

# Oneida County Sports Authority

12/13/19

Attedence:

Joe Johnson

Tom Keeler

Greg Geata

Dave Guido

Bob Pronto

## Year in review

Blue Sox- went well no issues

Legion Tourney- went well wonts have Sr tournament any more.

## MVCC update

Partnership with programs working well.

## 2020 projects

Bathroom Tile

Batting Cage

Turf from Proctor

## Blue Sox Lease

Lease mailed awaiting return

## Sports Authority Agenda

September 13, 2019

Call to order

**Discuss whistleblower policy – Bob Pronto**

Motion to accept

Tom k

Frank D (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Discuss Blue Sox extension (2 years / 3 years)**

2-yrs

\$1000.00 increase each year

Motion to accept – JJ

2<sup>nd</sup> - TK

**Update on field projects (fencing / painting)**

Sewer / lights/fencing/painting

**Utica Schools turf donation-Guido**

Spring 2020

Important to know cut size etc before we accept

**Recap summer season**

Good summer no major issues

**New topics**

MVCC trade class may work on old clubhouse as project

07/18/2019 Minutes

Oneida County Sports Authority Meeting

Frank DuRoss -- present

Joe Johnson -- present

Greg Gaeta -- present

Tom Keeler -- present

Dave Guido absent

Brian Noonan absent

Update on field operations

Getting quotes for fence repair

Light maintenance is set-up Engler Electric

Drainage update

All set repaired this morning

Utica sewer dept / Drain Master

Review financials - N/A Roland on Vacation

Review tournament staffing

Rayhill team working out great

Sammy has to double check lock up procedures

Work with George to feed staff



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SA Board Meeting  
4/20/18

Present: Joe Johnson, Greg Gaeta, Tom Keeler, Tom Giruzzi, Brian Noonan, Dave Guido

Meeting called to order 12:15 (Johnson)

- Discussion was held on Murnane field lease with Blue Sox fro 2018 season. Joe has met with George Deek and both are in agreement with lease as proposed. Joe will process and get to George for signature.
- Discussion was held about the plan to handle field preparations etc., during this rainy season. It was agreed upon that the Utica City School district will handle field preparation for Proctor baseball games.
- Joe gave an update on the drainage work that was completed in right field. Dave Guido expressed concerned that because that if re-sodding is done early it can be potentially dangerous. We will give the re-seeding an opportunity to take hold
- The SDWI baseball classic will take place the last weekend of April. It was stated that if the SDWI tournament was cancelled because of weather, the lights would not be turned on, therefore if Proctor were to played on Saturday night the Utica City School district would be responsible for paying switch charge. If the SDWI tourney is played they will not be charged.

12:40 Motion to adjourn, Keeler/Noonan



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SA Board Meeting  
10/12/18

Present: Joe Johnson, Greg Gaeta, Tom Keeler, Tom Giruzzi, Brian Noonan, Frank DuRoss

Meeting called to order 12:00 (Johnson)

- Review and approve Blue Sox lease, Motion to accept Gaeta/Johnson  
All in favor
- Financials were distributed and reviewed and a motion was made (DuRoss/Gaeta) to approve, all in favor
- Equipment Purchases and budget were discussed. Dick Meiss will provide a list of prioritites.
- 2019 Staffing for Murnane field was discussed and will be handled by Bob Cunningham and Dick Meis

12:30 Motion to adjourn, Keeler/Gaeta



## Sports Authority Meeting

April 21, 2017

In attendance: Frank DuRoss, Dave Guido, Joe Johnson, Tom Keeler, Brian Noonan, Greg Gaeta

Meeting called to order 9:05 AM

**1) Reviewed financials-**

Tom Keeler gave an overview of the SA financials and its most recent Audit

**2) Discuss expenditures: The following expenditure is recommended**

A new Grill- which will be ordered thru Flihan's per quote... motion to accept Gaeta, 2<sup>nd</sup> DuRoss... all in favor

Motion was made (Johnson) to upgrade miscellaneous equipment for field maintenance (second by Gaeta)... all in favor

**3) Improvements done- discussion took place on all the improvements done to the interior of the ballpark... i.e. New Boiler/fence in front of dugouts/safety nets/wind screen (ordered)/new door**

**4) Improvements planned- more improvements planned, bathroom (public) / possible light replacements (concession/MVCC locker room)**

**5) OC ACES-**

Discussion took place regarding the merger of the Sports Authority and the Mohawk Valley Auditorium Authority which oversees the Auditorium... Stay tuned

Things to follow up on

- Check with DPW about ventilation/fixtures bathroom
- Utica school district- lights? Yes per Mike Ferraro (called 4/21/17)

Motion to adjourn. DuRoss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaeta

## Oneida County Sports Authority Meeting

Friday, June 30, 2017

Attendees:

