



September 27, 2022

Minutes

Indian Pride Park

Called to order at 7:10 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
Others present: Bianca Deckard, America May, Jason May, Lee Mireles

Motion to approve August 2022 meeting minutes made by Mead, supported by Morsaw. 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 \$6,257.67 in it, while the League of Miracles account had \$467.22 in it, and the concession account had \$3,636.18 in it. The accounts still remain in solid shape for the time being, but we do have some reminders, especially for the general account, that \$1,666.00 is for the football fundraiser, and should be kept away from other expenses as such, so the total that can be 'used' in the general account is roughly \$4,600.00. Bills that were paid in the previous month in general included fundraiser payment (done with a cashier's check), football jerseys, cheerleading uniforms and insurance for fall sports, among other items of interest. Revenue included the total fundraising money, along with sponsors and signup fees for spring and fall sports, along with upcoming winter sports (basketball). Concession revenue included the scrimmage and first two weeks of football, while the expenditures were for start-up money for the scrimmage, in addition to multiple purchases for supplies. Bills that are still left to be paid include sewer and water through the city, monthly electric bills, monthly portable toilet rental and the final payment for the park director.

In regards to the audit, Jerrod has tried to make contact with Ryan Marschke at Hungerford Nichols this month, with no response. We are hoping it is still in process, but no communication is starting to highly concern all board members. The board going forward is going to have to work with the city and the school district on possible future strategies regarding full audits, or something similar.

In terms of baseball and softball, the season is complete, and the board officially declared these sports 'out-of-season'. However, the board will need to revisit the sports in later meetings to set prices and signup dates for the upcoming season; hopefully, this will occur in the October or November meetings.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of cheerleading and football, with the help of Lee Mireles, who was in attendance. We hosted the jamboree and annual weigh-in at home, on Saturday, Aug. 27; Coloma, South Haven and Watervliet also attended. It was an early morning for all our staff and workers (it started before the sun came up), but it went well, and sales at the concession were quite good. This season, we will be hosting four home games in total; as of this meeting, four games are still left in the season. The season will conclude with the final game under the lights at home, against Watervliet, on Saturday, Oct. 22. In addition, the final numbers for participants this fall was as follows: 31 flag football players, 20 junior rocket football players, 24 senior rocket football players, and 30 cheerleaders. Those numbers are solid once again, and we hoping to continue to build the program in the coming years and become a proper 'feed system' for the middle school and high school teams. After all, the goal is to keep these groups together, so that we can have successful middle school, junior varsity and varsity programs going forward.

Jerrod brought the board up to date on the status of basketball (for both boys and girls). In terms of girls, signups are on-going, but we still would like to build up our teams a little bit. The board felt it might be a good idea for us to go to Redwood Elementary to talk to 3rd and 4th grade participants, which are the age groups we need some bodies at. It was also recommended that we get our normal flyer out there, communicating our last in-person signups and online registration, and Marilyn, Megan and America May all said they would pitch in with the English and Spanish translations (to properly communicate with all Hartford families). Girls basketball games will start on Nov. 5th, and there will be roughly five weeks of games, with there being no games scheduled on Thanksgiving weekend. Several interested parties expressed interest to coach this season, including Angela Saldana and Carla Urquieta (3rd), Sierra Wolff (4th), Taylor Deckard and Jose Rodriguez (5th) and Lee Mireles (6th). If more coaches are necessary, we will ask for them as needed.

Continuing with basketball, looking at the boy's side of things, signups are still taking place online. Their season does not begin until after the new year, so we still have ample time to keep the online registrations going, in addition to scheduling more dates for in-person signups. There will also likely be a league meeting coming up sometime in November, but nothing solid has been set in stone.

Jerrod mentioned that the League of Miracles continues to be very successful, having had a pretty good spring season. They are now starting bowling, which should start very soon and go through the months of October and November, at the very least.

In terms of old business, the board continued to still plan future fundraising ideas. The board feels that at-least one fundraiser could be done in each season, to attempt to build up enough money per sport that we can start making purchases, including new equipment and other necessities that might needed soon. In the near-term, America May offered to run a 'football square' fundraiser, with payouts being made and the remainder being donated back to the Recreation Council. Also, Mrs. May was interested in helping further with other fundraising ideas, including looking into a

raffle and give back nights in town. She mentioned it would be best for recreation council members to make an appearance with her when she goes to different businesses in town, and Marilyn offered her assistance in this manner.

Next meeting will be October 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Birmele, supported by Morsaw. Motion approved 4-0.

Birmele adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by
Megan Mireles
Interlocal Board Secretary