlenberg Township Athletic Association so blast email messages are not going to SPAM folders

A Public Relations person from Boscov's spoke to the board stating that Boscov's and the mall may allow us to do fundraisers in their space. Also suggested Ozzy's. This will be something to look into.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

*Minutes submitted by Wendy Button, Recording Secretary*

