

Ballpark Commission

Meeting Minutes of Sept 11 2014

Meeting started at 6:30 PM, members present were Chair Jerome Plante, Vice chair Guy Fontaine, commissioners, Victor Gould., Jerome Begert and Rod Choroszy. Guy noted that the commission needs to start turning in the minutes of past meetings.

Guy notified the commission that we now have a new Lawn Mower for the field. ***Agenda item #1 Acceptance of Minutes.*** Motion was made by Jerome Begert and seconded by Rod C. to accept the minutes of August 28, 2014 as submitted. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #2. Request for 5k Marathon Road Race It was noted that no action will be taken on this item because Mr. Amarello has withdrawn his request for a road race in OOB.

Agenda item #3 Discussion on 2015 Baseball Contract with Raging Tide. Jerome Plante noted this is still being considered, John Gallos said Chris Hall was still working on this. Jerome B. made a motion to table this item without prejudice , seconded by Victor. Motion passed.

Agenda item #4 Financial Tracking. Since Bob Rings was not present a motion was made by Victor G and seconded by Guy F. to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 (Blues Event Discussion) Guy F gave a short review of upcoming Blues event.

Agenda Item #6 M.I. Fox report. Guy F. reports the event was a huge success and thanked John Gallos, he was a big help. He read a letter from Edna Woods thanking all that helped. 627 cyclists signed up to ride. Sept 12 has been reserved for next year's ride. Jerome B brought up the free publicity we received by the TV Coverage and live broadcast.

Agenda Item #7 Operations Managers report, Guy F. reported he picked up the New Ballpark lawnmower with Bagger attachment. Guy also reported he ordered two "Ballpark Rules" banners 4'X4' . Jerome B brought up the fact that he has been finding Glass bottles and asked if the commission had ever made a rule of "No Glass" brought or served in the ballpark. Guy reported that next week the Boston Co would be applying Broad Leaf spray to the playing field.

Agenda item #8 Concession report. Tina was not present for a report. Jerome B. asked if it was part of the concession Managers job description to attend meetings. Guy responded yes and noted that Tina had reported she was not available to make tonight's meeting.

Agenda Item #9 Field report. It was reported that the field had just been fertilized. Broad leaf spray would be next week and then the field would be plug aerated in the fall.

Agenda Item #10 Commissioners update. Rod C asked if the SMCC had contacted us, Guy responded no. Jerome P. reported that the stairwell material would be donated and the contractor would soon start. He said he would contact contractors and give the commission a start date before the next meeting. Jerome brought up that he wants to purchase a New Banner for the Scoreboard . Vic said we should be concerned with colors to insure it stands out well. Rod suggested we think about the wording to make sure the message gets across.

Agenda Item #11 Old Business. Victor asked about the lights. Guy reported he met with Tom Campbell Elect. That he will send us a quote on pricing to repair the defective lights on the ballpark field and parking lot lights.

Agenda Item #12 New Business. Jerome B. reported he has been very busy cleaning up the Ballpark.

Agenda Item #13 Good and Welfare. A question came from the public as to the status of the Archery area. Guy reported that we have not heard back from the person wanting to start so the actual status is unknown. Guy F. reported also that we have purchased a used lawn mower / Tractor to back up the Scotts tractor we now use that is unreliable.

Jerome B. asked if there was a water outlet at the concession stand and Guy replied Yes.

Guy asked if the commission wanted a financial report. Noted the Balance for last month Aug. 31 was \$42,477.00 Guy also noted that the Power contract has expired and the Ballpark would be on standard rate by CMP so we can expect a much higher rate after Nov 1. Guy noted that we have not gotten an addition water bill yet but if we do go over the 42,000 cf of water usage and get a bill the additional will be billed to the Community Garden. Guy also noted we now have a Square account for accepting charges at the concession stand.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rod C. and seconded by Victor G. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy A. Fontaine.