



## **December 19, 2022**

### **Minutes**

### **Van Buren Sportsman's Club**

**Called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Birmele**

Interlocal Board Members present: Birmele, Mead, Mireles, Morsaw  
Interlocal Board Members absent: Hall, Bachman, Sweet  
HCR Directors present: Birmele, Mead, Morsaw, Parker  
Others present: Angela Glover

Motion to approve November 2022 meeting minutes made by Morsaw, supported by Mead. Motion approved 4-0. Before approval, Jerrod reminded the board of all the discussion topics from the meeting that we discussed, so that those who may have missed the meeting previously knew what was discussed.

Jerrod brought the board up to date with the latest treasurer's report for the past month, which showed the current balances in the General, League of Miracles and Concession funds, as well as showing the expenditures the council had in the previous month. The current balances in the accounts showed that the general account had \$2,401.31 in it, while the League of Miracles account had \$8.01 in it, and the concession account had \$5,377.18 in it. The accounts still remain in solid shape for the time being, but the board was reminded that the general account still had funds in it from the fall fundraisers for football (gold cards and pizza) that is being kept aside to be spent on future football-related expenses, so there was a friendly reminder of a 'real' total that the general account has roughly \$2,000.00 or so remaining. All the income taken in from the previous meeting was for online signups (through Stack Sports) that deposits money into our accounts, usually on a day-to-day basis. Bills that were paid in the previous month from the general account included payments on all the electric accounts and three referee checks, while a major purchase for seven helmets from Riddell was made in the amount of \$1,603.56, which used all but \$442.44 of the fundraising money from the football season. League of Miracles had no income or expenses since the previous meeting, while the concession account had one expenditure, which was a purchase for supplies from Wal-Mart.

In addition, the treasurer's report should bills outstanding at this time includes a large water bill, which totals over \$800.00; most of that amount was in July, when a toilet leaked in one of the restrooms, while electric bills also come in on a monthly basis. Three checks were outstanding at the time of the meeting, including payment on a bill at Kellogg Hardware, a \$108.10 invoice from Hartford Public Schools for a concession reimbursement from basketball season, and a \$120.00 check for portable toilet rental. Money still needing to be deposited includes the donation from Bachman Welding (for football supplies – check has not been received yet), the money from the squares fundraiser that was handed to the board in November (all cash) and in-person basketball registration fees.

In regards to the audit, Jerrod and Janell brought the board up-to-date that the checklist is getting shorter to finishing the long-awaited audit, and the end remains in sight. There are only three things are left on the list, including an 'analytic review' which is taking some time, due to it being so complex. We are hoping to get this completed as soon as possible, so that we can get it done. The board will need to catch up on 2020, 2021 and 2022, to get back on track. We are hoping with Hungerford Nichols help that future audits will not have to be 'complete audits' and that will allow us to save some funds to give back to the kids.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of baseball and softball. There are only a couple of new updates since the previous meeting in terms of our spring programs. First, online registrations began for the 2022 season on January 15<sup>th</sup>, so we will open online registration for 2023 spring sports on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Online registration has been good for us, as more than half of our signups are virtual now. We still need to have in-person signups, especially for those families that do not have internet access, or for parents / guardians who would still like to sign-up with one of our trusted board members. It was suggested we still do a sign-up on both days of Parent-Teacher Conferences in March, as most of our sign-up's coming at the last minute. The board also felt that we needed to put out flyers in the elementary and middle schools, likely more than once.

Continuing with baseball and softball, the only other change was to set when the season would start and finish. The league had a vote, and the vote was to make the season start on May 1<sup>st</sup> (boys) and May 2<sup>nd</sup> (girls). The season would continue for roughly six weeks, with an end date of June 14<sup>th</sup> (boys) and June 15<sup>th</sup> (girls). The only concern on the boards mind about the league was, a) the Minor / 10U live-pitch situation (the league voted to revert to pre-pandemic rules in those divisions), as well as the potential lack of teams at the Pony / 14U level, as most schools are going to a middle school baseball / softball program. It was determined to look into those divisions with another league for both of those divisions, as our pony baseball teams only played two other communities, while we were able to move our 14U softball to another league and get them more games.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of cheerleading and football. The season has officially ended, and the awards night was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>; awards were handed out that evening and attendance was good, as most players and their families were present. Before putting the official bow on the season, the board was pleased that the fundraisers we did allowed us to purchase seven new helmets this year. Because of that and the help from the high school program and getting some of their available inventory, we are able to start cycling out some of the real old helmets that are beyond their normal service date.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of basketball (for both boys and girls). In terms of the season for the young ladies, it has concluded. 68 participants competed hard on the court this season and there were very few issues on our end; the exception was scheduling week-to-week, which puts us in a bind to find volunteers to help with refereeing (assisting) and scoreboards. We will need to have an awards night to

celebrate their achievements. At this point, the board felt that it might be best to have the awards nights done together with the boys, once there season ends in February.

Continuing with basketball, on the boys side of things, we are putting the finishing touches on the registration period as we speak. In total, we have roughly 60 boys registered. Megan reminded the board that we must have official team numbers into the league by December 23<sup>rd</sup>, so they can get a schedule put out by the first of the year. In terms of what is needed, the board needs to discuss ordering jerseys that we will keep, and then revisit in future years when they need to be replaced. The board will not be ordering jerseys year after year; last year, we were fortunate that Bachman Welding funded it the first year.

In terms of old business, multiple topics were covered. First, Jerrod reminded everyone that this is the final board meeting of the calendar year, and that some board members will be stepping down once the time comes in January. Board members were reminded that if there were any interested parties that wanted to join, to please have them attend the January meeting. Second, the board continued to discuss the clinics for baseball and softball for February, which we would like to do, if there is enough gym time where we could have it, without stepping on other teams toes; these clinics would likely occur on Saturday or Sunday, and be open to any participant who has already paid to play in 2023. Third, the board was reminded of the fundraising opportunities we have discussed and attempted to plan, including the give back nights, golf outing and raffle. America May has been helpful with her ideas and planning but was not at the meeting this month to discuss further.

In terms of new business, the board remains committed to improving sportsmanship amongst coaches, parents and players going forward. We want our community to be a stalwart in how we handle ourselves at our own fields and at the opposing team's facilities. A proper revisit of the Codes of Conduct for all those parties listed above will be done in the upcoming year.

Next meeting will be January 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Hartford High School Library. This is the Interlocal Board of Directors annual organizational meeting, so all members that can be present need to be to determine board and organizational positions, along with all our normal monthly activity.

Motion to adjourn by Birmele, supported by Morsaw. Motion approved 4-0, with Birmele wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Birmele adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by  
Megan Mireles  
Interlocal Board Secretary