



## August 18, 2009 FTAA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President- Dan Martyak

**Members present- 15**Dan Martyak, Melissa Walsh, John Wieller, Melody Talpas, Dave Billings, Nancy Bonfanti, Ty Corallo, Ed Harrington, Chris Henry, Don Miers, Don Miller, Brett Morrow, Fran Tone, Kevin Wall, and Gregor Wright. All officers present.

May Minutes- **Motion to approve-Kevin Wall- Second- Chris Henry**

**All In Favor-All -Opposed None- Status-Approved**

**Treasurer's Report**-given by John Wieller ending balance \$47,796.57-\$24,352.47 sports accounts - \$23,444.10-Fundraiser minus \$15,000 to the township=\$8,444.10 left

**Motion to Approve-Ty Corallo -Second -Don Miller**

**All In Favor-All Opposed-None Status-Approved**

Baseball, Cheerleading, Football, La Crosse, Soccer, and Softball receive their funds in January. The above sports should spend their funds by December of the same year. Basketball and Wrestling receive their funds in September. Their funds must be spent by the end of May of the following year. If commissioners do not spend their funds with the time frame, their funds are transfer to the general funds.

**Tax Update**-given by John Wieller -End of May John and Dan met with Jeff Young, the accountant. They discussed charitable contributions, the IRS, and the taxes.

- A. They received a letter that states that the FTAA is a tax exempt organization as of 1966.
- B. June 30, 2009 the Federal and State Taxes were filed for 2008.
- C. Commissioners are urged to fundraise for only items they need. If the FTAA brings in too much money, they may be audited and could cost anywhere from \$2000.00-\$5,000.00 dollars. If the FTAA exceeds \$100,000 in total income from all sources (sign ups, fundraising, snack bar, dance, tournaments, ect.) we may be subject to an audit. If so, the Sports may have to give the FTAA 3% of the fundraiser to offset the fees for the audit.
- D. Fiscal Report will be given in December by the Treasurer.

**First Motion to Approve the Bi Law change was made by Dan Martyak-Second- Don Miller**

**First Vote to Approve Bi Law Changes- All in Favor-All Opposed-0 Status-Approved**

**Action: Dan will advise the supervisors of the tax update and change in the bi-laws.**

**Correspondence**-Given by Melody Talpas

1. The FTAA received a thank you from Chad Gruver and Marissa Csovelak for their Scholarships.
2. A thank you was received from Jerry Stefanelli in regards to the Pennypacker Family.

## **Sports Reports**

### **Baseball-Chris Henry-**

1. The Baseball program had a successful season.
2. Finals for the 9-10 year olds were two Forks teams. Lou Keleher's –Yankees won!
3. 4 out of the 5 teams made playoffs
4. The tournament that Forks hosted had 40 teams participated and everything went well.
5. The numbers went up for Fall Ball.
6. Last year, Chris request \$29,000, but received \$27,000 from the Recreation Budget.

At the August Recreation Board Meeting, Chris was notified that he has \$8,000 left for 2009.

He requested \$33,000 for the year 2010. His wish list is batting cages at Meco Road. Dan

Dan suggested that they would be able to use the generator for the batting cages at the Meco Road Field.

7. May move the batting cages at the Community Park to the tree line instead of having them  
In their current location which is close to the bike path.
8. Chris advised that he will be stepping down as the Baseball Commissioner and notified the  
Baseball coaches to see if anyone was interested.

