

Minutes of the Feb 11, 2007 LHYA meeting

The LHYA meeting of 2/11/07 was called to order @ 7:05 by President Jim Wilson with four officers, two trustees and 19 members present. Trustee Tracy DiPaolo was absent. Minutes of the 1/7/07 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich Scott and 2nd by Chuck Seeright. The minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was presented with \$6,745.23 in the checking account, \$4,529.35 in the CD and \$27,929.24 in the savings/building fund. Joe Stalter asked when the CD would mature. Treasurer Johnna Phillips will find out for the next meeting. Motion to approve the report was made by Keith Phillips and 2nd by Chuck Seeright. The report was approved.

Old Business

Field maintenance – Richard Wand purchased two sets of bases (high school fields), three pitching rubbers (high school and Leads big fields) and 8 aluminum benches (high school and Jersey fields) for \$1,445. The least expensive portable mound available through Roush Sporting Goods was \$1,200. Tommy DiPaolo and Dan Knight will review other options for portable mounds.

Tryouts/Building Use – the league will not be able to use school facilities for tryouts. The Batters Box Academy charges \$85 per hour to use their facility. Dan Knight will check on the availability of another facility. There was discussion about going to a blind draft. The coaches would rate the players who were on their teams last year as A, B, C etc. level players. The names of the players ranked at each level would be put in an envelope for coaches to draw from. All players new to the league would be put in one envelope. There was also discussion of holding tryouts only for the AA and AAA levels or only for players new to the league. A final decision regarding tryouts/draft will be made at the March meeting. Indoor practice times will not be available in school facilities this year.

Softball – Marcy Green sent an email to all of the softball coaches from last year with information regarding playing with Gahanna, the Central Ohio Fast Pitch league or as a self-contained league. All coaches but one preferred to play with Gahanna. A motion was made by Kevin Leymaster and 2nd by Chuck Seeright to play softball with Gahanna. The motion passed. Gahanna locations are - Coach pitch games will be played at Woodside Park, U10 games at Goshen Lane School and U12 at Gahanna middle school south. Marcy will work out the final details with Eric Troutman, Gahanna Director of Softball.

Taxes – Richard Wand found a CPA who will compile the league's tax returns for 2004 – 2006 and file them with the IRS for \$2,000. As part of the research into the 501 3 C the league found it should have filed IRS form 990 starting in 2004 when we first had income greater than \$25,000. A motion was made by Carol Wander and 2nd by Keith Phillips to hire Melissa Cottrill, CPA, to complete and file 2004 – 2006 tax returns for a total cost of \$2,000. The motion passed.

New Business

Registration weekend – will be Saturday 2/17/07 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Summit Lions Club and Sunday 2/18/07 from 12 pm to 3 pm at Licking Heights South. Volunteers are needed, contact president Jim Wilson if you can help. Information about registration weekend will be included in the announcements at Licking Heights West, North, Central and South.

Bylaws – Joe Stalter provided copies of the proposed constitution and bylaws created by the 501 3 C committee. The big change is the creation of new positions within the league and the description of the duties of the positions in the bylaws. Per the IRS the league cannot co-mingle adult and youth activities and meet the requirements of a 501 3 C so references to adult leagues were removed. Please review the proposed constitution and bylaws and bring any comments to the March meeting. A final version of the constitution and bylaws will be voted on at the April meeting. If the new constitution and bylaws are approved current officers will remain in place for the remainder of the league year. New positions will be filled by asking for volunteers.

Other business – Terry Beaver would like to coach AAA baseball. Rich Scott asked how coaches would be selected. Per Richard Wand he will look at all the volunteers and if there are too many it will be further discussed. Rich Scott will be discussing working on the middle school softball field with LH athletic director Don Henne. Once the middle school team is selected Rich will talk to the team parents about improving the field and he may come to the LHYA for additional assistance.

The next meeting will be 3/4/07 @ 7:00 at the Summit Lions club. If the Lions club is not available notion of the meeting location will be emailed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rich Scott and 2nd by John Colgan. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:10.