

DHYS BOARD MEETING –APRIL 1, 2008

Meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Hutch Moore, Bo Cook, Rob Friedman, Dave Vollandt, John Schwartz, Rick Brozek, Jamie Laubenthal, Tom Brennan, Carol Sbarge, Peg Bumgardner. Also in attendance: TJ Murphy, Kerry Blind, Terry Finnerty, Robert Rodriguez, Cooper Pearce, Sally Dorn and Michael Brierly.

PATH Project: All present engaged in an excellent discussion on the history of the PATH Project, how we have heretofore handled the project, and potential solutions for dealing with the PATH Project and the Neighborhood Association. It appears clear that PATH and the association president have joined forces with a goal to facilitate the PATH Project and eliminate baseball at Medlock. A secondary goal is to eliminate parking spaces in favor of green space in an effort to constructively remove baseball from the park.

A TRO against PATH has been in place and will continue so until April 9. We therefore need to move quickly. Suggestions from Mr. Blind, Finnerty, Rodriguez, Pearce, Dorn, Murphy and Brierly were all welcomed and very informative. In the end, it was decided that Kerry's company would generate a comprehensive reworking of the available green space to introduce better baseball fields and create more green space, incorporating adequate parking for all. The plan is to submit this proposal to Commissioner Jeff Rader in a timely fashion. A subcommittee headed by Michael Brierly with, thus far, members Laubenthal, Rodriguez, and Blind was formed to oversee this project. In addition to a comprehensive plan, it is thought that a petition executed by as many members as possible would also be helpful.

Nominating Committee: Remaining open board positions are VP-Lower Division, Concessions, VP-Internal Boosters and VP-External Boosters. Several names were tossed about and Rob will continue to work toward filling these positions.

League Affiliation: We need to fill out forms for our Dizzy Dean affiliation. There will be a meeting Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 in the clubhouse to fill out these tedious registration forms.

Code of Conduct: We have reviewed a written Code of Conduct for parents and coaches to "execute" by computer when registering their child.

Opening Day: Rick has announced Opening Day on the website and Carol will send e-mail blasts. We have three inflatables, a face painter, food provided by The Meat Market and Publix, and Commissioner Rader will be speaking briefly. There will also be contests for the kids and announcement of Volunteer of the Year awards. More volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Tournament Team Fundraising: Every year the 12-year old tournament team is invited to Cooperstown to participate in their 96-team tournament. It is a great event for the kids, but it is also expensive. This year's managers and team have not been chosen. However, TJ Murphy, parent of one of the Bronco players and perennial All-Star team member, has purchased 1000 DHYS stickers for sale to combat the Cooperstown financial burden. While Mr. Murphy's heart is in the right place, discussion ensued over whether this may send an improper message to the members that the All-Star manager and team has already been chosen. A compromise was reached whereby Mr. Murphy will be requested to bring the remaining stickers and money generated from sales thus far to the board and/or concession stand for future sales out of the concession stand only in a general effort to raise money for the eventual Cooperstown team. Peg will send a communication to TJ in this regard.

ADDENDUM: Brennan has had subsequent discussions with a disappointed Murphey and raised the sticker issue again to the Board via email. After new discussion, it was decided to stick with the original decision as above.

Bronco Tournament: Last year, Bronco had a double-elimination tournament which, while exciting for the kids, reduced the number of regular season games in order to accommodate more time for the tournament. Questions were asked as to whether that tournament format should continue this year. It was decided that the decision should be made by the VP-Upper Division and Bronco League Director rather than Board involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.