



FTAA Meeting Minutes April 25, 2011

Meeting called to order by Vice President-Ty Corallo

Present: Dan Martyak, Ty Corallo, John Wieller, Melody Talpas, Matthew Baker, Jen Castellano, Tara Heckel, Michael Johnson, Kevin Hoyda, Don Miller, Brett Morrow, Tracy Ruschman, Steve Semanek, Simon Sikora, Sue Stem, Rachel Sulzbach, Kelli Wilson, Colleen Ziegenhorn

**Motion to approve minutes- Sue Stem-Second by Brett Morrow
All in favor-All Opposed-None Status- Approved**

President's Report-Dan Martyak

1. Board of Supervisors Meeting-The BOS voted and approved all budgets and they are separate line items.

Action: Dan Martyak will send budgets in June, Commissioners send the draft in July, and the final draft is due August 15, 2011.

2. Dan Martyak did not write a letter on behalf of the FTAA for the grant for the New Township Park. Dan Martyak wanted a plan on all fields not just the new park and his questions were not answered.
3. Fields
 - a. Complaints that Lacrosse was practicing on Field 8 at the Community Center Park. Lacrosse practice at the Community Center Park must be on Field 2. (The field where Men play soccer.) Kelli Wilson stated U13 and Melody Talpas stated U11 practiced on Field 2, the field men's soccer plays on. Melody Talpas questioned why Lacrosse does not play at the park. (Either at the back of the park by the Sycamore entrance or where the Men's soccer plays...Field 2) Rachel Sulzbach stated when requesting fields next year request the park fields.

Action: Dan Martyak will speak to Scott Hardy in regards to fields.

- b. Simon Sikora stated that the fields were painted, but no dragged the fields.
4. Insurance
 - a. Dan Martyak stated that the officers are bonded.
 - b. Dan researched a liability policy. The cost approximately \$5000.00 or less. This policy would cover players, coaches, parents in snack bar. The coverage would be up to \$1000.00 after the primary insurance is done. There is a \$100.00 deductible per incident. This does not cover the FTAA being sued.

Action: Dan Martyak will speak to the Township in regards to an umbrella policy.

Vice President's Report-Ty Corallo

1. Online Sign ups
 - a. The credit card process is up and running and currently being tested.
 - b. April 30, 2011 Baseball signups will be closed.

- c. May 1, 2011 fall sign ups Field Hockey, Football, and Soccer begin.
- d. Currently, trying to determine how to sign up parents that do not have access to a computer. Suggestions...one online person, volunteers sit at the community center and input information

Treasurer's Report –John Wieller

- 1. General Account Ending Balance- \$38,950.46
- 2. Sports Accounts-\$30,520.38
- 3. Actual General Account-\$8430.00
- 4. Sign up's Account-\$735.00
- 5. Balance of both accounts- \$9165.08
- 6. Taxes are up to date and FTAA is still waiting for our tax exempt Certificate to come in from the state.
- 7. A new checking account was opened for sports sign up monies charged will be deposited into this account. It is a non-profit free checking account.
- 8. Snack bar license renewal is in and payment is being sent to the state.

Secretary's Report-Melody Talpas

- 1. Correspondence-None

Old Business-

- 1. Banners

Action: Melody Talpas contact Don Miers in regards to the banners.

New Business

- 1. Nominations for Basketball and Wrestling Commissioners.
- 2. Colleen Ziegenhorn nominated Don Miller for Basketball Commissioner and Sue Stem nominated Don Miers for Wrestling Commissioner.
- 3. Voting for the wrestling and basketball will take place at the May Meeting.

Brett Morrow made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Football Classic program. There are two football players and one cheerleader that will be participating in the Classic that participated in Forks athletics. Sue Stem-2nd

All in Favor-All -Oppose-None-Motion-Approved.

Public Comment

Sports Reports

Baseball-Simon Sikora & Ron Houghton

- 1. Practices are underway (weather permitting).
- 2. T-ball games began Saturday, April 23. On Monday April 25, 12u, 10u, and 8u seasons begin. They have a 16 game season.
- 3. The field clean up is completed.
- 4. The Forks Tournament is on for June 23-30, 2011. Registrations are currently being accepted.
- 5. First ever Coach Pitch 8U Tournament is scheduled for June 30-July 2, 2011
- 6. Currently looking for someone to help out with the weather.

Basketball-Don Miller

1. Season summary 26 teams, 60 coaches, and 283 players.
2. This is the best year Forks Basketball has ever had.
3. There are 333 teams in the CBL League and ten Forks teams went to the playoffs.
4. The Basketball Instructional Program is working out well.
5. Forks had two championship teams. The ten year old boys coached by Ray Guffy and the Nine year old girls coached by Laura Alston and Dawn Stanchina.
6. CBL Meeting
 - a. Discussions in regards to the length of the season.
 - i. Suggestions... Start the season in December, eliminate two games, no playoffs.

