

ENFIELD ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

January 8, 2019

Present: Gary DiBattista, Ben Aleks, Tim Jensen, Mike Cotnoir, Tom Owens, Jonathan LeBlanc, Mary Keller (liaison), Kris Couture, Marian Dippel, Joe Andrychowski, Bob Linn, Bob Cressotti (Town Council Liaison)

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone back for the new year. The September and November minutes were read and accepted as read. The checkbook balance is \$4,179.08 and the Amy Romano/Field Hockey checkbook balance is \$3,685.38. Someone asked if there were any thoughts about adding another scholarship. The discussion was not to add another scholarship at this time. It was suggested that perhaps doing something for the middle school instead.

Then Joe brought up the moving of the plaques. He was told that there is a place at Enfield High gym area for our plaques. Since we have approximately 125 plaques, we will need to see the area designated for us. Mike said he would like to see some of our committee members, including himself, check out the space and make sure there is enough room. Our plaques, when placed, will be below any banners that have already been hung.

Committees:

Fundraising - Mike asked for some ideas on additional fundraisers for our Hall of Fame. Someone did suggest a night golf game. Mike asked us to give this some thought and have some ideas to put forth at our next meeting.

Biography - The committee will be meeting shortly. Joe gave the committee a bio for Steve Roy.

Scholarships - We received thank you notes from our latest recipients and Marian said she sent our scholarship application to the guidance department. Nancy reported after the meeting that the scholarship has been sent to the High School for distribution.

Golf Tournament - It is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7th at 12:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge. Joe showed us the thank you letter he is sending to the various places thanking them for their continued support and generous donations to our golf tournament.

Banquet - It is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 6th also at Oak Ridge.

New Committee Members - Jon said he has a potential member. His name is Tony Romano. Since most of the committee know him and Jon is sure he wants to be a member, Tim made a motion that we accept him as a new member. It was seconded and after a short discussion, he was unanimously elected. Welcome aboard Tony.

Hall of Fame Website - Mike said he talked with Carl about continuing to handle updating and inputting for our website and he said yes. However, the committee feels that we need additional people beside Carl to handle the website. Additionally, it was decided it needed a fresh look to it. Gary said he would help, and Marian said she would contact Andrea to assist also. She thought she would be a good fit. Mike also added that his son will be digitizing all our Hall of Fame banquet CDs and VHS and then putting up a link to our website for viewing.

Miscellaneous - According to our by-laws, committee members are elected for 1-year terms; therefore, a motion was made and seconded to nominate our 2018 committee members, for 2019. After a brief discussion, it was unanimously passed. Another motion was made and seconded to retain the following officers for this year: Mike Cotnoir, Chairman; Tim Jensen, Vice-Chairman; Tom Owens, Treasurer; Kris Couture, Secretary; with minimal discussion that too was passed unanimously.

Mary reported that all our agendas and minutes for 2018 are up on the Town of Enfield's website, clicking under the Enfield Hall of Fame website to view it. She then brought up again, the idea of having sub-committees in marketing and volunteerism. She feels that we need to have some knowledge prepared ahead of time, that maybe needed in the future, and who might be available to volunteer. As one member said we always need volunteers. Mike will write up a blurb to the National Honor Society to perhaps get the volunteer idea started. We have had high school seniors twitter about our agendas and that could be continued also.

Tim thanked all who helped him and wished him well when he had his accident at the golf course in September. He then told us that our chairman, Mike, will be receiving an award this year at the Gold Key Dinner at the Aqua Turf on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m. In addition, one of our Hall of Famers, Bill Rasmussen, who started ESPN 40 years ago, will be getting an award also. Congratulations to Mike.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Couture
Secretary