

I. Call to Order:

Tracy called the meeting to order at 7:03PM

II. Attendance:

Tracy Shattuck, Chandlee Keirstead, Jared Ward, Jarrod Brooks, Jamie Weston, Heather Jones, Chris Woodbury

III. Budget:

- Chris sent out budget numbers to all the directors up to date as of the end of July
- There is an issue with a KVMS bill that Chris is still looking into, but everything else is up to date
- Chris generally groups baseball and softball together, but can break things out if needed.
- Soccer needs to purchase 8 benches (for four fields) at a cost of about \$1000.
  - There is money in the budget for the purchase
  - Jarrod will work with Jamie to place the order as she will be ordering soccer socks. It is easier to combine the orders for one invoice
- Merrimack Valley Soccer should have received their check last week. Chris will follow up with the league to make sure it was received.

IV. Soccer:

- Grades 3-8 are still finalizing teams.
  - 3/4 girls currently has 14 players. That will break into two teams of seven for 6 v. 6 play. The teams could use a few more players. Looking at possibly moving up a few 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls if needed.
    - In the past, while Merrimack Valley Soccer has allowed players to play up during the regular season, they were not allowed to play in tournaments or jamborees. Jared will double check with the league on the rules.
  - 3/4 boys has one team of 9
  - 5/6 only has 8 girls and 2 boys. The boys will play in Weare. The girls will combine with another 4 or 5 girls from Weare. Henniker will provide the coach and the home field for games. Weare will provide two assistant coaches. Practices will be in Weare, and the players will wear Weare uniforms
  - 7/8 only has 12 total players. They will combine with Weare for one 20 player team (11 v. 11). The team will play in Henniker with Henniker uniforms. Henniker will provide the uniforms. Weare will provide a coach.
  - There will be no monetary exchange with Weare. Players will register in the home towns as usual.
  - Henniker insures its players through the Merrimack Valley Soccer league while Weare does not. Jared will make sure that all Henniker registered players will be covered by the insurance whether playing for a Henniker or Weare team.

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- We'll need to make sure the Weare coaches are added to our email lists and Henniker coaches are added to Weare's so that everyone one gets all the information they need.
- Pre-K through grade 2 will look much like it has in the past. Three or four teams for pre-k and kindergarten and a few teams for grades one and two
- Tracy has provided Jared and Jarrod a link for registering late recruits

#### V. Fields:

- Chandlee has been doing a great job getting the fields lined and ready for play
- All the goals and nets should be set to go. Chandlee is just waiting on one set of clips to arrive.
- Benches are being purchased for four fields so all the fields will have benches.
- Tracy is picking up more paint to line the fields
- Jim with the men's league is wrapping up their season and will adjust the field down to youth sized when they are done.

#### VI. Fundraising:

- Pictures will be Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Both photographers will be at the school fields this year. It's easier to have everyone at the same place
- As soon as teams are set Jamie will set the picture schedule and email it out to everyone. She'll also post it on the website and Facebook
- Uniform distribution will be Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM. Jamie suggested the soccer directors be on hand to help answer questions players and parents may have
- Soccer socks will be available for purchase at the uniform distribution as has been done with softball. The directors will encourage the players to all wear the same socks for a more unified look. The soccer socks will be a small fundraiser as are softball socks.
- Music on Main Street is October 1<sup>st</sup> and Henniker Athletics will have a booth again this year. Chili making will be on Friday night and people are needed to staff the booth all day on Saturday. Like last year, we'll be selling chili, chili dogs, and beverages.
  - We need to look into new pots

#### VII. Other:

- Heather reported back on AED
  - They would cost around \$1250 each. That includes the unit, pads, battery, and bag. An outdoor case would need to be purchased separately. The cases run between \$200 and \$500. The higher end models have alarms that trigger is someone tries to open the case without the key
  - Heather is looking into grants to defray some of the cost
  - She has worked with Defibtech with NEC and highly recommends them. They are a higher up front cost, but their maintenance costs are less and their customer service has been great.

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- The AEDs need some routine maintenance. Batteries need to be changed every 6 months (9volt) and pads need to be changed every 2 years if not used. If the AED is used, the entire unit is taken offline to be reviewed and checked for safety and/or maintenance. Maintenance contracts are available, but it is probably something we can do on our own.
- Heather also recommends keeping blanket with each unit to use in case of wet ground.
- She will continue to look into the grants and the different types of AEDs
- Fall Ball
  - There is a question whether the team that was formed in Henniker comes under the Henniker Athletics umbrella
  - A team has already been formed, but there are many players who did not know about it. If this Fall Ball team is under Henniker Athletics, it should have been open to all players who played spring baseball
    - In the past Fall Ball has been for players moving from 8U to 10U (Rookies to Minors) and only for those that played in the spring. The league insurance is extended for players who played spring ball to cover the fall season.
  - If it is privately done, should field rentals be charged? What about insurance costs, equipment, uniforms, etc?
  - There is a crowd funding page set up for the Fall Ball team
  - Neither the current or incoming baseball director were at the meeting tonight. There needs to be more clarification and information brought to the committee
  - There were issues during the season with a lack of communication, especially at the 8U level. There needs to always be lots of clear communication.

XI. Adjournment:

Chandlee moved to adjourn the meeting and Jarrod seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM