

Minutes of March 6, 2014

Commission Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Jerome Plante. Members present were Chair Jerome Plant, Vice Chair Guy Fontaine Member Jerome Begert, member Rod Choroszy, Victor Gould, and Bob Rings via Skype. Absent from the meeting was John Beatty (excused) and Concession Manager Carl D'Agostino.

- Motion was made by Guy Fontaine and seconded by Rod Choroszy to accept meeting minutes with the corrections of omissions noted by Jerome Begert. Motion carried 6 votes in favor. Bob Rings abstained for not having seen them.
- Motion made by Victor seconded by Jerome Begert to appoint Guy Fontaine interim secretary until a permanent secretary is named by the commission. Vote carried 7-0
- Jerome Plante requested that we take out of order the request of **Dan Patry representing the AAU league** for a reduced price to play double header games at the Ballpark on Saturdays. Dan described the AAU and more specifically his **13U Maine Dirt Dogs** team comprised of 13-year old players. Bob Rings asked about the ability to book night games on the same dates and asked if AAU would in exchange for the discount add the ballpark Logo to the warm up jerseys. Dan said he would look into adding that. A request was made requesting that Dan apply for AAU playoff games. Jim Doran said he would move his games if needed. A motion was made by Victor and seconded by Jerome Begert to allow the AAU **to play double header games at a rate of \$125.00 per game**. Motion carried 6 for 1 abstained.
- Jerome Begert made a motion that Item #3 "Status of Country Music Concert" be tabled until our next meeting. Motion was seconded by Guy Fontaine and passed by majority vote.
- Individual Commissioners Report.
 - (A) Guy reported that:
 - (a)The ballpark has received confirmation of the **Parkinson Bike Ride** at the ballpark on September 6. We expect over 1500 spectators so we will be using the concession stand and can hope to make a nice profit. This event will run from 5:30AM to 5:30PM.
 - (b) Guy also spoke about the proposal for the **Wounded Warrior Amputee Baseball** game on August 9th. Guy spoke to the Director Mike Edgecomb and he said he would work with the Raging Tide to be able for them to play a Playoff Game on that day if necessary.
 - (c) That the Raging Tide has secured an agreement for free Propane during the months of June, July and August.
 - Guy reported that he is working on finding prices for a Radar Speed Gun to display the pitching speed.
 - (B) Jerome Plante said he and Vic had nothing to report on their Sponsorship and Fund raising effort.

- (B) Jerome Begert stated he would like to see Bumper Stickers to promote the Ballpark.
- Jerome Plante introduced **George Aube** who has applied for the ballpark commission. George spoke briefly about himself. Said he was looking forward to helping the Ballpark and the town. A motion was made by
 - **Agenda Item #5** Positive relations with the School Department: Jerome stated it was voted by the school board to allow the Ballpark to use their parking lots if needed. Jerome said he would get that in writing.
 - Jerome Begert asked if we had seen the TSLE contract and I told him I would give him a copy. Bob Rings then spoke about the TSLE contract status. He also asked everyone to read his report on concerts. (Report supplied to all by Guy Fontaine)
 - **Agenda Item #6** *Field & Facilities report*: Guy reported that our current Field Mgr. has resigned. Guy said he would be working with the Town Mgr. to verify our current Job description was in line with our needs and post the Job opening.
 - **Agenda Item #7** *Concession Stand Report*: Report not available as Mr. D'Agostino was absent.
 - A motion was made by Guy Fontaine and seconded by Victor to notify the town Council that we support the appointment of George Aube to the Commission as an alternate. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.
 - **New Business**: Jim Doran stated he would make up and give the commission game dates for the SMBL as soon as possible. Guy said he had put in dates for Sunday day games and Monday & Wednesday night games as Pending. Right now there are about 60 game dates being held for SMBL
 - **Good & Welfare**: John Gallos said that about 6 weeks ago they discussed a Ballpark Birthday party in April. Due to lack of public interest they have decided to cancel this effort.
 - A motion was made by Victor and seconded by Rod to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy A. Fontaine

Ballpark Vice Chair and
Interim Secretary