

SMOA GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, April 6, 2008

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Secretary John Ignacio. Those in attendance were Jim Foster (VP), Denny Ostyn (Treasurer), John Ignacio (Secretary), and members Richard Cox, Randy Gross, Randy Melvin, Mike Nate, Steve Petlick, Rick Ryno, Tom Underwood, Johnny Lee, and Don East.

John Ignacio reported that the current officers would like to remain for the 2008 -2009 year and after a motion and a second the current officers were voted to remain: Larry Brewer, President; Jim Foster, Vice-President; John Ignacio, Secretary; Denny Ostyn, Treasurer.

Denny Ostyn gave the treasurer's report. There is some money in the bank that we can use for some resources, so it was motioned and seconded after some discussion that Randy Gross should investigate the opportunities for us as an association to join some of the online websites available to get access to officiating resources as a group. Randy will join the sites and then give all members the user name and password so the entire membership would have those resources available at any time. The treasurer's report was accepted by vote after a motion and a second.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available and will be voted on at the next meeting along with these minutes.

A committee was formed to nominate umpires for the MHSAA tournament. Serving on the committee will be Steve Petlick, Dick Cox, Jim Foster, John Ignacio and Rick Ryno. The committee met immediately following the general meeting.

John Ignacio updated the members present on the Tom Hewitt Scholarship. The criteria for selection have been turned in to Greg Younger and the selection will be made from the students that have applied in the next month or so. John also informed the members of the dates for the football clinics this summer. These clinics are being organized once again by Brian Wild and were very successful last year. The dates are Monday, June 23, 2008 and Monday, July 14, 2008. The cost will be \$20 (which can be reimbursed if members submit a request) and includes a t-shirt with the SMOA logo. The clinics will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Dowagiac Union High School football field and will last until 8:30 p.m.

A discussion ensued about the times and dates for future meetings and it was decided that Sunday would be a much better night than Monday. It was also discussed that the Spring Meeting be moved to mid-March between basketball and baseball/softball season. This was approved after a motion and a second. Also, the discussion of a picnic for our fall general meeting ensued and it was moved and seconded that the fall meeting be a picnic. Tom Underwood suggested getting the Lion's Club building in Dowagiac and after discussion and a vote it was approved. SMOA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and each member will bring a dish to go along with the meal. The date selected was Sunday, August 17th at 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 or so. This was approved.

The meeting dates for the 2008 – 2009 SMOA General Meetings are:

Sunday, August 17th, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m. PICNIC at Dowagiac Lions Club

Sunday, December 7, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. Dowagiac Union High School, Cafeteria Area

Sunday, March 22, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. Dowagiac Union High School, Cafeteria Area

The next SMOA General Meeting will be Sunday , August 17th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lion's Club in Dowagiac.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.