

**Classie Lassie Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**8/30/2017**

**Called To Order:** 8:30 p.m. held at 5 Parkwyn Way, Wynantskill

**Board Members Present:** Rich Backaus, Tricia Greaves, Shelley Cooke, Chris Juneau, Kristina Gross, Carrie Reo, Kelly Hoff

**Board Members Not Present:** Scott Bidwell, Jerry McMeel, Eric Strang, Kristy Moore, Doug Baldrey

**Meeting Minutes Review:** Shelley Cooke

May 30<sup>th</sup> Travel Meeting, June 7, and July 6 meeting minutes were all accepted with minor grammatical changes noted and made.

Motion to accept by: Rich Backaus

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Juneau

Accepted: 7 Declined: 0

**Treasurer's Report:** by Tricia Greaves

What should we do about propane delivery? They charge us \$59 month to top us off. We want to see if we can change that, because we don't need it auto-filled. It should almost last us a year.

Overall, we are looking good financially.

We have until October to file our tax returns. Everything is set and ready to go. Tricia has tax exempt forms available.

Motion to accept by: Rich Backaus

2<sup>nd</sup> : Kristina Gross

Accepted: 7 Declined: 0

**President's Report:** by Rich Backaus

Travel Season: Lyle Stoner reached out about Athletic Haven: Low cost training and travel teams for low income families. They don't compete with our teams. We do not feel this is the best partnership for the league, but we will discuss at the annual meeting in October.

Vinci gloves approached us for a partnership but we feel it is not in our best interest to commit to a glove partnership at this time.

Flipcause: A fundraising organization approached us to help us with our fundraising, but we do very little fundraising, so we will pass.

**Sprinklers:** Zones were not correct, so they came back out today and fixed all the zones and Rich tested and they all look good. All 4 fields are up and running with all sprinklers and couplers. Everyone needs to learn how to use these. We will print out instructions to make it easier. All fields are in need of dirt, especially 3. In November, we will get Field 4 resurfaced and then get the other fields topped off.

**Fall Ball:** We need to order shirts asap. Shelley will follow up and find out who needs fall ball shirts and let Kristina know. She will talk to Nick in the morning and if she can't get hold of him or he can't do it she will contact other vendors, like Walsh's.

Rich made the motion to allow Tricia to have a debit card, especially due to the large amount of travel teams we have now. Carrie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All accepted.

**Fall Ball Coverage:** Board is going to have some long days for fall ball since we are all coaching for the most part. We will continue Teen Concession Stand Coverage. Kelly will be reaching out to the team managers on Monday's to see if they need coverage, and will arrange buyout if needed. Shelley will get volunteer spot out for Fall ball and tournaments.

**Scott:** Purchased two new Kenmore refrigerators 18 cubic ft. Purchased a new freezer (21 cubic feet) replacing broken 18.5 cubic ft. freezer. Purchased a new Pitco deep fryer. Our fryer was a fire hazard. Fryer will be installed before September 10th first day of fall ball. I might have a free professional install coming. If I cannot get that we should hire someone to install. I will have it set next week due to my vacation this week. Us food order next week as well as candy order. I spoke with Rensselaer county sheriff's department. They have helpers coming to paint on October 2,3,4. I will check our supplies and write a list of paint supplies needed for the workers. I have some extra paint trays the league can use as well as rollers so we don't have to buy a bunch. They want me to have painting tools for 5 people. I also want to put a cooler of water out for the workers as well. If I extend the spending amount for materials I will send an email out to vote on it. I do not see us spending that much and will try to keep costs down due to the new appliances purchased this year. I plan on being at the fields for all fall ball games unless our travel team is elsewhere then I will be at the fields before/after to help. I will be around for 14u tournament if we have no other tournaments.

**Eric:**

Field Improvements:

1. **Infield Drainage Project** - I would like to proceed with installing corrugated drain pipe along the inside of the infield fence for field 3. We would use field 3 as a test of installation plus it has the most erosion of infield going through the fence. Once complete we can then agree to replicate for other fields once we have the go forward plan. We would remove the infield dirt along the fence to fit the 4-inch pipe to be 2 inches below the infield surface leaving a 2-inch barrier above the infield surface.

