

Monona Grove Optimist Club
Board of Directors
November 16, 2004

1. Call to order
 - a. President Dassow called the meeting to order
2. Roll call
 - a. Present: Dassow, Berrigan, Wellman, King, Weldon, Turino, Kondrasuk, Manley, Troia, Paulson, Hron, Dana. Absent: Stich
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes – Tom moved, Tim seconded.
4. Treasurer's report – presented by John King. Motion to accept the report by Jim Kondrasuk, second, Tim Turino
5. Old Business
 - a. **W Club update/attorney fees**
 - i. Roger gave a review of the past history with his club doing the stand. Earned \$4,000-\$8,000 per year. There was a signed contract for Monona Optimists to take over stand. W Club rescinded the contract for no apparent reason. Our club decided to pursue action against the W Club in small claims court. The attorney contacted was Alan Strohsheim, Brad Keil's cousin. According to past minutes, the Board approved \$500 on August 12, 2003 to contact a lawyer and pursue action. At an emergency meeting on Sept. 4, the Board agreed to have Dan Millin, Brad Keil and Roger meet with the attorney to find out our costs to file an action in small claims court.
 - ii. Current bill stands at \$1,031.35. Tentative trial date is Dec. 16. Jim Kondrasuk moved to pay the current bill and send a letter with the check, requesting that the final bill not go over \$1300 as we are a non-profit organization. Jeff Hron seconded. Discussion: some feel the Board never approved the \$1300 amount, but there is information in the Sept. 4 minutes that state Dan, Brad, and Roger meet with the attorneys to learn costs. After discussion, the Board voted to pay the current bill. Karen will draft a letter to the attorneys, and forward to Board for their input.
 - b. **Winterfest-Tri Star Budget and Related Items**
 - i. Winterfest had a loss last year. There are different opinions of how much of a loss. Last year the entertainer was expensive and not many attended. Suggested that this year we stay with kids performing groups....people like that and it is normally free.
 - ii. Tim Turino made a motion not to have Winterfest this year.
 - Detail from Jim B shows \$4,436 in expenses, or a loss of \$2,966.36
 - It was suggested by Nancy that we not cancel, but establish a better budget and separate monies received from food sales.
 - Instead of spending money for printing, maybe we could make copier copies.

- PTO has not been much help in years past....possibly we could use other groups, i.e. DECCA, Music groups, swim team, BB team.
- Jim Kondrasuk suggested that since philosophically this event is a service to youth, we could still hold it, even at a loss.
- Motion died for lack of a second.
- There will be a special meeting of the Board to discuss the Budget for Winterfest, next Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 a.m. at the Monona State Bank

c. Our Operating Budget

i. Discussion of budget items

- MG Golf outing - \$100- a donation that we do every year.
- Bike Safety – we buy helmets – Brad Keil got us a good deal on them, Rich O’Connor will work on this.
- Bikes – Madison police donates one bike- John Disch donates the other one.
- Suggested that we unbundle our regular annual items (?)

6. New Business

- a. Badger Girls State delegate - \$225 – already set
- b. Monona Skate Park – request for funds – tabled until budget is set.

7. Motion to adjourn - 8:00 a.m. – Barb Berigan

Karen Paulson, Secretary.