

CDSSL Board of Directors Meeting January 28, 2015

Attendees :

Tom Shields , John Healey, Bob Kibbey , Bob Curley , Jay Campbell , Gary Withey, Mark Galeo , Chris Hansen , Walt Williams , Don Roberts , Eric Bohnet , Tom Ricci , Jerry Smith , Bill Kloc , Blaine Berner , Dennis Walpole

Meeting called to order by Pres. Shields at 7:20 PM at the American Legion , Grooms Rd. , Clifton Park , N.Y.

Minutes of previous meeting :

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Oct. 21, 2014 were read by Pres. Shields . Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jay Campbell , seconded by Jerry Smith . Passed unanimously .

Financial Report :

Financial report was read by Treasurer Kibbey . The report included expenditures through 12/31/14 and a starting balance at that point. A projected budget was presented based on estimated revenues and anticipated costs for the coming year. The projections were based on agreements from the last meeting to raise player dues to \$ 120 and restrict costs for the banquet and awards .

A discussion of the proposed budget followed .

It was pointed out by Jerry Smith that the cost of renting fields paid in December , 2014 was slightly less than the previous year due to taking out holidays and some unnecessary dates in September which should be available if we need them .

The amount budgeted for the tractor fund includes the balance of \$ 4,500 and this year's contribution for a total of \$ 6,000 . Also discussed was Anaconda's costs , Banquet costs and less expensive alternatives , league awards and potential savings , field maintenance and getting Clifton Park to deliver and move dirt to the playing fields in a timely manner .

One concern that was discussed was whether we would have sufficient balance next November to meet expenses incurred prior to the new years revenues flowing in . It was determined that we would just barely have enough .

Tractor proposal :

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Jerry Smith put forth a proposal that the league allocate and approve expenditure of funds for a new (used) tractor . He explained the current tractor used by the league is 20 + years old and barely adequate for our needs . He priced tractors recently and found a used one available that would cost approx. \$ 11,000 including tax . It is capable of doing more than our present tractor including the ability to transport dirt from the parking lot to the fields when needed, drag the field quicker and more efficiently , roto-till when needed , etc. He indicated that Clifton Park promised to build us a larger shed to house this new beast . A lengthy discussion ensued with arguments as to whether we really needed it at this time , how long the current tractor would last and whether we could afford it at this time . It was determined that approximately \$ 9,000 is available if we decide to forgo the banquet this year (\$ 3,000) and the \$ 6,000 we will have in the "tractor fund " .

A motion was made to eliminate the banquet this year, allocate the savings to the tractor fund , and shop for a tractor using the \$ 9,000 . It was understood that this would only be done this year if we could find a used tractor for that amount that would meet our needs .

A vote was taken with the results being 9 yes , 3 no , 1 abstention . Thus , the motion was passed .

Sponsors :

All sponsors are in place for the coming season .

Tryouts :

Tryouts for new players are scheduled for April 11 , with April 18 as the backup date . Bob Curley and Tom Shields will conduct the tryouts . April 25 is the start of the regular season schedule .

Workday:

A workday on the fields will be scheduled , preferably before the start of the season .

A motion to adjourn was entered by Don Roberts and seconded by Jerry Smith .