Joe Johnson

Greg Gaeta

Tom Keeler

Tom Giruzzi

Brian Noonan

Frank DuRoss

Dave Guido

Meeting was called to order 8:05 AM

A Motion to approve the Utica Blue Sox lease agreement with Oneida County Sports Authority, there was no discussion.... Motion to accept Keeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaeta..... all in favor

A Motion was made to approve the lease extension with Faxton Hospital for the use of the Murnane Field Parking lot for its employee use..... DuRoss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keeler, all in favor

A Motion was made to approve the purchase of field cart -Club Car Carry 300.... Which would help in moving equipment etc. around the stadium.... Bids will go out Motion to accept Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> DuRoss... All in favor

Discussion was had on upcoming Blue Sox season, workers are in place, field looks good.

Motion to adjourn – Brian Noonan 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Guido



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## Meeting

March 18 2016  
Murnane Field  
Joe Johnson  
Tom Giruzzi  
Brian Noonan  
Greg Gaeta  
DuRoss

Meeting called to order

We met on Friday and began the process of opening up the facility. Here is what you need to know:

The practice field, cages and main field are available only with Dick Meiss approval.

The MVCC clubhouse has power but no heat or water. This should be available on Friday 3/25. I will provide you with an update on Wed 3/23.

The Proctor clubhouse has power but no heat or water. This should be available on Friday 3/25. I will provide you with an update on Wed 3/23.

Please note that there are additional items to be cleaned up from the work being done over the winter. Also note that there will be water, but not HOT water for some time.

I have attached the schedule as it is right now. If you need to reschedule a game you must let me know. I will be sure that the grounds crew is made aware of the change. You can always see the most current schedule here <https://post229baseball.wordpress.com/record/about/links/> and then click on Murnane Field.

Please note if planning a scrimmage please check with me first as there are no public bathrooms available at this point.

In order to assist both teams in planning, when both teams are practicing the following schedule should be adhered to.

- 3 - 415 - Proctor will have use of the entire facility
- 415-515 - MVCC will have use of the cages and practice field while Proctor has the main field
- 515-615 - MVCC will have use of the entire facility

In the event that the main field is not usable (per Dick) then the following schedule should be used

- 3-430 - Proctor will have use of the cages and practice field
- 430-615 - MVCC will have use of the cages and practice field

Motion to adjourn... Gaeta...second... Noonan



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## Meeting

Sept 9, 2016

Location: THINKUBATOR/MVCC

Joe Johnson

Greg Gaeta

Frank DuRoss

David Guido

Brian Noonan

Meeting was called to order 12:30

End of year-Review overall the season ran very smooth / Blue Sox were an improved tenant

MVCC will remove weights from 3<sup>rd</sup> base clubhouse....so work can be done

Oneida County DPW- review furnace in old clubhouse for repair/replace

Fence in Front of Dugouts, will be installed for safety.

Motion to adjourn, Noonan, second DuRoss



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## Meeting

Nov 11/16 at 12:15

The Incubator, 326 Broad Street in Utica.

Frank DuRoss

Greg Gaeta

Dave Guido

Joe Johnson

Tom Keeler

Meeting called to order:

Presentation was made by George Deek owner of the Blue Sox; he expressed his thoughts and suggested a few points to consider for 2017

2016 issues were discussed; overall it was a pretty good year. Thank you to all you made it a good year

A review was done regarding updated equipment that was done for the 2016 season

Discussion took place regarding adjustments and potential projects for the upcoming 2017 season.

Motion to adjourn.... Guido....second....Keeler

# Oneida County Sports Authority

## Minutes from May 1, 2015 meeting:

**Discussed the equipment status:** There are still a few pieces of equipment that have not come back. There is a leaf blower and another JD tractor with mower that we had last year. Bob also said we had a sod cutter and a plate tamper in the past. I think Bob has talked with Dennis about some of the equipment.

**Updated:** Sod cutter and plate tamper were not there as of last fall when we brought the equipment up to Oriskany. Per Randy

**Discussed staffing levels and personnel:** Dick will manage schedule and advise of labor needs

**Discussed exterior of dugouts:** staff to power wash, scrap and paint (Bob handling supplies)

**Review summer youth program:** 3 kids per week 10 hours per week each kid. They will be used for general maintenance.

Agreed the small concession stand will be the primary for any temporary tenants and single game use.

Discussed enclosed press box under grand stand: Greg to get rough estimate. Joe and Frank to discuss MVCC trade class as potential contractor for project. Decision to be made if we want the Authority to pay for it or run it thru county process.

Brewers will paint the deck (this was determined after meeting)

Oneida County Sports Authority

Board Meeting

8/13/15

Meeting was called to order by Joe Johnson at 11:30

Attendance: Frank DuRoss, Dave Guido, Joe Johnson, Tom Keeler, Greg Gaeta, