

Gunter Youth Association

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting

June 11, 2007

7:00PM Gunter Elementary School Cafeteria

Meeting facilitated by President – Shari Meyerdirk.

Board represented by the following:

Officers in attendance: Shari Meyerdirk – President, Sandra Yansky – Secretary, Becky Johnson – Activities Chairperson

Commissioners in attendance: Thomas Rolison, Sara Price

Representatives in attendance: Greg Whitteker

Others in attendance: Josh Lowe, Lisa Watson, Brent Watson

Call to Order Motion by: Greg Whitteker Second by: Sara Price
Meeting was called to order at 19:15. A quorum was present as required to conduct GYA business. Meeting was called to order by President – Shari Meyerdirk.
Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Sara Price. Second by Josh Lowe. All approved. None opposed.

The board has made the decision not to elect a new cheerleading commissioner or representative for the 2007 season based on feedback received by parents and coaches. However, the position will remain open and may be filled in the future if the program warrants.

Thomas Rolison submitted his resignation as Baseball Commissioner effective immediately. Motion to accept resignation made by Greg Whitteker. Second by Josh Lowe. All approved. None opposed.

Vice – President Update No updates.

Secretary / Treasurer Update Secretary / Treasurer made note that the IRS has tentatively approved our application for tax exemption status. Senior supervisor approval is required and we should receive approval in writing within the next few weeks.

Activities Chairperson Update All Star uniforms are in the process of being ordered. We are trying to keep the cost participation from parents to a minimum if at all possible. There will be a \$25.00 All Star fee from each player assessed. Trophies for All Stars have been ordered and trophies for baseball and softball have been ordered. Unfortunately due to cost, we were unable to order trophies but had to choose medals instead due to losing the last week of regular season play and the 7/8 and 9/10 end of season tournament because of rain.

Cheerleading Update A meeting was held on May 20th in the Community Center to discuss registration costs with and without a fund raiser. Approximately 35 parents attended with 16 registrations taken. The registration fee with fundraising participation is \$85.00 and without fundraising participation is \$130. The parents asked for communications, support from the board, and respect from the coaches.

The 2007 cheerleading coaches need to understand that their teams are expected to be at each game just as the football teams are expected to be present. Football coaches are willing to work with the cheerleading coaches, however there were several games where the cheerleaders did not show up last year and the football coaches did not know what to expect. Since there are cheerleading coaches with football players on different teams from the ones they are coaching, it is expected that we will have cheerleaders at the games even when there is a scheduling conflict. Coaches this year are K-2nd: Sabrina Edwards, 3rd – 4th: Linda Rolison, 5th – 6th: Stephanie Elvington

Track Update Track is off to a great start. The first track meet was held in McKinney and Gunter had five participants. We need volunteers for our June 23rd host date in Gunter.

Football Update No update provided.

Baseball Update All equipment has been turned in with the exception of Joey Vulpitta, Jose Ledezma, Josh Lowe, Bruce Ludlow, and Jeremy Schmitz. There is one catcher's helmet missing from bag G3. (Josh Lowe is using the helmet for All Stars.)

Fall baseball: It is thought that fall baseball will be double headers on Sunday only, but this is not definite at this point. Fall baseball is Dixie sanctioned this year and will be coordinated a little differently than last year. Also, not all games should be expected to be played in Celina. We may also have to pay a scheduler to schedule games and umpires.

Basketball Update No update.

Softball Update Equipment has been turned in from Juan Vargas and Sara Price. A bat was removed from Sara's bag because it is non-regulation and has been stored in the concession stand.

Old Business The following recommendations were voted on as approved changes to the by laws during the meeting on June 11th after a 30 day period of waiting:

1. Coaches and / or their assistants are required to attend the monthly GYA meetings one month before, the months during, and one month after the program in order to be informed of the decisions, activities, and circumstances affecting the program in which they are involved. Motion by Greg Whitteker. Second by Sara Price. All approved. None opposed.
2. Players who do not pay their registration fee will not be allowed to play the next season unless their account is brought current. Motion by Sandra Yansky. Second by Greg Whitteker. All approved. None opposed.
3. Scholarship recipients will be required to pay 50% of the registration fees and volunteer four hours of time by the third game of the season. If this commitment is not met, their child will be removed from the team. Motion by Sara Price. Second by Lisa Watson. All approved. None opposed.

The following recommendation was made by Thomas Rolison for consideration during the May 14th meeting: "Require each family to pay a set fee (\$25.00) for concessions to cover the cost of umpires since we cannot get people to work in the concession stands." After further discussion, the decision was made to raise the 2008 Spring Baseball registration fee to \$85.00 to further cover the cost of umpires because of the lack of participation and responsiveness of parents in the concession stands. In addition, each coach will be assigned a minimum number of days that their team will be responsible for the concession stand. If that coach cannot get his parents to commit to helping, then he and his assistants will be responsible for working in the concession stands. Motion by Sara Price. Second by Lisa Watson. All approved None opposed.

Open Agenda

The following question was asked by Greg Whitteker:

1. Will refunds be given to parents if they sign up for both fall baseball and football, and there is a conflict causing their child not to be able to play both sports? Answer: A refund has always been given (in the last year) if a child withdraws before the season starts (before uniforms are committed). If a child withdraws after uniform orders are placed, then a partial refund will be given. GYA cannot bear the burden of the full uniform for a child who does not participate.
2. Will registrations be accepted after the registrations dates? Answer: Yes. We anticipate accepting registrations after the walk-in registration dates.
3. Will there be a registration booth at the end of season party in the park? Answer: Yes. There will also be signs placed around town communicating the dates and locations for registration.
4. Are there any updates from EDC? Answer: Dan Moody is still in negotiations with the property owner to the south of the city park with the intention of building two additional baseball fields to make a four-plex. In addition, there are still plans to add a practice field for football and soccer west of the field house. Will this be done by 2008 or 2009? No. If the city is unable to acquire the land south of the park, then they intend to purchase land for additional parks elsewhere in the city at a future date. To our knowledge, it is still the city's intent that GYA become a department in the city structure within the next five years.

**Meeting
Adjourned**

Motion by: Greg Whitteker Second by: Sara Price

Meeting adjourned at 20:40.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Yansky – Secretary / Treasurer on July 9, 2007.