**Action: Chris Henry Fix fences at Forks Elementary school and may move the batting cages. Scott is working on the fences at Forks Elementary. Chris did receive bids on the fences. The Recreation Board has agreed to fund the repair of the fences. The FTAA agreed to fix the Community Center batting cages only. However, we are waiting to see if the batting cages will remain in the current location or be moved.**

### **Basketball-Don Miller**

1. Sign-ups begin September 1, 2009 until September 30, 2009.

### **Cheerleading-Melody Talpas**

1. July 6 started practice twice a week.
2. July 18 the Blue Mountain Cheerleading Commissioners met at the Forks Township Community Center and discussed current Cheerleading issues, rules, and ideas. They plan to meet again in January.
3. August 11, 12, 13, all four cheerleading squads attended the Easton Area Cheerleading Clinic. The girls did an AWESOME JOB!  
Midgets, Jr. Pee Wee, and Flag all received 1<sup>st</sup> Place. The Pee Wee Squad received the Most Spirited Squad. All of the Squads received Spirit Stick. Thirteen out of the 24 girls chosen for All Star Cheerleader were from Forks. The All Stars representing Forks are as follows...  
Julia Campbell, Kirsten Corallo, Gina Gaglione, Jaclyn Koose, Casey Martyak, Sara Miller, Claire Ruschman, Tess Ruschman, Stephanie Russell, Rebecca Smith, Abby Stocker, Elisabeth Talpas, and Maria Talpas. The High School Cheerleading coach is pleased with the program.

### **Football-Fran Tone**

1. 180 Players signed up. The sign ups were closed May 31. A waitlist was established and Fran was able to accommodate all of the waitlisted players with the exception of two Flag Football players. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of practice, five or six kids quit.
2. Sunday, August 16, the teams scrimmaged at Moore Township . It was a good day.
3. First games starts, Thursday, August 27 and the first Sunday game is Sunday, August 30.
4. All is going well and there is a scrimmage, Thursday, August 20 at home against Easton.

### **La Crosse- Scott Hardy**

1. Away- No report

## **Soccer-Gregor Wright**

1. 375 children signed up for soccer.
2. Gregor complimented the fantastic job getting the goals out and lines painted on the fields.
3. Incident at the first U-10 practice between a father and son. Coaches are keeping an eye on the situation.
4. Sign-ups will be closed August 31, 2009.

## **Softball-Ty Corallo**

1. Good Season. Nine out of ten teams made the playoffs. Two teams made it to the championship, but both teams lost.
2. In July, There were two tournament teams 9&10 year olds.
3. Hosted a USSSA Tournament that consisted of 18 teams. The USSSA was so pleased, that next year, they would like to have three or four tournaments at our facility. We charge \$75.00/field.

**Action: Ty Corallo has to discuss with Don Miller who receives the Money from the tournaments.**

4. Forks will be entering a few more tournaments.
5. Making a schedule for a league meeting in August.

**Action: Ty Corallo is going to find out if the two portable backstops arrived because we did receive the bill.**

**Action: Dan Martyak has one chalk machines and is going to fix them up.**

**Action: Dan Martyak has keys for Chris Henry.**

## **Wrestling-Don Miers**

1. Don Miers gave Don Miller the chin up bars for the Wrestling Building.
2. Don is getting flyers printed for wrestling sign ups.

**Action: Don Miers is going to send sign up information (September 1-30, 2009) to Don Miller to have posted on the Board out front of the Community Center.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Background Checks-John Wieller**

1. Soccer has four coaches that did get their background checks.

Those coaches are not allowed on the field until they received the background checks .

2. 100% compliance is mandatory.

### **Recreation Board-Butch Scerbo**

1. No Report
2. Sunday, August 16, Recreation Budgets were submitted by all sports, but soccer.

### **Dances-Kevin Wall**

1. Dances are posted on the web site.
2. They are usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

**Action: Kevin Wall- Check for availability for Saturday, September 12. Community Days weekend is the week of the scheduled dance. It may be too much in one week.**

**Action: Kevin Wall will advise Melody Talpas about the dance date because it is the Cheerleading Dance.**

**Action: Melody Talpas will email Kevin Wall and CC Dan Martyak with the Dance Date.**

### **First Aid Kits-Matt Daud**

1. No report
2. Kits are in need of repair.

### **Scholarships-Colleen Ziegenhorn**

1. No Report

**Action: Dan Martyak change name plates on the Scholarship Plaque.**

### **Sign Ups-Dan Martyak**

**Action: Dan Martyak print more sign up forms**

### **Snack Bar-Kelli Wilson**

1. No report
2. Dan Martyak stated that the snack bars are clean.
3. Dan Martyak and John Wieller met with Pepsi and will swap out coolers.

