

Elizabethtown Boys Club Board Meeting

February 12, 2009

Attendees: J. Fosnot, P. Rehrer, T. Ernest, & S. Heisey

Previous Meeting Minutes Reviewed: The minutes were read from the January 2009 Meeting and the motion to accept the minutes were 1st and 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: John read the Treasure's Report listing activity from January 2009 and the motion to accept the minutes were 1st and 2nd.

GEARS/Facilities/High School: Spencer reported that Terry Seiders contacted him and wanted to set-up a joint meeting with the School Board and the Boys Club Board to discuss fundraising opportunities for the new field project. He indicated that this meeting may occur in late March. Terry wanted to brainstorm with us to determine if we could submit a grant because we are a 501 C3 organization. Also, we are due to meet with the GEARS Facilities Committee to discuss any issues, problems or improvements that we would like to do at Poplar Street. Spencer is working with Roger Hall and Rick Martin to renovate all three baseball fields. Spencer contacted Barry Acker to get his blessing on bringing diamond tex to dress up the fields and eliminate holes. Rick will schedule volunteers to bring diamond tex up the base paths and around the bases. Tentative dates are: 2/28 or 3/7. It will all depend on the weather and truck deliveries.

Cheerleading: Melanie reported to Spencer that there are two dates for uniform turn-ins and they are scheduled for 2/16 & 2/23. There are tentative sign-up dates for next season and they are scheduled for 3/9, 3/14 and 3/23. Melanie also has a meeting with Mill Road on 3/17. Spencer has asked Melanie to provide the Board and Brian with a summary by squad of the 25 surveys for this year.

Baseball: GEARS Field meeting is Tuesday February 24th. Baseball and Football field reservations requests will be made at that time. Rick Martin is having regular meetings with the Baseball coaches and things seem to be moving very good. Baseball pictures are scheduled: April 18th @ 12 noon (Minors and Majors); April 25th @ 9am (T-ball and Jr. Midgets)

Wrestling: Terry reported that the Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for 2/21. He has sign-ups for the parents to help for this event. It is a 3 division format as compared to the 2 before. It will be round robin wrestling where each kid will wrestle 3 times. The younger kids will be from 8:30 am to 11:30 and the older kids will go until 3:30 or so. Terry is going to talk to E-town College to determine if we could get two students for next year: one to manage the younger and one for the older kids. They would act like a manager or commissioner for wrestling to offload Terry.

Football: Red Rose meeting held on January 25th. League is realigning again to most likely 8 team sections. Proposal is for 3 teams to move from Section 2 to Section 1 and for 2 teams from Section 3 to move to Section 2. EBC will stay in Section 2. Other proposals are on the table for a final vote at our February 22nd meeting. I'll update everyone at the March meeting.

- Full practices will begin on August 17th. The week of August 10th we will again be allowed to use 3 days of our choosing for conditioning practices. Everyone in the league will start play on Labor Day weekend.
- Emailed the head coaches to set up a meeting next week to discuss last season, potential changes for this season and Red Rose proposals for football.

We will not be changing uniforms this season as a budgetary decision. We will be buying all new shoulder pads instead for safety reasons which should also save us around \$5K - \$6K when comparing it to buying uniforms. I am currently getting pricing.

Fundraising: Our Bowl-a-rama meeting for wrapping up 2009 and planning 2010 will be on Monday, 2/16 @ 6:30 pm at Hennigans. We need to create some new ideas to get kids involvement and create lane pledges for the kids to bowl. Teresa is working on the Baseball fundraiser. We must be aware that with today's economy, parents will be watching their budgets.

Website/Media Update: January saw a total of 379 visitors to our website. February, to date, has seen 151 visitors. Year to date we have seen 4,452 visitors as we pass the half way point. If trends continue we look to equal last year's total or come out a little ahead. This year's goal is to have 10,000 visitors to the website. We need more traffic to hit that number so make sure you get me updated information and push the website.

Unfinished Business: John asked Spencer to look into the January Invoice from GEARS. This invoice was for the amount of \$ 495.94 in lights and trash and \$ 550 for GEARS administration. The lights and trash were actually from October and it is billed in December. Spencer reviewed this information with Barry Acker and all seems to be appropriate.

New Business: No Report

Meeting Adjourned