

## **Regular Base Ball Club of Mt. Clemens General Membership Meeting March 1, 2008**

**Roll Call** - Chris Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Present: Chris, Chuck, Joe, Marc, Matt, Sam, Shaun, Ray, Mike W., Jim, Karl, and Tony

Absent: Dan, Garth, Mike P., and Paul

### **Report From the Secretary – Jeff Tomsha**

1. A rough draft of our 2008 Brochure was presented. A new club photo will be put on it and the group was asked to notify Jeff of any corrections or nickname changes.
2. Unsigned forms were passed out to be signed.
3. Availability forms were collected. A master copy will be sent to all members once its been compiled. Members were requested to update their availability with Jeff if it changes any time during the season.
4. A report on the January 30, 2008 between Chris, Chuck, Ray, and Jeff, Eastpointe's Mayor Suzanne Pixley and their Parks and Recreations Supervisor Maureen Carter was given
  - a. Jeff's follow up was to send the schedule, the players' roster and nicknames, and hometowns to both Suzanne and Maureen to use for publicity. Completed. The field is reserved for our home matches but we are waiting for the field and pavilion permits.
  - b. Chris
    - i. Our website has been added to Greatstufftodo.com.
    - ii. The group was asked to consider handing out brochures while in uniform at events in Eastpointe to promote the club such as The Memorial Day Parade, Mayor's Exchange Meeting, Gratiot Cruise, etc.
    - iii. Possible sponsorships from Eastpointe to offset cost of home match meals O'Hara's Pub on Ten Mile Road, First State Bank 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, and the Historical Society.
    - iv. Local shops may offset cost of printing our flyers.
  - c. Chuck Boczek and Dan Milz
    - i. The website needs pictures (up close) and interesting information to fill it in. Send/email your pictures to Ray.
    - ii. Ray Pachuta provided samples of new shield, flyers, brochures, and base ball cards.
    - iii. Mayor Pixley will work on getting press with local media (Fox News, radio stations, and local newspapers.) The city will advertise our matches on signs in the Gratiot median.
    - iv. The schoolhouse will be made available for us to take our club photo. Chris will check if it is available on Sunday, March 30, 1:00 p.m. and then he will notify the members.

### **Report From the Treasurers – Marc Reinerth, Matt Bartolone**

1. Marc report the beginning balance is approximately \$100.00
2. \$600 has been collected for 2008 memberships and uniforms.
3. Liability insurance will be approximately \$150. Marc is waiting to be contacted by the insurance company.
4. Marc is checking if our VBBA dues are up to date.

### **Report From the President – Chris Anderson**

1. Recapped the December 2007 Yearend Membership Meeting.
2. Informed the club of a vintage base ball presentation in Northville on March 19.
3. There was a discussion about which rules (1864 or 1867) the matches should be played under.

### **New Member Applications**

1. Chris will contact Jerry to find out his intents toward the club.
2. Paul Hunkele was accepted.
3. Honorary memberships to be extended to the following for their support and efforts to make the seasons a success.

Diana Tomsha  
Sue Boczek  
Barb Salenbien  
Sue Anderson

### **Committee Reports**

#### **1. Scheduler – Jeff Tomsha**

- Sixteen matches have been scheduled for this season. Our paid matches are Romeo, Washington Township, Port Austin, GFV, and St. Clair totaling \$475
- The plan to ease scheduling for 2009 will be to tentatively schedule matches for 2009 at the 2008 matches.
- At our first match on May 17 in Romeo we have been invited to walk in their parade at 1:00, the game will begin at 2:30 p.m. At least six members showed interest. Details are forthcoming.
- For our Port Austin match on July 5 we have been asked to have a few club members in uniform hand out brochures during their Farmers Market on that day anytime between 9AM – 1PM. Some interest was shown. Port Austin will be notified that a few players will do so.

#### **2. Food – Sue Anderson**

- Last year's committee reported that it's important for club members to honor their commitment to contribute to the meal and notify Sue if they will not be able to.
- Sponsors mentioned by Suzanne Pixley may help defer the cost or provide a part of the home game match meals. Has not yet been confirmed.
- Matt Bartolone offered the use of his grill, if needed.

#### **3. Equipment – Matt Bartolone**

- Matt urged any and all to keep an eye out for any garage sale wooden bats for use this year.
- Shaun announced he had wood.....I'll leave the rest of it alone.

4. **Uniform/Team Merchandise** – Chuck

- Need to develop individual prices for pieces of uniform.
- Several players indicated a need to replace existing pieces.
- One new full uniform was ordered and the other issue is whether we owe Jim McVicar a uniform for the one he purchased for this son last year. Consensus was that we need to get his size requirements and start one for him, upon receipt of his dues for the year.

**New Business** – Chris Anderson

1. Karl inquired about his wife fundraising for the 3-Day Walk during our home matches. Chris will check with Suzanne Pixley if it is allowed.
2. Practices will start in mid April on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. at Bear Creek Park in Sterling Heights, East of Ryan, and South of 15 Mile Road.

**Old Business** – Chris Anderson

None

**Remarks From Officers**

1. Secretary – Jeff Tomsha, none.
2. Treasurers – Marc Reinerth, Matt Bartolone, none.
3. Vice President – Chuck Boczek, none.
4. President – Chris Anderson, none.

**Adjournment** – Chris Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.