

# Hawley Diamond Club Meeting

February 13, 2023

*The goal of the Hawley Diamond Club is to provide the facilities and resources to encourage development and good sportsmanship of all players through participation in a team environment. Our primary focus is fields 1-4 at the Hawley Rodeo Grounds.*

## PRESENT

Kirsti Fleming, Ryan Fleming, Mike Halvorson, Mindy Halvorson, Ryan Hastings, Jackson Lyngaas, Darin Vetter, Rick Walker, Clair Anderson, Mike Stotts, Stephanie Hockett, Patrick Hockett

## AGENDA

- Membership & Executive Members
- Treasurer's Report
- Update on Meeting with School (AD/Superintendent)
- Grants Update
- Donors Update & Planning
- Hawley Organizations Meetings
- Steph will talk to Essentia
- Who knows who to talk to Sanford Power

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## MEMBERSHIP

- Committee Membership: Clair Anderson, Kirsti Fleming, Ryan Fleming, Mike Halvorson, Mindy Halvorson, Ryan Hastings, Stephanie Hockett, Patrick Hockett, Jackson Lyngaas, Mike Stotts, Darin Vetter, Rachelle Vettern, Maggie Walker, Rick Walker
- Kirsti Fleming nominated Jackson Lyngaas to be the President, Mike Halvorson seconded the motion
- Mindy Halvorson was nominated to be Treasurer by Jackson Lyngaas, Kirsti Fleming seconded the motion
- Mike Halvorson nominated Kirsti Fleming to be the Secretary/Communications, Mindy Halvorson seconded the motion
- Rachelle Vettern was nominated by Kirsti Fleming to be Vice President, Jackson Lyngaas seconded the motion
- Executive Members
  - President: Jackson Lyngaas
  - Vice President: Rachelle Vettern
  - Secretary: Kirsti Fleming
  - Treasurer: Mindy Halvorson

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Nothing to report
- Jackson Lyngass & Kirsti Fleming are setting up 501c3 to get TIN/EIN
  - Need Bylaws (Kirsti and Jackson will work on)
  - <https://form1023.org/nonprofit-bylaws-template-501c3-sample>
- Will set up bank account as soon as we have the TIN
- Jackson Lyngaas and Mindy Halvorson will be on the bank account as signers

## MEETING WITH SCHOOL (AD)

- AD, Brett Mayer Schmidt (BMS) suggested assigning executive members, including a treasurer
- BMS recommended to go to city council once a firm plan is in place
- School will take care of installing the window in Press Box and repairing floor/wood damage
- BMS recommended starting with just the Varsity field; however, the committee discussed that we should look into getting prices for just Field 1 and a price for Fields 1 and 2 combined as we would likely get much better quotes doing two at the same time
- BMS suggested we collaborate with Baseball to get lighting (Klevgaards have done a lot of leg work on this already and have started their own committee)
  - High potential for school donation on this one
  - It was suggested to wait to move Field 1 Scoreboard in until lighting

## GRANTS

### SCHEELS GRANT

- Ryan Hastings reported on details regarding Scheels Grant (information he received from Barnesville)
- Scheels will match up to \$75,000
- Must go through an employee (Paige Blakeway or Christine Sogn)
- Next you meet with Steve Scheels and he will ask the following questions:
  - How many kids will it involve?
  - What other fundraising are you doing?
  - Then he will ask again how many kids will it involve?
- Other details from conversation with Barnesville
  - Add banners for donors on back fence (5years?)
  - We talked instead about doing a donor sign so that we can use the windscreen
  - 40 people showed up to their first meeting (one year later only 3 people showed up)
  - Make sure to capture the future upkeep (i.e. new Agri-lime...who is properly dragging it in a timely manner to ensure it was worth it?)

### CRYSTAL SUGAR GRANT

- Darrin Vetter reported on details regarding Crystal Sugar Grant
- No deadline, but they meet once a month and the sooner the better
- Kirsti Fleming & Rachelle Vetter will submit

## DONORS UPDATE & PLANNING

Stephanie suggested signing up for Amazon Smile once we are non-profit.

