



PO Box 275, Colby, KS 67701

1. The board meeting was called to order November 14, 2007 @ the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room @ 7:00 pm.
2. Ray asked Debbie to take roll call. President Ray Schindler, Vice President Shannon/Lynette Martin, Treasurer Anne Ogle Puckett, Co-Business Managers Evelyn Martin/Debbie Zerr (Secretary), Team Rep Donnie Williams. Others present were Tom Sloan, Kris Lemman (Fundraising), Karen Raymond, Susan Wark, Donald Zerr and Shawn Curry. Team Rep Tonya Sager, Heather Koerperich (Sponsorship) and Cris Koerperich arrived late.
3. Debbie read the previous meeting minutes. Motion by Tom Sloan and seconded by Evelyn Martin to approve the minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Anne Puckett passed out an Account Transactions Report for All Accounts and a Monthly Cash Flow Report from 1/1/07 through 10/20/07. We also were given the Banking Summary showing \$320.00 received for 10/U registration - sale of Sonic Cards. Anne stated bank balances - F&M \$421.64 & FNB \$53.49. Anne reported that she has started Sweet Thunder in Quicken. No bills were presented, but the Coach/Girl insurance will need to be paid the beginning of the year, so the girls can start practicing.
5. Sponsorship/Fundraising Committee Reports: Kris Lemman said that she had received the 12/U list of equipment needed. Ray asked if the other teams could have their lists turned into Kris in a week. Evelyn Martin said she would ask Kristie Mengel for her equipment needs.
6. Team Issues: Ray asked Shawn Curry if he had any team issues. Shawn stated that he had none. No other team issues.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Ray wanted a re-vote allowing the Sponsorship and Fundraising chair to have voting rights. Ray said that he realized that we did not follow Article 8 of the by-laws, but since it had been ten days he was looking for approval. Anne Ogle Puckett opened up the discussion, stating that we need to figure out if there is going to be an Association. Discussion followed. Ray asked that a By-law Committee be formed and he appointed Tom Sloan (Chair), Donnie Williams and Ryan Sturdy. A re-vote motion to give Sponsorship and Fundraising chairs voting rights was motioned by Donnie Williams and seconded by Kris Lemman, motion passed.
 - b. Ray said that he called Lynette Ball regarding a state qualifier tournament here in Colby. She said that she will get back to us the end of December after she attends the ASA meetings. She mentioned that it used to be hard to get umpires here in the past, but that is not the case anymore. Colby could possibly have one here for all age groups. Matter tabled.
 - c. April 20th was set as a tentative date for registration. Shannon Martin asked if we could set the registration amount per team. Cris Koerperich said that we should wait until January to see where we set with the Sponsorship monies. Cris also stated that the Sponsorship should stay in the Association and the Fundraising should stay with the individual and/or team.
 - d. Buzzy (Heather Koerperich) and Kris Lemman both discussed writing a generic letter that the girls could take to businesses along with a plate of cookies. We would provide an addressed envelope for reply. Buzzy had a listing of businesses that was passed around, allowing the coaches to pick those that they have connections with. The remaining businesses will be divided up among the teams. Kris had a Chamber book that included the businesses, as well. Basically the letter will explain who and what we are and what we are trying to accomplish. The idea is still to have older girls accompany the younger girls. The following Sponsorship levels were decided upon: \$350 for a 4'x8' banner (\$325 to re-up); \$150 for a 2'x6' banner (\$125 to re-up); or up to \$100 donation. All levels would also include tournament tickets. Evelyn Martin will look at home in the information that Michelle Snyder gave her to see if there are some Sweet Thunder decals for the sponsors, as well. Buzzy will call the radio station to inquire if we can give the \$350 sponsors air-time on Monday morning updates. The letter will be ready to go next meeting, so the girls can accomplish this over Christmas break.
 - e. Ray asked about getting Sweet Thunder out in the public eye. Perhaps the Christmas parade.
8. New Business:
 - a. Various grants were discussed, including a Midwest Energy grant towards field No. 2. The matching Wal-Mart grant was mentioned, along with the Thomas County Community Foundation Grant.
9. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 12 @ 7:00 pm at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room.
10. Meeting adjourned. Motion by Kris Lemman and seconded by Tonya Sager @ 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Zerr