

I. Call to Order:

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

II. Attendance:

Tracy Shattuck, Jared Ward, Jarrod Brooks, Jamie Weston, Tim Lamphere, Jon LaBier

III. Minutes:

Jarrod motioned to accept the August minutes and Jared seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved

IV. Soccer:

- PreK-2 is going well. No issues so far
- 3-8 is going OK.
- There is a tournament coming up October 15<sup>th</sup> that Henniker is hosting.
  - Tracy will help Jared with logistics
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be selling food to fundraise at the tournament
- Scheduling for referees has been going well so far this season. Only a few issues with some home field confusion and a game not scheduled. Things should be all set going forward.
- Merrimack Valley Soccer should do a referee clinic again. We need to develop referees.
- The local coaching clinic went well. 20-25 people attended. Next year we should work with Weare to have multiple nights of the coaching clinic available so more people can attend. Henniker can host one night and Weare can host a night.
- The price of soccer benches increased significantly. With shipping the price was over \$2000.
  - Jarrod recommends an 8 foot bench. The price is only \$20 more than the 6 foot bench.
  - Soccer currently has the funds to buy benches, but will also need new goals soon
  - Merrimack Valley is requiring goal sizes to be increased within the next two years. The team sizes are changing so the goals need to be adjusted as well.
  - We will need at least four new cross pieces for the goals which is roughly \$2000.
  - We need to decide which to buy first- benches or crosspieces? We don't have the funds to do both in one season
  - It was suggested to buy benches this year since we have two years to change the goals. We can always see if there is money in the budget at the end of the year and put that towards the goals. If needed we also have money in fundraising that can be used.
  - Jarrod motioned to buy the benches and wait on the goals. Jared seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
  - If there is money in the budget at the end of the year we will put it towards the cross pieces

- More paint than in the past has been used this year with the increase in fields

#### V. IT:

- Tracy has cleaned up the email addresses and logins. If anyone needs their login or has questions about the email, please let Tracy know
  - Jon needs a login and access
  - Need to add contact emails
- It was suggested to set descriptions for each sport
- We should keep the minutes on the town's website, not on the Henniker Youth Athletics page

#### VI. Basketball:

- The K-2 program is currently set to start the same weekend soccer ends. If we push the start date up a week, there will only be four weeks in the season.
- Kelly suggested moving the K-2 program to January. It should not be a problem with games
- K-2 program will now start the first weekend after New Year's Day and run for six weeks.
  - The program will still run Saturday mornings. Second grade will add a weeknight practice as well.
- Evaluations will be the last week in October. John Stark and NEC basketball players will do the evaluations. Hopefully having outsiders do the evaluating will alleviate some of the problems we have had in the past
- The first games for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The first games for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The season for 3-8 will run through to February vacation
- Jamborees:
  - 3/4 November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 5/6 November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Picture Day is still to be determined. With the younger kids moving to January it may make the scheduling a little more challenging. Jamie will take a look at the game schedule when it comes out and work with the photographers to set a date
- Kelly will need to purchase a new arrow and new first aid kits.
  - All the first aid kits need more ice packs

#### VII. Fundraising:

- There were a few complaints from parents about soccer pictures being after soccer practice and the kids were all sweaty. Otherwise picture day went well
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade co-ed team did pictures in Weare. They arranged for their own special uniforms in orange and white with matching socks to show support for Abby Van Dyke who was recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Jamie was still waiting on final numbers from the pictures
- Henniker Athletics will have a booth selling chili at Music on Main Street
- The Challenger Sports camp brought in \$252.00

VIII. Other:

- Background Checks
  - Who decides if the results of a background check are good? Is there specific criteria?
  - The background check results should be sent to Kelly not just to the specific directors
  - The rules and policies need to be clarified with the town
  - Who makes the determination if an offense makes someone ineligible to coach? Should it come back to the committee and they decide based on the offense?
  - We should have a very clear policy to avoid any problems
  - Other towns use different services and can get results faster so that we deal with last minute coach sign ups
  - They used KidSafe which is \$10-12 per person, more instant, and more thorough. KidSafe also generates a card for coaches to carry. Only offenses that are related to children will show on the results
  - Perhaps we can work the background check in to the coaching clinics
  - There needs to be specific procedures and a place where we can go to find those procedures. Is that available on the town website?
  - Kelly will follow up with the town secretary
- Fall Ball
  - Should fall ball be on the Henniker Athletics website? Yes, but not as an open registration. Fall Ball has very specific eligibility and all players that were eligible to play this year were emailed.
  - Fall Ball was open to 8U players that are moving up to 10U the next season. The players had to have played in the spring.
  - The information just needed to be put out there. No one had a problem with not playing, but many wondered why and what the requirements were.
  - If Fall Ball is going to be under Henniker Athletics why was the fee more than our usual \$25? This was planned a little bit on the go and things changed as the season started. Funds were needed for uniforms, umpires, and equipment.
  - Funds were not necessarily available this year, but going forward it is something we can plan for. There will not always be enough players for a team as the eligibility is limited and you need to have a willing coach.
  - Going forward, Fall Ball should register at the usual \$25 rate
  - Do players need to register again or does the spring registration carry over. What about insurance?
  - As a whole, the program is going well.
- Sign/Fields
  - Leo is frustrated with the sign maker taking his time. He is looking into other vendors
  - Leo is hoping to get the new field finished this fall after the soccer season
- Registration Fees

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- Kelly usually emails people who still owe money for registration. If we have players from other towns, please let Kelly know as they have already paid to register in their own towns
- Snack Shack
  - Locks for the snack shack at the softball field were removed to clean the building. Softball equipment was moved into the shack to make space for paint. There was quite a bit of mouse damage
- Music on Main Street
  - SHOT asked if they could use the fields for parking on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking to use the field immediately to the right as you pull into the driveway
  - We have no problem with the parking, just be sure to mark spaces so that the vans have space to get through.

IX. Adjournment:

Tracy moved to adjourn the meeting and Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM