

Headwaters Softball League Meeting

March 18, 2014

Secretary's Report – Lynn read the minutes from the April 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Dacle reviewed the revenue and expenses for 2013 with the group as well as the proposed 2014 expenditures. The current balance which includes a \$10,000 CD is approximately \$16,500. Aarin Galski motioned to approve the treasurers report as presented. Eric Rechling seconded the motion, which carried.

Election of Officers – two year positions

- President – Eric Reichling
- Vice President – Robert Etter
- Secretary – Lynn Litzau
- Treasurer – Erin Rhodes
- League Director – Ryan Eischens

Dewey Goeden motioned to approve the nominated slate of officers for 2014-2015 along with adding Erin Rhodes as a signer on the league checking account. Greg Peltier seconded the motion, which carried.

Old Business

Dugout Project – Ryan stated that the money that was available to us from the city last year is gone as we did not complete the project. He is working with Chris Fieldsen with the City Parks committee to discuss futures needs at the park like agrilime and the dugout project. We are not able to solify any funds this year but next year may be a good option.

New Business

Season Schedule

May 12 – August 15th

Early Bird Tournament Date – May 31st

Moving Womens team to Tuesday nights with Over 35 League – There was much discussion regarding moving the womens league to Tuesday evenings. The womens teams present were wanting the over 35 league to move to Thursday nights instead. Due to the lack of team representation at the meeting the Over 35 league asked that the topic be tabled until the next meeting so they may inquire with other teams and their teammates.

League Fee Reduction – The board proposed to the group loweing the league fees from \$450 to \$350 in the hopes of enticing new teams to join the league. Erin Rhodes motioned to approve lowering the league fees to \$350 but keeping the players fees at the same amounts. Theresa Quinn seconded the motion, which carried.

Lynn Litzau stated that only 3 teams took advantage of selling the 4' x 2' vinyl signs last year. She noted that teams can still sell them this year for a chance to reduce their players fees. A 4'x2' sign is \$50 and the team would receive a \$10 discount for each 4'x2' sign sold. She also noted that 4x8 signs are also available for \$200 and teams would receive a \$20 discount off players fees for that size sign. Please work through Lynn if your team is interested in selling signs.

2014 Maintenance Projects

Ryan stated that a major project this year will be getting the entire sprinkler system serviced and repaired. He also stated that fields 3 & 5 need agrilime and fences need repair as well.

Umpires – The board proposed that non ASA umpires that fill in as needed be paid less than ASA umpires. They are proposing \$15 per game compared to \$25 for ASA umpires. Sara Luther motioned to approve paying non ASA umpires \$15 per game and that they only be used as a last resort when an ASA umpire is not available. Erin Rhodes seconded the motion, which carried.

We Decide Youth Group – A group of Park Rapids high school students were present on behalf of the We Decide Youth Group. The group was asking if the Miller Lite Welcome Softball players sign could be replaced with another sign that does not correlate softball with drinking. They would like the alternative sign to be displayed during times of the year when youth softball activities were being held at the park. The group also had grant money to buy a new sign for the league. Dacle motioned to allow the We Decide group to purchase a new sign for the park and that the sign would be displayed while youth softball leagues were using the facilities. Aarin Galski seconded the motion, which carried.

Lowering age limit to 15 – There was discussion on moving the age limit from 16 down to 15 to gain additional players in the league. After much discussion it was decided that the current age limit of 16 should remain in effect.

Moving Co-Ed to Monday nights - There was discussion on whether co-ed should be moved from Fridays to Mondays so that umpires would be available. There was issues with umpires wanting to work Friday nights in 2013. Due to the lack of co-ed teams present the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

ASA League – Greg Peltier motioned to keep the league certified as ASA for the 2014 season. Jamie Roth seconded the motion, which carried.

Mowing – Dacle stated that he would like to have 1 person responsible for mowing the fields this year at a rate of \$10 per hour. Ryan and Eric stated that they would be willing to split the duties between the two of them since the new mower cuts the time in half.

1099 Umpires? – Dacle expressed concern that the umpires were making over \$600 each and whether they should receive 1099's. Currently the league pays another association who then writes checks out to the umpires. There was discussion on whether paying that association clears the league from having to issue the 1099's. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Clean Up Day – Field clean up day has been set for May 3rd at 1:00 p.m. 2 members from each team must be present or receive a \$50 fine.

Next meeting –The next and final meeting for the year will be held on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Eagles Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.