

POTTSBORO YOUTH ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Pottsboro Youth Association was called to order Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:10 pm by President Jim Copeland. Meeting was moved to Elementary School due to lack of access to board room. Board members present were Jim Copeland, Sonya Watkins, Kelly Brandt, Robert Powlison, and Suzette Smith.

Open Forum: None Needed

Review of Minutes: The minutes of August 31, 2009 meeting were presented. Sonya Watkins made a motion to approve minutes as presented, and Robert Powlison seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1) Financial Update – Suzette Smith

Financial reports were presented for 8/31/09-2/15/10. Jim Copeland will speak to Jeff Christie at American Bank regarding the high service charges the bank is charging the PYA. The basketball account deficit was discussed and deemed to be caused by uniform and coaches shirt expenses. Our goals for next year will be to keep basketball signups at \$60, but restrict uniforms cost of \$30 each maximum and coaches shirts to \$20 each maximum in order to keep the sport self sufficient. Basketball also had 15 full basketball scholarships granted this season.

Scholarship policies were discussed. Suzette Smith made a motion to limit future scholarships for each sport to a max of 5% full scholarships and 5% partial scholarships. In addition, the 5% full scholarships will be subject to complete an application and approved by the board. Suzette will work to put together a form. Privacy will be considered in all aspects of this process. Sonya Watkins seconded the motion to adopt the scholarship policy.

Robert suggested that more cost information be available to board members to support signup fee rates, or even generic statements be explained on signup flyers as to what signup fees pay for (uniform, referees, concession workers, equipment, etc.)

2) Basketball Update – Sonya Watkins

Basketball season is almost over. Final tournaments are March 6th. Pottsboro will host 4th grade, Pilot Point will host 6th grade, Celina to host 2nd and 3rd, Tioga to host the 5th grade boys, and S&S to host the 5th grade girls. More deposits will be made and applied to the deficit, but participation trophies still also need to be purchased.

3) Softball Update – Suzette Smith

88 girls signed up for softball, which is more than last year. 2 teams were made for U14, and 2 teams for U12, and all other age groups ended up with 1 team. Signup fees were increased to \$75 due to the increased cost for joining Sherman Youth Softball Association. Christina Malone, softball commissioner, could not attend the board meeting because she was attending a coaches meeting in Sherman for the SYSA league.

4) Baseball Update – Jim Copeland

Signups are down only 10 players in total, mostly in the 5-6 year old age group, which is unusual. Draft has already taken place and teams assigned. Jim met with City park board and have developed an extended use agreement, which Jim and Sonya will sign tonight. In this agreement, the city will mow the fields once per week from March 1-August 1. PYA will buy a push mower for quick mowing of the infield as needed. The City has dedicated use of the park to PYA teams except for Wednesday nights and Sundays for fields 2 and 3. We will not incur any construction during the season this year, but hopes are that a new batting cage will be built after this 2010 season is over.

Jim and Shellee Copeland attended the State-wide Dixie meeting in Longview, since Pottsboro Dixie League was nominated by Ty Chapman for the League of the Year. The State Dixie board voted on this award and considered leagues all over the state of Texas. Pottsboro Dixie League won LEAGUE OF THE YEAR for 2009! The state board members are encouraging Pottsboro to bid on hosting a state tournament next year.

5) Volleyball Update – Suzette Smith

Volleyball returned a deficit for the second year in a row due to costs of paying referees and scorekeepers due to lack of volunteers and due to increased insurance costs. Therefore, Sonya Watkins made a motion to increase the signup fees for 2010 from \$30 to \$40. Jim Copeland seconded the motion. Board members were encouraged to ask around about interested parties for being volleyball commissioner in 2010.

6) New equipment purchases – Robert Powlison

Robert would like PYA to explore option of purchasing new adjustable basketball goals for the West Gym. Rough estimate of the cost would be around \$5,000, but Robert will obtain competitive purchase prices from UIL approved vendors. Sonya will discuss with school about sharing the cost of the new goals. In addition, Robert will price new refrigerator for West Gym concession. Coach Keeton has complained of the refrigerator leaking many times, and it doesn't work very well. PYA would like to continue to support the school as much as it can since school supports PYA with free use of facilities.

At 8:40, Suzette Smith motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Sonya Watkins.