**Action: Melissa Walsh please call Kelli about Snack Bars for Thursday night games.**

## **Guidelines-Nancy Bonfanti**

### **Volunteer Guidelines**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Round for the Volunteer Guidelines.
2. Nancy created a one- time Family Activity Fee Credit. This post card which cost approximately \$14.00 for 1400 cards.
3. It may be used once for one child in your family. The FTYSO will no longer charge the Family Activity Fee. The card must be presented upon registration of a FTYSO sponsored sport and has a non-cash value of \$30.00.
4. The parent must initial the card to indicate that they understand the new guideline. Valid from one year from postmark.
5. Jim Farley can add two fields to the registration for sports. These fields should be called opt. out and volunteer. These fields would need to be provided on the rosters for the Commissioners to subsequently be provided to the coaches.

**Action: Dan Martyak-Goal is for this to be implemented by January.**

**Action: Dan Martyak-Guideline Committee meeting and Dan will take it to the Supervisors September 14, 2009.**

**Action: Nancy Bonfanti-please obtain Jim Farley's stamp of approval.**

**Action: Nancy Bonfanti-invite Jim to the Committee Meeting or email the details.**

### **Wrestling Guidelines**

1. The Guidelines are not ready for approval.
2. The Guidelines must be ready by September 1, 2009.

**Action: Don Miers and Don Miller hand out rules at sign ups not the guidelines.**

## **WebSite-Ed Adamko**

1. No Report

**Action: Dan Martyak will discuss with Gregor Wright ideas about registrations being on the web site. Also ask Ed if there is a way for people to sign up their email addresses on the web site and in turn receive emails or updates automatically. (Like Twitter.com)**

## Community Days-Dan Marytak/Colleen Ziegenhorn

**Action: Scott and Fran email Dan with the Football and La Crosse volunteers .**

1. Last year the Dunk Tank raised \$800.00.
2. Football Snack Bar-normal menu

**Action: Kelli Wilson-Please make sure that the snack bar is stocked.**

3. Ferrous and FEFE will be at Community Days. They will have Iron Pigs give away items.
4. FTAA will have the Duck Pond.

## Old Business-None

## New Business-

1. Dan was approached by Don Miller in regards to the FTAA taking over the Sportswear items at the Community Center.
2. The FTAA will order and stock it. The Community Center will keep the receipts and give us the money.
3. The current items total \$7000.00. We would pay \$3500.00 and they would take \$3500.00 of the money for the current items in stock.
4. We can try to sell the items at the snack bars.
5. A Sportswear account would have to be set up at the bank.
6. A Sportswear Committee would have to be set up. John Wieller volunteered to chair the committee.

**Motion: Kevin Wall made a motion to invest \$3500.00 in the sportswear sales. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Don Miller**

**All in favor-13 Opposed-None -Abstain-2 Ty Corallo and Nancy Bonfanti-Status Approved**

Ty Corallo requested that the FTAA cover the cost of the flyers that are sent out to the schools. Dan told

**Action: Ty Corallo to make the copies at staple and hand the receipt into John Wieller.**

Ty Corallo requested to fix the hitch for the mule and consider purchasing a new full size mule.

**Action: Ty Corallo will look into prices for a new mule.**

Gregor Wright stated that some of the information on the roster from Jim Farley is incorrect. The rosters must be updated.

Gregor and Fran are looking into a cleat exchange.

**Motion to close the meeting Fran Tone 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregor Wright**

**All in Favor-All Opposed-0 Status Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody Talpas,

FTAA Secretary