

**Town of Henniker
Athletic Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2009
Henniker Grange Hall**

Members Present: Marc McMurphy-Chairperson, Mark Gage, Valerie Simeone, Priscilla Fitch, Chrissy Aucoin, Sarah Nelson, Holly Cole, Tim Lamphere, Jaime Weston, Brian DuBreuil, Sarah Bisson, Laura Runksmeier, Jim O'Rourke and Shannon Camara

Member(s) Absent: Jarrod Brooks and Glenn Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Cherry J. Palmisano

Marc McMurphy, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of July 28, 2009 Minutes

Valerie Simeone motioned to accept the minutes of July 28, 2009, Holly Cole seconded and all were in favor.

Marc McMurphy introduced new member, Marc Gage to the Committee.

Uniform Director – Chrissy Aucoin

Chrissy Aucoin put together a uniform handout for parents to give an overview of uniform expectations. Chrissy Aucoin said they can choose to establish a cost if a uniform is not returned or they could state that the participant could not participate in another sport until the uniform was returned. She wants to alleviate the collection of uniforms from coaches (other than at their last game) and stated they could have drop off areas in town or hold a drop off evening. Marc McMurphy asked if they should inform parents of the value of uniforms when they are handed out. Chrissy Aucoin said each sport uniform is a different cost. Sarah Bisson said to list a maximum cost.

Laura Runksmeier motioned to establish a charge of \$50.00 for any unreturned uniform, Sarah Nelson seconded and all were in favor.

Chrissy Aucoin said she researched secure bins for the drop off locations and passed around options for committee members to review.

Code of Conduct

Marc McMurphy passed out the finalized Henniker Athletics Code of Conduct to all members. Jim O'Rourke said he made the changes and added a signature page that will be left with the Athletic Committee once signed and leaves parents with the code of conduct.

Budget Update

Brian DuBreuil said he will be sending out spreadsheets to all members. The deadline is the first week of October for their budgets to be in; equipment and uniforms will be part of their own budgets.

Softball Practice Field Planning

Marc McMurphy said Peter Flynn needs to get quotes on fencing, excavation and dirt. It was discussed they need approval from the Army Corp.

Soccer Field Snack Shack

Shannon Camara said the snack shack was placed in a location where there is no electricity, so they had it placed near the electricity pole. They are currently looking for apartment size refrigerator. Shannon Camara said it will be opened if they have volunteers and if they have no volunteers it will be closed. Marc McMurphy said everyone should be looking for volunteers. Jaime Weston said it would be best to keep it on Connor's field and run electricity underground so not to touch the Army Corp of Engineers and it would be closer to the restrooms.

Finding Volunteers Discussion

Marc McMurphy said at their last meeting him and Shannon Camara came up with options for finding volunteers. Option 1 would be no change. Option 2 would be to pay for someone to man the snack shack. Option 3 would be mandatory volunteer work by parents if their child plays the sport. Option 4 would be hybrid mandatory volunteer work; if their child plays the sport they volunteer or pay not to volunteer. Marc McMurphy estimates 8,000 hours of volunteer time to run the sports program. He took all players in every sport and created a spreadsheet. There are 384 kids in their program, which is more than half the kids in the Henniker Community School. He wants everyone to agree to use the Master Spreadsheet he has created because this will allow them to have a master email listing and help get the data into their new website easy. Marc McMurphy said they have at least 100 people who volunteer in their organization.

Field Needs Overview

Marc McMurphy said they want to go to the Selectman to have them put their weight behind their proposal for the need for field. It was discussed the fields aren't theirs and they are always borrowing from the College. They need to determine what they would need for minimum soccer, softball and baseball fields. Marc McMurphy said they would need 20 acres to encompass their fields.

Finding Volunteers Discussion

Valerie Simeone would like to know how much it would cost to pay someone to man the snack shack. Some members need more information. They feel they should not pay someone to do the scoreboard. Some members feel they should pay someone to line the fields. Shannon Camara and Jaime Weston will put together how many hours they spend on the snack shack shopping and getting volunteers. Jaime Weston said the volunteer coordination is frustrating. Marc McMurphy said if parents are obligated to volunteer, then they won't have as much of a problem finding the volunteers. Laura Runksmeier asked what they made off the baseball snack shack. It was discussed they made a \$1,900 profit. Laura Runksmeier said in the 8 weeks of the season they would pay out a 1/3 of their profits to hire someone to man the snack shack. Marc McMurphy said they will try to determine the exact hours working and organizing.

Marc McMurphy said the burnout rate with this job is 3 years. He said it is the director's job to find someone to fill their position and they should be training someone to take their

place. He said the system, guidelines, and budgets are in place; the program is designed to move forward. Marc McMurphy said he has put together a job description for a Rec's Director and has given it to Peter Flynn. It was discussed this is the 3rd largest organization in town, with a mailing list of 334 families and they need to get the word out that they need support.

Marc McMurphy said he would like to get together budget money to put create a brochure. Chrissy Aucoin asked about a having a website. It was discussed there is a HennikerAthletics.com website, but they have not done anything on their website and need to find someone to run it. There is a link from the town website which is HennikerYouthAthletics.com.

Valerie and Priscilla said they got the ball rolling in getting someone to take their place as Basketball Directors.

Valerie Simeone motioned to close the meeting, Priscilla Fitch seconded and all were in favor.