

4/06/05 Committee Meeting

Members present: Tim Callahan, Jena McNabb, Denise Hollenbeck, Angie Boeve, Rick Boeve, John Lefler, Jr., Kris Stevens, Guy Jobgen, Amy Daley, Chuck Clark, Johnny Heath, Maria Allen, Aaron Kitterman, Scott Hanson, Mike Miles, and Katie Mack

Meeting was brought to order by Jena McNabb

Contracts:

Maintenance contract is done, Scott Sebbo has started working
Garbage contract is complete and signed by Coy Pflieger.

Field Prep:

Sixteen tons of new agrilime has been dumped on the fields.

Holes are to be dug on Friday for the playground equipment and then we should be able to start installing the equipment next week.

The City is to turn on the water next week.

We are still waiting on a proposal for the five warm up areas.

Foul lines – no one has fire hoses, Scott Hanson will look into getting hoses from EAFB. Mike Miles will put an “announcement” on the website asking if anyone has access to old fire hoses.

Clean up Weekend:

Was originally scheduled for 4/23/05 but has been rescheduled for 4/16/05 from 10-3.

Use of Fields:

Fields are open for practice at no cost Monday – Friday until 5/18/05. You must call ahead to reserve a field.

Signs:

While Tim and Jena were visiting with Mike Burhans they discussed advertising, Post 320 has gone to a mesh banner instead of wooden signs. They sell them for \$600 per year with a 3-5 year contract and then the business also pays \$250 to have the sign made by Rosenbaum's Signs. These signs can be left at the complex year round or they can be taken down at the end of the co-ed season and the owner can use them elsewhere during the off-season. These mesh signs have a 10 year warranty. Mike is interested in possibly doing this for us. There are 44 panels per field for a total possibility of 352 8x12 signs, which the Association could get about 80% of.

John Lefler, Jr. is looking at wood signs. John talked to Tim and Scott Sebbo on Sunday and with a 10-foot high fence and an 8x8 sign, no supports will be necessary. Wood for an 8x8 sign = \$100, paint \$25-\$50 per gallon, reds & oranges are more, time in artwork = 8 hours start to finish and then you have the vinyls, brushes, etc. Each sign will cost approximately \$600 to make. \$1,500 - \$2,000 for 3 years advertising April – October. John will keep pursuing this idea.

Scott Hanson proposes that we do some on Field 1 for this year and see how it goes. This motion was seconded. The Association should have one sign on each field – possibly wooden signs with removable lettering.

Budget:

Will be done for the manager's meeting.

Playground Equipment:

The equipment is not here yet.

The Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, April 7, if our application is selected, it will go to the Capital Improvement Board, which meets on April 15th, if our application is again selected, it will go before the City Council on May 2nd. Jena will call on April 8th to see if we have been selected to continue the process to receive a matching grant for the playground equipment.

The City has painted the parking lot lines. They told us that it would be a waste of our time to apply for 2012 Funds. The City Parks Department applied for irrigation funds and were denied. We will still try to get some funding for our bathrooms from the City.

TEXAS DRAW TOURNAMENT:

Tournament will be held on 5/14 and 5/15 if necessary. \$15 per player, each player MUST be a registered ASA player and MUST present his/her player's card at the time of registration. There is no insurance coverage on the players and the Association and City will not be liable for any injuries. Mike will change the tournament roster, umpires CAN be in uniform. This will be for Men, Women, & Co-ed if there is a big enough response. The tournament committee will look for donations for the concession stand.

KRISPY KREME DONUTS –

Amy has not received a response back yet.

Paid Scorekeepers:

Scott Hanson made a suggestion to hire scorekeepers for all fields on all nights – he is going to look into what that would cost the Association. Other members disagreed – we will discuss it more once we have more information about it.

Umpire's Meeting:

Umps will get new ball bags and keys this year. Jena wrote up some guidelines expressing the RCSA's expectations of the umpires, following are said guidelines.

- Start the 6:15 game after the National Anthem has been played.
- Scorecards
 - Please take the time to make sure the card is completely filled out and the score is correct. Please try to have the managers sign the card.
- Id Badges
 - Each ball player must have a player card in order to be an eligible ball player
 - Manager must be the one that comes to you in order to ask that the opposing team player show his or her card
- Balls
 - Each bag will be filled with 4 new balls and at least 4 old balls – each game is to be started with a new ball. Once that ball is gone please use the old balls for the rest of the game. Retrieved balls can be returned to the umpire for a token, which can be exchanged for a piece of candy at the concession stand.
- Keys
 - There are keys on each ball bag.
- Ejections
 - Please put proper documentation on the back of the scorecard. Just to let you know, the player or team will have a hearing within 5 days so that the board is able to make a decision before the next ball game. Fines are due before the next week of play unless there is a written appeal within 24 hours of the incident or 36 hours of a Friday night incident.

Accountability for Players.

We went over again the players/managers accountabilities for the year

- Id cards
 - Must have at all games, if a player does not have his or her id card they are not eligible ball players
 - If you have a ball player that needs to sign up the night of the game please have them come down to the office to sign, pay and get a receipt. If the office is closed they can go to the main concession stand to pay and get a receipt. The following week their player card will be ready and can be picked up at the office.
 - Replacement cards are 5.00.
- Ineligible ball players defined as a player not signed up on the roster, has not paid his or her dues or is on suspension:
 - 1st offense 2 game suspension and pay the fee
 - 2nd offense 2 week suspension plus 40.00 fine
- Illegal ball player defined as being signed up on two teams
 - 1st offense suspension for the year
- Balls
 - Every game is to start with a new ball
 - Please retrieve foul and homerun balls
 - Concession will have a candy bucket for kids that retrieve balls.
- Score Cards
 - Please take the time to sign the scorecard at the end of the game – verify the score.
- Remember that there is the new parking lot on the backside of Field 4. This parking lot is a quick access to the upper 3 fields.
- Forfeits without prior approval

- 1st offense warning
 - 2nd offense 20.00
 - 3rd offense 40.00
 - 4th offense kicked out of the league for the rest of the season
- Forfeits with 3 days prior notice and/or justifiable by the board is not chargeable
 - Not by ejection
 - Ejections
 - 1st offense 20.00 and 4 game suspension
 - 2nd offense 40.00
 ****State rules****
 - Fines are due by the next week of play unless there is a written appeal within 24 hours of the incident or 36 hours of a Friday night incident. You will have a hearing within 5 days so that the board is able to make a decision before the next ball game.
 - Banned Bats: See the attached form.

Grievance Committee

Different ideas were given as to how to form this committee, 1 player from each league, etc. but it was agreed that this committee would also be the Grievance Committee and we will meet at the office every Monday night at 5:30 to review any complaints, protests, etc. A complaint form will be available on-line or at the office by the beginning of the season.

Stealing Rule:

We will have the men's teams vote on this at the Spring Meeting. A new rule for stealing is that the when the pitcher has the ball and they are anywhere on the infield runners can NOT steal.

Fees Across the State:

Guy has information that will be added to these notes as soon as he gets it to me.

Our City lease is good until 2007, which is the year of the next Board Election. The lease is between 18 and 22 pages long. If defeated, Tim is willing to stay one year after the election to help show the new president the ropes.

A suggestion was made to sell RCSA tee shirts, sweatshirts, etc. from the concession stand. More research and thought will be done before this moves forward. Things like, would it be best to have items pre-ordered or readily available?

Respectfully submitted,
 Angie Boeve,
 RCSA Board Secretary