

# ST CECILIA

## *ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING*

**OCTOBER 20, 2009**

The meeting came to order at 7:02 PM, with an opening prayer

**Board Members Present:** Dan Seisel (president) Russell Scott (treasurer) Gus Spohn (secretary)

**Association Members Present:** Brian B, Hydie K, Mike H, Dan H, Dean R, Steve L, Jeff B, Bill O, Dan F, Rolland C

**TREASURER REPORT:** Russell passed out the treasury spreadsheet for all present to see. As of 10/19/09 there is a balance of \$22,061.13.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

- Tackle Football: Brian Budd reported that there is two playoff weeks left. Sometime in the beginning of November, equipment will be turned in. Any post season banquets will be done by the individual team's coaches. The football program would like to thank SunBelt Equipment for donating the lights for the night game. We would also like to thank John Eramo for his efforts in obtaining the lights thru Sunbelt. Brian would also like to purchase a 5-man blocking sled for the football program.
- Flag Football: Gus Spohn reported that there is two weeks left in the flag football season (the playoffs). I will use up the rest of the field paint to line the field for the remaining games. Dan Seisel stated that the athletic department will be purchasing a power painter for all outdoor sports to use for lining the fields.
- Cheerleading: Hydie Kaufman reported there is also two weeks remaining in the cheerleading season.
- Volleyball: Dan Seisel reported (commissioners not present) that the volleyball is doing well this year. Parent involvement has been fantastic. The gate and concessions have done well. There will be no 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade tournaments for any sport. Steve L questioned if the parent involvement was better because of the \$25 surcharge (determined by the sports commissioner). Dan F commented that the program was more organized this year. Dean R said he liked the surcharge and wants it for girl's basketball. Jeff B says the surcharge would be good, but we need to iron out a few things. Who gets there money back? What is considered fulfilling your commitment?
- Basketball Girls: This years commissioner is Dean Ritter. Dean said he would both girls & boys if his team would play at home all year. This might be a problem at the main sports office. Mike H said he would call Joe S and see if it could be arranged.
- Basketball Boys: We still need a commissioner. The sign-ups will be in the bulletin, PSR and in the school. There will be no "sign-up" day this year. The coaches will receive their rosters from these sign-ups and contact the players. The athletic program will be buying "turn-in" uniforms for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade this season. Acting commissioner Mike H passed out folders, with consent forms, to all the coaches. Father Leo sent a letter stating that all players have to be approved by the office before they can even practice. Dan S recommends doing this with the fees and consent forms. We need to set a cut-off date as to when we no longer will accept anyone signing up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **BY-LAW CHANGE:** Steve L read his recommended by-law change at September's meeting. Dan S reread the presented by-law change to all present. Brian B said it should be limited to the indoor only sports, due to the fact that the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are in "competitive leagues". Steve L has some agreement with this but still says that we should still take into account the time the younger kids are kept. Gus S made a motion to

vote in the recommended change as proposed by Steve with a change that the lottery/drafting order times will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> order with any succeeding draft order to be the same. A vote was taken and a no vote was made. An amendment to the existing 9.4 “UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED” to change the draft order to 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> was voted in for this basketball season. Jeff B said he thinks it should be for all seasons.

- **MRS HAY:** Mrs Hay sent a “thank you” letter to the athletic department for the donation and honoring Jeff at the this year’s night game.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **COURT TIME ISSUES:** It was pointed out that during basketball season the court time is lost for various reasons; school closings, holidays, Christmas program...etc. Brian Budd proposes utilizing “big run” for extra practice times. He wants to propose the following as a pilot program to see how it works

That each team’s coach could set-up, pay for and use “big run” for extra practice time. In turn, the coach would be reimbursed by the athletic department. This could only be used if there is a practice time canceled and the coach has used his allotted practice times. This could not be substituted for scheduled practice times.

Dean R opposes this program and would rather see the individual cost to play be lowered instead. He also stated that we are not here to build a juggernaut program. He also says that the other teams in the program should not be paying for other teams practice time at another gym. A motion to try the pilot program was presented with the following stipulations; not exceed \$1000.00 (20 total extra practices) total, that a team can not use it more than one time a week, to be used for an extra practice or if a team loses a practice due to the gym being closed. This will be divided evenly to all teams and if a team does not use it, a decision on who gets more time goes back to the acting AD. A vote to accept the pilot program was taken and passed by the majority present.

- **MOVING PLAYERS UP:** Jeff Beattie wanted to address the issue of player movements that seem to be happening via uni-lateral decisions made by a few select, as opposed to following the procedures that are in place. Specifically, involving both coaches that are affected by such a proposed move is not taking place. Mr. Beattie stated that this is the second time (in his opinion) that final decisions have been made that did not include the affected coach from the team which a kid(s) have been moved off of. The most recent happened in girl’s volleyball with the 7th grade squad. Jeff did mention that there were indeed issues taking place that decisions had to be made in somewhat of a quick nature, but nonetheless the coach from which a player was moved up was not consulted nor given any opportunity to get involved. In fact he was not aware that such a move was made until afterward. The involved player did not show up at practices for her old team and it is my understanding that the other players on the team told coach what happened. This event also caused a concern to Jeff that the player involved moved up “two grade levels” from the 5th grade level to the 7th grade level and that just seems to be a big movement for a young player. Jeff feels that if a player is to move upward, then that player must come from the immediate grade below with proper protocol being.

Gus Spohn made a motion to conclude the meeting at 8:48pm, Hydie Kauffman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the meeting was closed with prayer.

**REMINDER:** The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday November 17th, 2009 at 7:00PM (time and date subject to change).