

**Andover Baseball Booster Club
September 13, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes**

Members present;

John Stong, Kraig Garmaker, John Keller, Don Gawreluk, Scott Kunzman, Erin Kunzman, Arlo Evans, Tim O'Donnell, Christy Lamoreaux, Doug Haugen, Judy Kronstedt, Mike Kronstedt, Todd Miller, Scott Nelson and Kelli Bratz.

6:30 PM. **Call to order**, John Stong.

6:31 PM Introductions.

6:33 PM **Secretary Report.** August minutes accepted as is. **Motioned by Erin Kunzman, seconded by Scott Kunzman. All Ayes', no Nay's.**

6:35 PM **Treasurer's report.** Steve Johnson was absent. He provided the following report electronically;

Checking balance on August 1, 2010: \$ 5,224.47

August Deposits:

Concessions:	\$ 369.00
Field Maint:	\$ 2,450.00
Salt:	\$ 12,532.50
Transfer from Wells Acct:	\$ 932.16
Transfer from PayPal:	\$ 1,050.00 (Salt and Twins tickets)

TOTAL: \$ 17,333.71

August Payments:

Anoka Grain and Feed:	\$ 10,338.37
Bank Charge:	\$ 11.50 (returned check)
Food:	\$ 34.40 (Donuts for Salt delivery)
Equipment:	\$ 448.20 (Catchers gear and misc)
Field Improvement:	\$ 156.00 (sod for freshmen field)
Misc:	\$ 216.93 (reimbursement for tiller parts)
Software:	\$ 45.00 (upgrade to website)

TOTAL: \$ 11,250.40

August addition/subtraction: \$ +6,083.31

Checking Balance on August 31, 2010: \$ 11,307.78

Scoreboard Account Balance on August 31, 2010: \$14,787.25

A motion was given by Scott Kunzman to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Tim O'Donnell. All Ayes', no Nay's.

6:38 PM

Coaches Report. Coach Gawreluk reported the following;

1. Thank you for all of the volunteer time to rebuild areas on our 9th grade field. Steve Johnson, John Stong and Jeff Ruhl put a great group of volunteers together to complete this task – our field looks great! Aglime came in and clay is coming from the District within a week to rebuild two mounds
2. Uniforms –
 - a. I'd like to order another set of tops for the JV/V players next spring. This set would be something kept by each player and paid for through work or cash/check. \$50.00 - \$60.00 per set, paid for by varsity players.
 - b. The 9th grade either needs a set of 18 tops to match the gold jerseys or a new set of 40 tops for the upcoming season. This is overdue. The school will fund up to \$600 of this request. \$35.00 - \$40.00 each for this proposal. The Booster Club would fund the difference between the cost and the school allotment.
 - c. Hats – From what I am hearing, the varsity players would like to look into having a white hat to wear next spring.
3. Added Budget Items
 - a. Fall MN High School Coaches Baseball Clinic
 - b. B.C.A. December 2 – 5 for Don
 - c. Uniform items
4. Coaching Update – all are back except Coach Whisler (finishing degree) – we have a 9B opening
5. Section 7AAA Update and NWSC Update – Section 7AAA expanded to a 12th team (Duluth Denfeld/Central). Section Finals are held on June 7,8, and 9 in Hinckley (not yet confirmed) and the State Tournament follows on June 16, 17 and 20 – Championship games at Target Field (not yet confirmed) again on Monday, June 20. Armstrong joins the NWSC and gives us 20 conference games – no non-conference games against Tartan or East.

6. Scoreboard update – If we are ready to pick a board, we should do that soon as Eric feels that the District is ready to move on installing footings this fall.
 - a. What board can we afford? See below.
 - b. What are the specs needed for the footings? John Keller investigating.
 - c. What should we do with the old scoreboard? Discussion ensued. John Keller investigating the cost of moving to the JV field.

We have a great group of parents and a really talented, hard working group of players in our program. Our coaches, hired by the School District, work to teach, promote and build relationships with young men through the game of baseball. Our Booster Club, elected by their peers, works to support the coaching staff to fulfill our mission of becoming a top program in the metro area that is fast becoming the envy of neighboring communities. In two years, we have enhanced our fan experience at the ballpark, extended our reach beyond the doors of the high school to help support functions of the Andover Baseball Association and achieved success on the field in numerous ways. Thank you for the continued support and on behalf of the coaching staff, we look forward to a fantastic 2011 baseball season.

