

Henniker Athletic Committee

*August 10, 2010*

*Draft Minutes*

Members Present: Tim Lamphere, Interim Chair; Marc McMurphy; Chris Woodbury; Chad Carter; Jarrod Brooks; Tracy Shattuck

Tim Lamphere called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Marc McMurphy **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2010 meeting. Jarrod Brooks **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 5-0**. (Ms. Shattuck entered after the vote was taken).

Chris Woodbury presented updated budget reports. There was discussion about what has been paid for the baseball and softball insurance. \$220 was paid to softball umpires on the baseball line item. Mr. Woodbury stated that all items labeled “pending” under softball have been cleared. He stated that he is aware that some expenses related to softball were applied to the baseball account. Mr. Lamphere stated that he cut back on spending this year as the baseball field must be upgraded to the 70’ standard. He stated that this will be done in the next few weeks. Mr. McMurphy asked if there was any extra money from the Town warrant article. Mr. Lamphere stated that is a separate line item with a specified designated use.

There was discussion about needing to relocate a fence so that the practice baseball field does not interfere with the soccer fields. Mr. Lamphere stated that he will speak to Peter Flynn, Town Administrator, about this matter.

Tracy Shattuck stated that she requested price quotes on soccer goals from Everett Sports. The previous budget showed \$70/set of two goals, and Mr. Brooks stated that they have a budget of four sets at \$70 per set.

The Town policy about donations was discussed. Mr. McMurphy believed that a donation less than \$250 may go directly to the intended recipient; a donation greater than \$250 goes to the Board of Selectmen and a public hearing is held. Mr. Lamphere stated that he will clarify donation regulations.

Mr. Woodbury stated that he received an email from Jamie Weston about fundraising. He reported that the sheet that he distributed to the committee this evening is the statement received from Russ Roy. Mr. Lamphere stated that Ms. Weston had told him that she is ordering soccer sweatshirts and pants to sell during the soccer season. He said that Jamie is also organizing a parent night out and they plan to sell pictures for soccer.

Regarding cheerleading, Mr. McMurphy stated that it is his opinion that the program would benefit by waiting for an appropriate coach to be found, even if it means not running the program this year. He stated that a coach must be at least 21 years old.

Mr. McMurphy stated that a committee has been selected by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of searching for a Chairman for the Athletic Committee. The Board is slated to exist until 12/31/10 and consists only of himself, Rick Daniel and Shannon Camara at this time. Mr. Flynn is contacting others to be a part of the search committee. He stated that they probably won't be meeting until September so this is off to a slower start than he was hoping.

Mr. Lamphere stated that they are sending emails to baseball families to determine interest in fall baseball. If there is not enough interest, New Boston offered for Henniker kids to play for their town.

Mr. Lamphere asked if any committee members have seen new signs about No Tobacco/No Alcohol use at the Town fields. As no one has noticed any new signs, he said that he will check into that.

Chad Carter stated that new information about the soccer program has been recently posted on the website. He stated that coaches need to follow through on training for the different aspects of the website. He would like to devote time before each season begins. Mr. Brooks offered to meet with Chad, Tim and Tracy during the next two weeks to work on the website.

There was much discussion about the various forms used for registration and waivers for the different sports. The committee agreed that it would be helpful to standardize the information so that one form could be used for each sport. Mr. Carter explained that there is a cumbersome disconnect between exporting and importing information files.

Use of waivers was discussed. Mr. Brooks stated that at the high school, the policy is for the Athletic Director to keep a copy and each coach has a copy of the waivers for his team in case a child is injured during play. They talked about the possibility of parents signing the waivers at the first practice or during uniform distribution. Ms. Shattuck stated that it would be tremendously helpful to have the waivers linked to the registrations. It was decided that Tim, Chad, Jarrod and Tracy will meet to work on the registrations, waivers and streamlining online use of the forms. Mr. Carter stated that he will check on form validations as well.

There was discussion about kids moving from the recreation league to the John Stark United teams. The "recreation" philosophy versus a perceived "competitive" team was discussed. Mr. McMurphy exhorted everyone to deliver a quality athletic program based on excellence, accountability and leadership. Mr. Carter suggested that pictures of the baseball championship's first and second place trophies be posted on the website as part of communicating the league's excellence and competition.

Jarrod Brooks **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Mr. McMurphy **SECONDED**. Motion **PASSED**, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Astholz