

## Henniker Athletic Committee

*April 12, 2011*

**Members Present:** Tim Lamphere, Chairman; Jamie Weston; Chad Carter; Kelly Martin; Tracy Shattuck; Leo Aucoin; Shannon Lovejoy; Greg Jensen; Chris Woodbury

Tim Lamphere called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Greg Jensen *moved* to approve the minutes from the 3/22/11 meeting. Shannon Lovejoy *seconded* the motion. Motion *passed, 8-0-1*. Leo Aucoin abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

*Softball Update:* Mr. Aucoin stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has approved a five-year lease and has given approval to construct a ball field in the corner of the property on Old Concord Road. The Athletic Committee needs to stake the general areas for the diamond and backstop area, and the Army Corps of Engineers will oversee the plans. There was discussion about having just over \$5,000 left in the warrant article account. This field will be used primarily as a softball field but can be used as a hardball field for the younger kids. Mr. Aucoin suggested that it would be good to move the backstop and get the earth work done this year.

*Fundraising Update:* Jamie Weston stated that she has created a Facebook page for Henniker Youth Athletics. She is listed as the administrator of the page. Mr. Lamphere stated that he does not have any problem with having the Facebook page, and it may be a good way to increase communication with the community; however, as a general rule, it is probably good procedure to discuss these ideas with the committee before implementing. Ms. Lovejoy stated that the PTA has had a positive experience with using Facebook. Chad Carter suggesting having two administrators on the site. Ms. Lovejoy volunteered to assist Ms. Weston with this. There was discussion about privacy issues and concerns of using this technology. They discussed setting more stringent privacy settings. Mr. Jensen suggested adding a statement to the Code of Conduct about appropriate use of postings on public sites. The committee decided to be vigilant about the content posted on Facebook and deal with any issues if they arise. (Tracy Shattuck left at 7:30pm.)

Ms. Weston said that they have to purchase a grill out of the fundraising account. They are also thinking about getting a popcorn machine or a pretzel warmer. Any electrical appliances would have to stay at the baseball field as there is no electricity at the other fields. There was discussion about making the snack shack available to the other fields as the lack of electricity at the soccer fields severely prohibits fundraising ability. Ms. Martin said that she may have access to discounted products if they look to run electricity to other athletic areas.

*Website Update:* Chad Carter said that he is still waiting for contact lists from each of the sports directors. If each director will send him their spreadsheets, Mr. Carter will gather the information. He suggested creating web pages to locate information easily. For example, a "fundraising" page that lists information about the snack shack, apparel,

etc. will create more traffic on the website. The committee also discussed standardizing sign-up dates for the various sports each year.

*School Update:* Mr. Lamphere said that he has sent emails to the school principal to invite her to a committee meeting but has not yet had a reply. It was suggested that he contact the school secretary. Mr. Jensen stated that he is meeting with Mrs. McBride soon and will invite her to a future meeting of the Athletic Committee in order to facilitate positive dialogue between the two entities. He said that the time is right to work collaboratively with the school; the physical education teacher has recently been named a Teacher of the Year, the school is showing concern about children's health and getting kids active, and this would be a good time for the school and Town to combine resources towards common goals.

*Baseball Update:* Mr. Lamphere said that they will hold a jubilee on picture day if the weather holds. Mr. Woodbury suggested that it would be helpful to have foul and infield lines marked on the T-ball fields. Kelly Martin asked to price how much it would cost to purchase and install benches for the fields behind the school as the younger players need a designated waiting place.

Mr. Lamphere *moved* to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Ms. Martin *seconded* the motion. Motion *passed, 8-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Astholz