Cheerleading-Melody Talpas

1. Melody Talpas has contacted the Cheerleading Coaches.
2. All the coaches were emailed the background check form.
3. Melody Talpas is in the process of ordering uniforms and poms.
4. April 9, 2011 the Forks Cheerleaders marched in a Parade for NCAA National Wrestling Champion Jordan Oliver.

Field Hockey-Melissa Walsh

1. Easton Area High School Field Hockey players are hosting a Free clinic for players entering 2nd-6th grade on Sunday, May 1st from 1:00p-2:30p.
2. Melissa Walsh has been in contact with Lafayette College and they are going to a 3day clinic for Forks in early June. Dates and times are to be announced. (Most likely 4:30p-6:30p.)
3. Melissa is also looking into the possibility of holding a camp at Forks this summer.

Football-Fran Tone

1. Mike Johnson and Fran Tone attended a league meeting last Thursday night.
2. The nine game schedule was approved and Fran Tone will be putting the schedule together shortly.
3. Equipment is out for reconditioning and some new equipment has been purchased from the FTAA Football account.

Lacrosse-Scott Hardy

1. Scott Hardy sent his schedules to Rachel Sulzbach.
2. Scott Hardy sent notification to the lacrosse players that have not paid their sign up fees based on Ty Corallo's email.
3. Lacrosse is in the middle of their season and everything except the weather is going well.

Soccer-Gregor Wright & Brett Morrow

1. Soccer is fine.

Softball-Ty Corallo

1. Softball season has started.
2. Ty Corallo is waiting for schedules for the senior level and the A Teams

Wrestling-Don Miers

1. Wrestling is off Season.

Committee Reports

Background Checks-John Wieller

1. Background checks for spring sports will close April 30, 2011. The background checks for Field Hockey, Football, and Soccer will reopen in May.

Community Days-Colleen Ziegenhorn and Tom Oligino

1. Colleen Ziegenhorn clarified that Community Days is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce not the Township.
2. The Dunk Tank, FTAA Booth, the FTAA Snack Bar, and glow necklaces were all approved.
3. There will be alcohol at Community Days sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
4. The vendors are going to have a ride bracelet one day.
5. The Chamber is asking for towards fireworks. \$2250.00
6. Recreation Board has money in their budget for the Fireworks. John O'Neil will take a revote on the fireworks at the next Recreation Board.
7. FTAA has to speak with the account to see if we can donate money for the fireworks. We are only allowed to donate to like causes.

Simon made a motion to pay for the \$2250.00 towards the fireworks if the Recreation Board does not pay for the all of the fireworks and the accountant approves the donation. Kelli Wilson-2nd All in favor-9 In Favor, Opposed-5- Motion Approved.

Dances-Kevin Wall

1. Nothing to Report

First Aid-Dan Martyak

1. No Report

Guidelines-Open

1. No report

Recreation Board-Butch Scerbo

1. Report was given by John O'Neil
2. Recreation Board is going request to have at least \$20,000-\$25,000 in the Recreation Board checking account. The Recreation Board went through \$10, 000 in a half hour.
3. John O'Neil advised Commissioners to promptly pick up checks that they requested from the Recreation Board.
 - a. Recreation Board advised Commissioners that they must inform all non residents to seek approval by the Recreation Board before the first practice. This must be done before the season starts. Otherwise, Coaches and Commissioners are at legal risk until the Recreation Board approves the player.
 - b. If the Commissioners approve the non-resident, he/she must be present at the Recreation Board Meeting when the non-resident seeks approval.
 - c. All non residents must go before the Recreation Board every year to seek approval.
 - d. Recommendations-Recreation Board believes that non residents may be allowed to play only if Forks needs people to field a team.

- i. All non-residents are waitlisted until the Fork resident spots are filled.
4. The Recreation Board advised the FTAA that there is money in the Recreation Budget for security.
5. Recreation also decided to have the Football Helmets reconditioned every two year instead of purchasing new helmets every year.

Scholarship-Colleen Ziegenhorn

1. Sue Stem and Colleen Ziegenhorn met to discuss the scholarships.
2. Colleen Ziegenhorn requested the scholarships be handed out at the June 20, 2011 FTAA Meeting instead of the May meeting. Colleen stated that some athletes are still participating in their sports and would not be able to attend.
3. Dan Martyak approved the scholarship date change.

Action: Dan Martyak will advise the Board of Supervisors, Recreation Sub Committee, and The Recreation Board of the date change.

Snack Bar-Simon Sikora

1. No report

Sportswear-Melissa Walsh and Dana Guffy

1. Lacrosse is currently having a sportswear sale.

Web Site-Ed Adamko

1. Website updated

Sue Stem made a motion to close the meeting-2nd Simon Sikora

Respectfully Submitted,
Melody Talpas,
Forks Township Athletic Association Secretary