

Marseilles Athletic Club
Meeting Minutes
February 22nd, 2020
766 Young Street – Schaefer Home
6:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Roll call: Nate Schaefer, Bryan Day, Samm Burress, Sean Smith, Jeff Laitila, Marc Stanek

Approval of January 10th meeting minutes: No minutes were available; they will be brought to the March meeting

Treasurer's financial report: Financials are in the process of being updated due not yet having full non-profit status and having to file taxes.

Guest of meeting: None

Old Business:

- 501c3 Status: Bylaws are being updated to reflect the changes to the board; taxes will also have to be paid since the 501c3 was initially denied due to having adult sports. Once taxes are completed an independent review of the application will take place so that we can insure no information is missing and we will resubmit.
- 2020 Sports and recreation opportunities:
 - Baseball:
 - T-Ball: We have 27 children registered. There is also a large interest in if we would be able to allow 3 year olds to play, it is currently being looked into with our insurance carrier if we would be covered at that age level, if they are a restructuring may happen where 3-4 year olds would play T-ball and 5-6 year olds would be pee-wee.
 - 8U: We have 5 children registered, and would need roughly 10-12 to field a team.
 - 10U: We have 10 children registered, a few more would help in the event of a player not being able to make a game but we can currently field a team.
 - 12U: We have 9 children registered, at least one more to field a team.
 - 14U: We have 4 children currently registered with an additional 4 that parents have verbally stated would be registering
 - Tackle Football: To be covered at line items 3 and 8
 - Flag Football: The 2019 season saw the program almost double in size, the reputation of the program has also reached beyond the City of Marseilles as far out as Mazon. There have already been roughly 30 early bird sign ups. With the growing interest in the program the most challenging aspect will be ensuring we have enough coaches, refs and other volunteers to run the behind the scenes duties. As the baseball season winds down a push will have to be made

to get more parents involved in the stated roles so that we can continue to provide a quality program regardless of the size of the league.

- Cheer: We have roughly 6 children currently signed up or expressing interest in a cheer program, depending on how many sign up between now and the fall will determine how the program would be structured. Ideally cheer would be for the tackle football teams however if the numbers are not high enough to have an adequate squad, we would instead incorporate them into the flag program.

- Equipment and Storage:

- A Marseilles resident has graciously allowed us to use a garage on their property for the last year at no charge, it has been discussed that since we have never been charged for the use we would like volunteer to do some improvements to the facility and property. We will be discussing this in further detail at the March meeting.

- An inventory will be taken of equipment once we have our next meeting with tri-county and are more aware of the changes they have made to equipment guidelines and regulations

- Tackle Football league, I8, Ivy League & Ottawa: After having met with the boards for all 3 leagues the best fit seems to be Ivy League.

- Insurance per sport, and per location: Currently our insurance policy is being reviewed to get the best coverage at the greatest value, since we have been run programs for the last two years with minimal claims we should be able to see some savings. The main locations that are to be insured are Guthrie Park (ball diamonds), Marseilles Elementary School (football field) and Gleason & Co (for indoor practice/training)

- Fundraising opportunities: Vegas Night is set for April 18th we have received various donations for raffle and silent auction with more expected to be in over the next several weeks. We are looking into selling "door tags". In addition to the spirit wear that was sold last football season we are looking at adding bows. Cow pie bingo tickets have been purchased and we may increase the size of the board to allow for larger payouts to the winners. With the City recently starting to allow UTV's to be registered for use on City streets an option to raffle off a UTV in place of our normal gun raffle is under review. Running vendor booths at Fun Days, Freedom Run and Seneca Shipyard days are being considered. Running a dunk tank during various events. A final idea for fundraising is to have two co-ed adult softball tournaments, one on Labor Day weekend and the other as a costume game around Halloween

- Sponsorship letters and donation levels: Letters have been either sent by mail or taken into businesses in Marseilles, Seneca and Ottawa.

- Website discussion: After having moved the development and maintenance of the website in house, Samm has been working on getting the website up and running. After reviewing the yearly costs which will be charged on the 31st of March, they have been broken down as follows

- Web hosting fee:\$143.40
- Domain ID protect: \$24.00
- Domain name: \$15.95
- SG Site Scanner: \$19.80

Domain ID protect is something that is not necessary and to save money Nate motioned that we do away with it, Bryan seconded the motion. All in favor: Nate, Bryan, Marc, Samm, Sean, Jeff. All opposed: none. Motion carries

- Vote on tackle league: As stated in line 4 Ivy League seems to be a good fit for us, Sean motioned that we contact Ivy League and be put on their next meeting agenda to be accepted in their league, Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor: Sean, Jeff, Samm, Marc, Nate, Bryan. All opposed: none. Motion carries

- Review of 1023 form: The form will be sent to each board member for review, once completed Nate and Jeff will need to sign and have notarized to send in for 501c3 status approval

- Approve all paperwork needed to refile: Covered in line 9
- Baseball sign up dates, locations and times:
- March 2nd from 4:30-7:00 PM at Gleason & Co.
- Approval of concessions manager: Claudia will continue to be concessions manager, however her food handler's certification is expiring. Jeff motioned to pay for MAC to pay the cost of this certification. Sean seconded the motion. All in favor: Jeff, Sean, Samm, Marc, Bryan. All opposed: None. Nate abstained from voting

- Ivy league tackle and cheer: covered in lines 2,3 and 8
- Ottawa tackle football update: After having met with the board multiple times over the last few years, it has been determined that Ottawa tackle football is not the right choice for us
- Kickball July 2020: Kickball will again be offered sandlot style during the month of July while doing field maintenance as well as during football signups

New Business:

- Baseball Coaches: Confirmed coaches and assistant coaches for the 2020 season are as follows: Nate Schaefer, Sean Smith, Marc Stanek, Nick and Samm Burress, Sam Robinson, Derek Schaefer, Steve Parker

- Baseball practice schedules: Schedules will be set soon based off of coaches availability
- Tri-County baseball meeting: the next meeting with tri-county is scheduled for February 25th; Nate, Samm, and Bryan are set to attend. Topics of discussion are rule changes, tournament dates, and registration fees. Since either already have teams or are close enough to assume we will get the normal late registrations we will be paying for teams at all 4 age levels (8U, 10U, 12U and 14U) at \$50 each for a total of \$200

- Sponsorship and how they are going:
- Platinum: River Ready Mix
- Gold: Caselli Insurance, Sam's Pizza
- Silver:
- Bronze:
- Booster:
- Vegas Night: donations are coming in and are being sorted into either raffle or silent auction categories. The tentative plan for the night is that we will do setup/teardown and run the

silent auction, raffle baskets and door prize portion of the night. This would leave the running of the 50/50, Vegas games and food prep/serving on the Lions. Since four of the MAC board members have Basset certification we are willing to help out if needed with serving beer.

- Next meeting date: Due to March 17th being St. Patrick's Day, the meeting for March will be moved the Monday the 16th, time and location TBD