

**Indian Trail Athletic Association
Board Meeting
January 20, 2008**

Called to order by Steve Swoope – 6:35pm

Members Present: Aimee Austin, Steve Swoope, Ronnie Chapman, Scooter Marlow, Brian Bruce, Doug Chisum, Posey Hunter, Warren Nance, Harella Whitehead, Ronnie Smith, Ron Reiersen, Paula Griffin

Members Absent: Duke Howell, Wendy Fallick, Jason Wiskow

Guests Present: Todd Smith, Teresa Smith, Keith Mayhew, Mark Austin, Lynette Hayes, Erin Dyer, Toby Silber, Pete Doane, Chris Gaete, David Bean, Ronnie Hunter, David Hogue

Minutes approved from December meeting: To be amended re: club ball and resent for approval

GUESTS:

Todd & Teresa Smith – Sun Valley Boosters / Middle School Baseball

-Middle School use of the Babe Ruth field.

-Tryouts – February 4th, 5th, 6th.

-Practices through the month of February on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

-Games to start March 1st. Games to be mainly on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

-Fee – \$500 ???

-Teresa – If fee is raised then would like to see field drug, trash emptied and lined before SVMS arrival.

***Ronnie Smith made the motion to keep the fees at \$500 for SVMS. Brian Bruce 2nd motion – Motion carried.**

***NOTE** – 1 descending vote – Scooter Marlow – not fair that we are charging \$1300 for the select teams that are coming in to use our fields for practice.

Keith Mayhew – Sport Fees going up

-Need an explanation as to why fees have continued to rise. Steve relayed that in 2007 we operated at a net loss of over \$15,000. To run ITAA costs roughly \$100,000 before we start anything. We need to at least work at even not a loss.

Todd Smith – ITAA Select

-What is this?

- ITAA will be hosting a group of travel teams at the fields.

-Only to use for practice and scrimmages.

-This is to be used as revenue to ITAA.

-Cost is \$1300 per team for one practice and one game per week.

GUESTS (Cont'd)

Pete Doane – Soccer

- Review of minutes of what was voted for improvements at last meeting.
- Micro / Macro to play at Indian Trail Elementary for no fee with use of front field.
- Needs bleachers moved from lower field to upper field near parking lot. Also, move goal back on lower field.
- Light rentals - \$350 per week / per tower – Quality rentals Scooter to get quotes from Sunbelt and Phoenix rentals.
- Fencing – along road, backstop – Needed about 250 feet to go from parking lot to existing fence along road. Roughly 120 feet of fence left over from clearing for new parking area.
- Pricing for fencing in linear feet needed before decision is made.

***Motion made by Ron Reiersen to use temporary fencing until a price is secured for permanent fencing to be put on the grant. Warren 2nd - Motion rescinded by Ron R.**

***Motion made to get quotes for fencing and to have an emergency board meeting to vote. Warren 2nd – Motion Carried.**

- Topic of bringing merchandise to sell at Soccer games. Need start up money of roughly \$1100 (\$550 – shirts, \$550 – water bottles). Proceeds to come back to ITAA soccer. Possible pre-order. Magnets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, water bottles. Can they sell at soccer games?
- Marketing committee set up of: Posey, Harrella, Warren and Scooter. Meeting to be held to discuss logos and to be addressed at emergency board meeting.
- Topic of Indian Trail Soccer website. Issue – website started without approval from the board. Pete relayed that our website was not accessible quickly enough as well as not enough information posted for Soccer.
- Ron R, Pete Doane, Nathan Pocock to have a meeting regarding the website and what soccer would like to see on ITAA website.
- Topic of mailers to the schools – Chris Gaete to handle with making the change of having all sports on the flyers. Jason Wiskow – public relations – to get in touch with Chris G. regarding any information needed to add.
- Topic of opening day for soccer – scheduled for March 15th – approved by the board.