A Motion was made by Erin Kunzman to Reimburse Coach Gawreluk for his flight expenses for the B.C.A. coach's clinic in Nashville, TN. Seconded by Todd Miller. Passed, all Aye's and no Nay's.

A Motion was made by John Keller to reimburse Coach Gawreluk for the Fall MN High School Coaches Clinic for \$80.00. Seconded by Judy Kronstedt. Passed, all Aye's and no Nay's.

6:50 PM **ABA Report:** We are still looking for an ABA liaison, as Todd Miller is no longer on the ABA board. Todd Miller did report that the batting cages are complete at ASN. ABA is looking for a new Legion coach (see below) and that there are still 3 ABA board positions left to fill.

6:52 PM **Legion Coach:** Tim O'Donnell spoke regarding the value of a good Legion program in Andover. Many great points were offered and much discussion ensued. The estimated cost, after research by Tim, is estimated to be between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 per season. In looking for a new coach for the Andover Legion team, it was decided that we would pursue

the lower end of this cost spectrum. The following assumptions were made;

Estimated cost of Legion Coach -	\$5,000.00
Current wage paid for Legion Coach - (Paid by ABA.)	\$1,200.00
Estimated increase in player cost - (\$100.00 per player fee)	\$1,800.00
Estimated cost to ABA and Booster Club-	\$2,000.00

A Motion was made by John Stong authorizing Tim O'Donnell, Don Gawreluk and John Stong to speak on the behalf of the Andover Baseball Booster club with the ABA and express the desire for the Booster Club and ABA to financially support the cost of Legion, VFW and AAA coaches. Actual cost to be determined later. Seconded by Kraig Garmaker. Passed with all Ayes' and no Nay's.

7:12 PM

Committee Reports

- **Banquet committee-** None Given
- **Field Maintenance-** A Chairperson is still being sought for this committee. Jeff Ruhl and Dave Munson have shown interest. Please encourage them to volunteer in this area. John Stong reported the following; thank you to the people who volunteered their equipment for field maintenance. John suggested \$25.00 gift cards for the four wheelers used and \$100.00 for the bobcat.

A Motion was made by John Keller to purchase gift cards for the following people. John Stong, Jeff Satzinger and Kraig Garmaker, \$25.00 each for four wheeler use. Mike Goetz, \$100.00 for use of his bobcat. Seconded by Mike Kronstedt. Passed, all Aye's and no Nay's.

A Summer / Fall field maintenance position was discussed. Much of the time spent as Legion coach was spent maintaining the field for use. It was discussed whether we should hire a couple of players to do that work in the summer. Much discussion took place regarding staffing with parents or paying players. It was decided to be tabled for future discussions.

The Fall baseball league is paying \$1,000.00 for using the High School fields this fall. All proceeds to be paid to the Andover Baseball Booster Club.

We will be looking for volunteers soon to help with the dismantling of the wind screen and signs on the varsity field. Look for more information soon!

- **Fundraising** – John Stong reported on the following fundraising areas.
Salt sales – We sold over 2,100 bags of salt! It was noted that the Freshman players were strong contributors in this sale!! Thanks to all!
- **Equipment** – Pat Quinn was absent.
- **Scoreboard Committee** – John Keller presented 3 different scoreboards from two companies for review. Models BA-7220-2LED and BA-7120-2 from Fair Play and Model BA-2005-11 from Daktronics. The range of cost was from \$15,855.00 to \$17,305.00. Much discussion ensued. Based on ease of use and cost, it was determined to go with the Fair Play model BA-7120-2 for \$15,855.00.

A Motion was made by Kraig Garmaker to purchase the Fair Play scoreboard, Model BA-7120-2 for \$15,855.00. Installation expenses to be paid immediately with the balance due upon install. Seconded by Arlo Evans. Passed, all Aye's and no Nay's.

8:00 PM

Erin Kunzman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Scott Kunzman, passed with all Aye's and no Nay's.