



October 27, 2022

Minutes

Hartford High School (Library)

Called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Birmele

Interlocal Board Members present: Birmele, Mead, Mireles, Bachman, Morsaw

Interlocal Board Members absent: Hall, Sweet

HCR Directors present: Birmele, Mead, Morsaw

Others present: Angela Glover, Jessica Hartline, John Hartline, Michelle Mattimore, Bianca Mireles, Lee Mireles, Hannah Moore

Motion to approve September 2022 meeting minutes made by Mead, supported by Morsaw. Motion approved 5-0. 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 \$6,091.13 in it, while the League of Miracles account had \$88.01 in it, and the concession account had \$2,590.81 in it. The accounts still remain in solid shape for the time being, but we do have some reminders, especially with the general account, that \$1,666.00 is for the football fundraiser, and it's being kept aside from other expenses, so the 'real' total that can be used in the general account is roughly around \$4,300.00 or so. Bills that were paid in the previous month from the general account were very minimal and included a couple refund checks from the pizza fundraiser, a couple referee / umpire fees and bank fees. The only income came from online signups through Stack Sports. A couple expenditures were noted for concession supplies in the concession account, as well. Bills that still need to be paid include monthly water, electric, final bills for the port-a-potty and insurance, but we still also need to pay our park director his final payment, as well. The board also mentioned we need to pay for basketball jerseys for girls (coming up in November), as well as for cheerleading and football awards. Those prices will be quoted out and be purchased once board approval is given.

In addition, Marilyn and Megan presented Jerrod with cash and checks that included signup fees for basketball, as well as some prior payments from the spring and fall sports seasons. Lee Mireles also gave Jerrod \$380.00 for the football cards that he sold (courtesy of the varsity program), which will go along with the previous fundraiser for benefiting the football program. That money will all be deposited and will be reported in the November treasurer's report. Also, America May has money to give us for the square fundraiser that she did earlier this fall and Andy was given the receipts for football equipment that we ordered and that he was donating for. Andy said he would get with Jerrod and give him the check personally.

In regard to the audit, no significant changes have occurred since the previous months meeting. This means that the 2019 audit is still in process. The board will continue to need to discuss future strategies towards streamlining our financial situation.

In terms of baseball and softball, it's currently 'out-of-season' for those sports, but the board will need to revisit spring activities in later meetings to set prices and signup dates for next season.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of cheerleading and football, with the help of Lee Mireles (football director), who was in attendance. The season is now completed and now, we need to start collecting equipment and do a trophy night, once the quote for trophies have been approved. The discussion then turned to the public, and Jerrod reminded board members to please have an open ear and listen to what our guests had to say. Concerned parents, Jessica and John Hartline, whose son played on the senior team, brought issues to the board regarding their child's playing time, among other things. A lengthy discussion followed between board members and the public about what could be done to help alleviate future concerns, with the gamut of ideas ranging from holding coaches accountable to their actions to making sure our coaches are properly trained to finding more volunteers to help the program to shutting the program down completely, which is the last thing anyone wants to do. The board maintains it is good to bring concerns to us and that we are doing the best we can, but there are only so many of us and we are often getting stretched thin. After discussion concluded, Lee mentioned he will be moving on to the high school level starting next year and will not be returning as football director now that the season has concluded. The board thanked him for his long-time dedication to the program and will begin the process of finding the next director next year.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of basketball (for both boys and girls). In terms of girls, the final total of participants for the upcoming season came out to 68, which meant that our numbers were up over last season and with that, we will need to split grades 4th through 6th into two teams each. The first games are set for Saturday, November 5th, and there will be a total of five weeks of games. We will host games during that first weekend, and an issue arose with concession, as Marilyn stated she would be out-of-town that weekend. Fortunately, Angela Glover stepped up and volunteered to run the concession stand for that weekend. Regarding the possible prices of jerseys, it was mentioned that each one would cost \$17.25 each. The board had a discussion about the costs of basketball, and decided with the rising costs of everything that we should not buy jerseys every single year; we can collect them at the end of the season and use them for a few years, then look to purchase them again. Coaching this year for girls basketball will be Angela Saldana and Carla Urquieta (3rd), Sierra Wolff and Larry Stotler (4th), Tayler Deckard and Jose Rodriguez (5th) and Lee Mireles (6th).

Continuing with basketball, looking at the boy's side of things, we will reopen signups online closer to the end of the ladies season. At that point, we will also have to schedule more dates for in-person signups, which could include varsity, junior varsity and middle school basketball games, as well as school events and functions.

In terms of old business, the board continued to look at ways to continue utilizing fundraisers to help grow our programs and be able to purchase new equipment, among other things. Last we knew, America May was looking into a raffle and give back nights in town, but she was not at tonight's meeting to see how she is coming with that.

In terms of new business, the board suggested, as a whole, that we need to revisit codes of conduct for all involved in sports, including coaches, parents and players. This year has seen a good share of disappointment in terms of how everyone has acted from spring to fall sports, and we need to be consistent on how we take care of insubordination going forward and hold everyone accountable for their actions. In addition, at the conclusion of 2022, some board members are stepping away from the recreation council. We need to find a way to get more people involved to help fill roles going forward, because there is a lot that goes into it.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Birmele, supported by Bachman. Motion approved 5-0.

Birmele adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by
Megan Mireles
Interlocal Board Secretary