Materials:

2 - 100' X 4" corrugated drain pipe. \$85/roll. Total \$170

1 - 4" Drain Pipe Connection. \$6

2 - 4" Drain Pipe Elbow terminations \$10/each Total \$20

40 - 4" Steel Clamp \$2.00 Total \$80

\$276 Project Total. May need some additional odds and ends to complete.

Motion to accept by: Rich Backaus

2<sup>nd</sup> : Shelley Cooke

Accepted: 7 Declined: 0

2. **Wood for Bench and Patio**

2 - 2X8X12 \$12 each \$24

Motion to accept by: Shelley Cooke

2<sup>nd</sup> : Chris Juneau

Accepted: 7 Declined: 0

3. **Infield refresh/outfield level**

I would like to get agreement on a weekend, probably after the tournaments to refresh the infields for the winter and spread the remaining mounds of dirt in the outfield and seed. Have this sit for over winter. Materials:

\$100 - Seed

\$50 - straw to cover outfield dirt and seed

Perhaps the same weekend as winterize the facility

Motion to accept by: Chris Juneau

2<sup>nd</sup> : Tricia Greaves

Accepted: 7 Declined: 0

4. Winterize the facility - What's a target weekend for this. **Will discuss at October Meeting**
5. I will check chalk inventory and respond after if we need an order. **Sound good.**
6. Parking Lot and Wet Area - Does anyone have a status on crusher run donated and someone to shoot lines for elevation to estimate how much material is needed? If not, we may want to get quotes to see who will do that for us to get the parking lot and the wet area taken care of for the spring. **Carrie is checking on wet area for us.**
7. Batting Cage - Idea of replicating batting cage at Twin Town Williams Road or Poestenkill Fields. Not the fixed batting cage but the new ones installed this year. Some fabrication using the materials from our old batting cage can be used. We can have someone in structural engineering put together a design for us to remove. **Agreed we need cages, but need prices and quotes. Field 4 is a priority to get resurfaced. See where allocated funds are early next year.**
8. Gas - No movement. This company is horrible. I think they are unreliable. I say we look for another vendor or perhaps another solution all together. We should not pay the rental fee anymore and ask them to remove the tank from the property. That's one way to get rid of the bad gas and their lousy service. **Kristina will make a call and see if they will come and remove it.**

**Jerry:** Travel Summary

1 14u gold team

1 14u blue team (partially completed)

Still looking for players to round out a 10-player roster.

1 12u gold team

1 12u blue team

1 12u white team. Still seeing what the commitment level is. Doug will know more on this tonight.

1 10u gold team

1 10u blue team

1 10u white team.

VERY successful tryout this season

We will need to go through and fine tune tryout and selection of teams later. Before the new year however.

24 players for 14u

35+- 12u players

35+- 10u players.

Majority of comments were positive. I will go over when I'm at next meeting.

As of now 13 14u teams registered for Field of Screams Tournament.

11 12u teams

8 10u teams

We might want to add another date for 12u tournament. Possibly 1st week in Oct. Might conflict with other tournaments though.

All managers agreed on sleeveless jersey that Xplosion has for our universal jerseys with plain Navy-Blue pants.

We will need coverage for tournaments as well as fall ball Sunday double headers.

I will let the managers of respective age levels know of their duties of fields and concession stand. Plus, board coverage that you should go over tonight.

All travel managers and coaches need background or ACE certified checks by first outside tournament. I will help them out with this.

**Chris:** There are still a few bags not returned spring. Need to follow up with those coaches. Pitching rubbers and home plates were ordered and are in the garage with the infielder.

We need to order balls for fall ball. Rich will order them. We have enough to get through week 1 if needed.

We need to change the equipment room lock.

We need to think about camps.

Doug is scheduling practices.

Shelley will touch base with Joe Farron and Ernie about Fall Ball tomorrow.

**New Business:**

**Next meeting:** 10/4/2017

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:15 a.m.

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