

# MERIDIAN AREA BOOSTERS

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Minutes of Meeting Held on April 7, 2008

*Location: St. Fidelis Church, Buttercup Road, Butler Township, Butler County, PA at 8:00 p.m.*

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.
- 2.) ATTENDANCE REGISTER: An attendance register was passed around. Absent were Tony Graziani (Work), Kevin Lewis (Fed. Meeting), Geoff Forringer (Fed. Meeting).
- 3.) READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Dan Slomers handed out a copy of the meeting Minutes from March 17, 2008 for all to review. A motion was made by Mike Kowalski and seconded by Ron Henderson to accept the Minutes as presented. There were no objections.
- 4.) TREASURER'S REPORT: Jake Friel provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report. The account balance is \$23,598.57. A motion was made by Ron Henderson and seconded by Dan Michalek to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. There were no objections.
- 5.) UNION COMMITTEE REPORT: No report. Next meeting is April 16 at 7 p.m. at Highfield Hall.
- 6.) BUTLER TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Daryl Patten reported that their Board met last Wednesday, including new members Mike Kowalski, Dan Michalek, and Dan Reamer. Oak Hills Softball Field is still under renovation but is expected to be completed by opening day. An all association party is scheduled for August 9, 2008 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at upper Alameda Park, including the pool. Clearance was obtained from Ron Zawrotuk to adjust the bases on the Coach Pitch field at Highfield to meet farm league specifications. Butler Township will furnish keys to all Managers to access equipment at Adelman and Highfield fields. The security code for Adelman field was announced. Cleanup at Adelman Field is tentatively set for April 12. Daryl Patten is maintaining clearances.
- 7.) SPONSORS REPORT: Dan Slomers reported that nearly all sponsor payments are in.
- 8.) PICTURE COMMITTEE REPORT: Sheri Henderson reported that everything is on track.
- 9.) UNIFORMS REPORT: Uniforms are on track.
- 10.) CONCESSION STAND REPORT: The Concession Stand Committee involving both Adelman and Meridian volunteers met on April 3. They agreed to a \$15 opt-out program for the first registered child and a \$25 opt-out for those with two or more. As promised, the Committee has developed an informational packet and has already started to hand them out to all managers (12 and under and all softball). Those who do not opt-out will be scheduled to work the concession stand. The Committee would like to purchase a new cheese machine and raise enough money to purchase a slushy machine. There were no objections.
- 11.) RAFFLE TICKETS: Dan Slomers asked if anyone was aware of anyone who needed raffle tickets. Only one person stood up to take two packets. Jake Friel stated that he has more tickets if anyone needs them. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at Adelman Field. Adelman stand will call Meridian stand to announce and post winners. In the event of a rainout, tickets will be pulled on a later date.

- 12.)FUNDRAISING REPORT: Egg Hunt fundraiser went well. Pizza Hut fundraiser went well. Tim Lyon explained the fundraising packets are being handed out now and that they must be turned in no later than opening day (April 26), even if the day is a rain out. Someone will be at the Meridian concession stand to collect the packets, rain or shine from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. No orders will be accepted after April 26. Delivery of the kits will be on June 7 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Craft Building of the Butler Farm Show Grounds (during the League Garage Sale).
- 13.)EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Gil Rickert announced that everything is distributed and that he is to be contacted directly if anyone needs anything. Tim Lyon is getting a common lock/key for softball, farm league and coach-pitch sheds. Keys will be handed out to all managers.
- 14.)FIELD SCHEDULE COORDINATOR: All practice schedules are posted on the website. Ron Double will need input from all Commissioners on the number of games to have, and when tournaments will be, in order to finalize the season schedule. Gil Rickert stated that all requests for field and pitching machine time must be run through Gil Rickert and Jamie Jamison during the regular season. Teams who have a scheduled practice at the Meridian Fields will be given the opportunity to use the machine first.
- 15.)SHEDS: The lower shed addition is on hold due to money. Jake Friel requested a new softball shed (\$800+/-). There were no objections. Jake will supply an exact price at the next meeting.
- 16.)UMPIRE SCHOOL: Gil Rickert announced two umpire school sessions on April 19 at Meridian. Little League umpire training will be at 10 a.m. Farm League umpire training will be at 12:15 p.m. A patch umpire will be on hand for a scrimmage games at these fields. Any child who wants to umpire this year must attend the league class that they wish to umpire in.

17.)COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Coach Pitch: Tim Lyon reported that all is on track.

Farm: Mike Kowalski reported that all is on track. Mike selected the 8's tournament for 6/28 and 6/29. No date was selected for the 7's.

Minor: Paul Clawson reported that all is on track. Paul Clawson selected 6/7 and 6/8 for the 10's tournament. Ron Henderson selected 6/14 and 6/15 for the 10's tournament.

Little: Gil Rickert reported that all is on track. Gil Rickert selected the 11's tournament for 5/31 and 6/1. The 12's tournament will be 6/21 and 6/22.

Pony: Jamie Jamison reported that all is on track. Their tournament is 7/5 and 7/6.

Colt: Red Slater reported that all is on track.

Legion: Butch Master reported that all is on track.

Softball: Sheri Knox reported that all is on track. Their tournament is 7/11, 7/12, and 7/13

Federation: Jake Friel reported on Federation.

There was lengthy discussion on tournaments. There was debate on what tournament kids were eligible to play in, including those who moved out of their age group for the regular season. Jake Friel stated that all leagues struggle every year with balancing numbers on regular and tournament seasons.

- 18.)NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church on Buttercup Road.

- 19.)ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Butch Master and seconded by Jeff Foley to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. There were no objections.

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