## DONATION UPDATES

- Bryant \$5,000
- Red River Co-op \$200

## HAWLEY ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

- Tips for asking for donations
  - Prioritize the projects
  - Stress the safety and need
  - Explain the match options
- Lions Club: possibly March meeting, Monday, March 20th at 6pm (AmericInn)
- Jaycees: Thursday, Feb. 16th at 7pm (AmericInn)
- Women of Today: Monday, Mar. 6th at 6pm (Slice)
- Fireman: Monday, Feb. 27th at 7pm (Fire Hall)
- Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>- 7pm (AmericInn)
  - Hawley Jaycees
  - Presenting: Jackson Lyngaas
    - Players: Eagan Hastings, (check with Hannah Stotts, Faith Sannes and Annaka Johnson)
- Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 6pm (AmericInn)
  - Hawley Lions Club
  - Presenting: Mike Halvorson, Clair Anderson, Ryan Hastings
    - Players: Eagan Hastings, Mallory Halvorson
    - Stress safety and need
- Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 7pm (Fire Hall)
  - Hawley Fire Department
  - Presenting: Jackson Lyngaas
    - Players: Mallory Halvorson
- Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 6pm (AmericInn)
  - Hawley Women of Today
  - Presenting: Jackson Lyngaas
    - Players: TBD

## IMPROVEMENTS LIST

*Fencing*

- Construction new fence 6' tall, 200-220 feet from home place on Fields 1 and 2 (approx. \$9,538)
  - Westlund Fencing (Chris Anderson)
- Install windscreen for new fences (approx. \$1,524)
  - BSN 6x200 @\$1.27/sq ft
- Build up fence height on Field 2 and add gate for safety (Field 1 already received this upgrade)
  - Do we know cost from Field 1?
- Install/create Agri-Lime Warning Tracks (safety so players feel they are getting close to fence)
  - *Warning Tracks are an integral safety component of baseball and softball fields whether they are natural grass or synthetic turf fields. Their sole purpose is to keep athletes safe by warning them they are close to the edge of the field and approaching a fence or wall.*
- Re-do Sprinkler Systems to account for new fencing
- Re-seed as need due to project, especially in left field on Field 1

### *Sound System/Live Stream*

- New Sound System
  - Primary use would be for Field 1
  - Speaker under shelter area for better sound for spectators; speaker out to field; speaker on outside of Press Box
- Live Stream Set Up for Field 1
  - Need LAN line ran to Press Box
  - Need camera mount for best field view
  - Would Arvig or Midco donate LAN line?

### *Fix Water/Non-Drainage Issues on Fields 1, 2 and Spectator Areas*

- New Agri-Lime (6x1500)
- Grade and lay concrete in spectator areas to help drain away water from Fields 1 and 2 dugouts/catcher box; will also take care of pools of water in spectator area
  - Mike Stotts will get pricing (Opatril)
  - Remove dangerous pokey tree
  - Need to rip out bushes and rock between Fields 1 and 2
- Sprinklers – someone comes in and does the maintenance; Clair has a plan of the heads and where they are out

### *Press Box/Dugout Repairs*

- Address Safety Issues
  - Install window in Press Box to prevent water coming in (rotting wood; moldy); equipment below was also getting wrecked due to water seepage
  - Replace/repair upper floor with safer/sturdier floor
  - Gutter system repairs
- Replace tin or paint to be Hawley or neutral colors

### *Field 2 Scoreboard*

- 5' x 8' Everbrite (BSN Sports \$7,000)
- Plus cost of power to run

### *Field Lights*

- Install field lights on Field 1

### *Signage*

- Install Record Board & Team Successes (Dugout of Field 1)
- Install Donors signage (Dugout of Field 2)
  - Single \$1,000
  - Double \$2,500
  - Triple \$5,000
  - Home Run \$10,000
  - Grand Slam \$25,000

## **GRANTS/MATCH PROGRAMS**

### *Twins Grant*

- Deadline: March 1
- Rachelle and Kirsti will begin work

### *Scheels Foundation Grant*

- Must be initiated by a Scheel's employee
- Biggest Questions
  - How many people (kids) does this affect?
  - How much time in volunteer work is involved?
  - How much have you raised?

### *Waste Management Charitable Giving*

- Offers charitable gifts to promote civic pride, economic development, and revitalization. Waste Management primarily supports environmental initiatives, including promoting parklands and green spaces for people to enjoy and play, and environmental education initiatives targeted at middle and high school students.
- Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public organizations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Learn more and apply at [www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving](http://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving)

### *Baseball Tomorrow Fund/Major League Baseball Field Maintenance Education Program*

- Provides the opportunity for MLB groundskeepers to share tips and techniques with other professional sports turf managers, coaches, parents, and volunteers who are involved in the maintenance of youth baseball and softball fields.
- In conjunction with the clinics, recipients are awarded a \$10,000 grant to a local organization selected by the participating Club. The grant funds are used for the purchase of field maintenance supplies, equipment, or services.
- Learn more at [www.mlb.com/baseball-tomorrow-fund/how-to-apply](http://www.mlb.com/baseball-tomorrow-fund/how-to-apply)

**NEXT MEETING**

*Not yet set*