

SPORTS FIELD MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF NJ
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Present: Don Savard, Debbie Savard, Matt Olivi, Brad Park, Mike Viersma, Rich Watson, Ray Cipperly, Matt Pinkerton, Dr. Jim Murphy and Scott Bills.

Absent: Dr. Jim Murphy, Kevin Shipman, Fred Castenschoild and Craig Tolley

Meeting Called to Order at 5:55pm.

Acceptance of September meeting minutes by Rich, second by Brad.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Viersma

No Report

Membership Report: Debbie Savard

Debbie reported no new members

Website: Debbie Savard

Debbie put link re: Imprelis issue from Tim Boyle of NJDEP on our website.

Nominating Report: Craig Tolley

No Report

Newsletter: Brad Park

Final 2011 edition to be out by the end of December. Deadline for articles to be 11/16.

Don asked if an article about the CSFM process would be appropriate. The board thought it would be.

Debbie sent out Constant Contact email blast to advertizers re: Newsletter.

Education/Activities: Matt Olivi

Fall Clinic at East Brunswick Vo-Tech is set. Matt will pick up signage, bags, pens from Geiger Center.

As of today 71 people have signed up.

Brad suggested we reimburse Bill Deacon, NY Mets for his travel expense. The board approved.

There will be no reimbursement for Mike Burkholter, Philadelphia Phillies as he is being paid by Natural Sand to be there.

Debbie mentioned she is having difficulty getting the correct pesticide credit forms for Expo from the NJDEP. She will keep trying.

Matt said he will not be to the clinic until after 11:30. Scott suggested he drop off signs at his office so he can get them to the clinic sooner.

Brad will also be running late. Will be there by 12:30pm.

Sean put together a survey to be handed out after the clinic.

Debbie will prepare a sign in sheet asking for all contact info, including email addresses.

EXPO - Brad Park

Education portion is set.

Several panel members asked Don for information, which he provided.

All speakers will be asked to dinner on Tuesday evening. We will use the same Italian restaurant as last year.

Brad will get the speaker contact information to Don so he can contact them about the dinner invitation.

Brad suggested sending a Constant Contact out after the clinic mentioning the Tuesday afternoon session will have pesticide credits available.

Matt reminded Brad we may need a bigger room for this session.

Public Relations/Scholarships: Scott Bills

Matt Olivi attended the scholarship dinner and awarded Andrew Power the \$500.00 student scholarship. He submitted a resume/letter to us expressing his interest in the scholarship. He will be graduating in December from the 2yr technical program. Matt posed for a picture with Andrew and Brad will include it in the Newsletter.

Debbie sent the Cherry Hill Board of Education facilities position notice to Andrew.

Scott will set appointments to visit the 'Field of the Year' applicants within the next two weeks. The board suggested we do not promise the 'Field of the Year' winner will host a field day.

Old Business:

Matt Pinkerton advised the board he will not be able to attend the STMA conference and will not be able to use the \$500.00 chapter development money. Matt Olivi said he could use the money to offset his expenses and would be willing to share it with Kevin Shipman.

New Business:

Matt Olivi advised the board that Michelle Roemer of NJASBO contacted him regarding a response to our talk regarding the use of Round Up. She stated several member schools had been inspected and NJASBO will be receiving a letter from NJDEP on the subject.

In response to this issue, Brad Park spoke with Dr. Murphy and Dr. George Hamilton (Director of Pest Management). Brad suggested SFMANJ reach out to Rutgers for clarification of the school IPM regulations. Then SFMANJ should reach out to the NJDEP attaching the Rutgers letter asking for further clarification.

The board agreed Matt Olivi and Rich Watson should write the letter to Rutgers once the letter from Tim Boyle from NJDEP is received.

Debbie brought up the choice and cost of calendars for 2013. We will address again at the December meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Brad, second by Sean.

Next meeting may be in Atlantic City at EXPO. Look for more information from Don.

Please contact Don if you can not attend.