PRESIDENT: Steve Swoope

- Wendy Fallick has resigned as Vice President
- Duke Howell has resigned as Athletic Director
- Open Discussion of replacements – Ronnie nominated Scooter Marlow to cover the Vice President term until August.
- Vote – For Scooter Marlow to take over Vice-President Position until August – unanimous vote – carried.
- Open Discussion for Athletic Director position to be filled until August. – Posey nominated Brian Bruce for the position.
- Vote – For Brian Bruce to take over A.D. position until August – unanimous vote – carried.
- Ronnie C. discussed that A.D. should not be coach of a travel team.
- Steve discussed the possibility of general board having positions of “directors” of each sport. To be discussed further and before elections in August.
- Warren Nance and Ronnie Smith to be the Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken reps.
- 2 open board seats after reassignments.
- Open Discussion of having filling open seats. Possibility of Pete Doane replacing one of them.

***Motion made by Posey to have Pete Doane fill general board seat until August.**

Warren 2nd – motion carried. 2 votes opposed.

- Pete Doane accepted and will fill term until August.
- Aimee to have notebook and keys made for Pete Doane.
- Open Discussion – board members to be held accountable. There are perks and incentives but not to be taken advantage of or abused.
- Membership fees – no waiver of membership fees for bringing in sponsorship. Further discussion later of what we can give back to sponsors as well as using different tiers of donations. Possible business cards made up to give credit to sponsors at the concession stand.
- Certifications through Cal Ripken – Potential 60 teams – 1 coach per team – possible cost of \$1400.
- All-stars – every coach on the field must be certified.
- Babe Ruth reps will be following closely who is certified and who is not.
- Possible credit of \$20 to account of coach who brings in certification sheet.
- Code of ethics to be done before coaches meeting.

***Motion made by Ronnie to credit any coach \$20 to their account that gets certification. Aimee 2nd – motion carried.**

- Price set for teams outside of ITAA coming to use our fields. \$700 for all other school teams i.e.; PRAA, Metrolina Academy, etc.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Fundraising – Jason to get info on Knights game from Brian. Possibility to get with Chris Gaete and the merchandising.

SECRETARY: Aimee Austin

- Discussion of hosting Challenge tournaments –
- Raises about \$2000+ per tournament
- 3 tournaments for spring – April, Beginning of May and Memorial Day
 - April – we can not host – opening day
 - Early May – no rookies possible with softball, other ages ok
 - Memorial Day – can host all ages

***Motion made by Aimee to host Challenge Baseball Tournaments on said weekends – Warren 2nd motion – motion carried.**

- Aimee to make invoice for SVMS for \$500 with dates of use to be included.
- Mark Austin would like to hold Spring Training Camp again. - Approved for 3/24, 3/25, 3/26 from 9am – 5pm, Cost of \$5.00 per day, per child for lunch. Proceeds to go back to ITAA.

TREASURER: Ronnie Chapman

- Report given for 2007 numbers
- Report given for projected 2008 numbers

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Scooter Marlow & Brian Bruce

- Need gravel - \$350 possible to do new parking area.
- Scooter to get quotes before emergency board meeting on Sunday 1/27
- 10 lights are out around the field – Scooter to replace
- *Motion made by Ronnie Smith to let Scooter be in charge of acquiring gravel with \$1000 limit. Warren 2nd motion – motion carried.

Open Discussion – Topic – ITAA Select Baseball

- Rental fees to travel teams is \$1300.00
- Potential to 6 teams
- 1practice and 1 game per week
- Practices to start 2/1/08
- Games to start 3/1/08
- No time to be taken away from rec. teams

Motion made by Warren to take 6 times slots to fill as rental times for \$1300.00 per team – Ronnie Smith 2nd – motion carried. NOTE: 8 agreed / 4 opposed

***Motion made by Aimee to adjourn – Paula 2nd motion – motion carried.**

Time Adjourned – 12:37am