

## S.P.O.R.T

### Meeting Minutes January 27, 2010

*Please note that the position of secretary for the S.P.O.R.T organization has been filled. Correspondence, questions and/or meeting agenda issues can be sent to [pponturo@verizon.net](mailto:pponturo@verizon.net). Meeting minutes can be accessed via the S.P.O.R.T link*

#### Attendees:

Sport Executive Board; Dr. Rovtar, Mr. Villar, Coach Corvino, Mrs. McCoy and parent representatives from Fencing and Basketball teams

*Thank you to all for participating in the first S.P.O.R.T meeting of 2010.*

Notes from this and subsequent meetings will mirror the agenda used for the evening's discussion.

#### Old Business

**501c3 Update:** this classification allows SPORT to be legally recognized as a non-profit entity. Most documentation is complete and needs to be forwarded to the IRS.

**Coaches Participation:** An objective of SPORT is to build a stronger relationship with our coaches. The committee would like to have coaches represented at each meeting; thereby, taking on a more active role with the organization. Coach Corvino attended this meeting on behalf of the basketball programs.

**Discussion/Issues from coaches:** Is there an option for the subsidy from SPORT for "pay to play" to be allocated using a percentage rather than a lump sum? The last two installments from SPORT were divided among the total number of participants regardless of the cost to operate each team. The cost per athletic team varies with regard to officials, travel expense and required equipment.

*The allocation of funds will be reviewed and discussed prior additional SPORT funding being released to the Board of Education.*

Question asked with regard to **field maintenance** on behalf of the baseball and softball teams. Field preparation and grounds keeping prior to games is the responsibility of the maintenance company currently under contract with the district. *Communication with TEMCO, the coaches, and officials regarding field conditions and weather issues is the responsibility of the athletic director.*

Discussion topic: What is the procedure that coaches or team representatives should follow when **requesting additional funds from SPORT**? The committee has adopted a request form similar to that of the LHT PTO. *It can be downloaded from the district web-site (we hope) and will be reviewed by the executive board.*

The Basketball program is seeking additional funds to cover the cost for an upcoming tournament. The majority of this expense is transportation.

Discussion prompted by the fencing program representatives regarding the ability of an athletic team to **implement a team specific fund raising event**. The overall philosophy of the SPORT booster program is to support all players and parents by containing and hopefully reducing the costs of “pay to play”. *To that end, individual team fund raising activities are discouraged*. It is the board’s feeling that fund raising among the numerous Long Hill organizations in general continually seek monetary support from the same groups of people. Further, it is an objective of SPORT to gear fund raising activities toward providing a service to the community.

### New Business

**Fundraising:** Several options discussed

*Another Patriots Day?* While this day can provide a huge boost to the organization’s funding, it requires a tremendous amount of effort and a minimum guarantee of 250 tickets. This type of event reaches maximum potential if multiple township organizations coordinate effort i.e. SPORT, Cub Scouts, Central Band/Chorus

*Duckie Race?* This event has seen success in Berkeley Heights. It was suggested that this event would work best if SPORT and Long Hill Community Day coordinated.

*Follow up information on both of these events to be obtained by D. Cicalese and S. Montani*

*Car Wash* - sponsored by SPORT in the Spring and/or fall and manned via a joint effort from Central teams. *Further discussion warranted on this topic.*

### Financials

Financial information published on the SPORT web page. General Financial Overview:

Central School Athletic Programs total cost is approximately **50,000**. SPORT funds reduced the **pay to play fee for 2009 - 2010 seasons by \$30 per player**.

Pay to play fees cover the costs associated with coach’s stipends, transportation, officials, and mandatory non-personal equipment.

SPORT Food Days, generated approximately \$6,000.00 for each half year. A portion of this is set aside to defray the cost of per player fees and the rest is used for scholarships, uniform purchases and funding requests.

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**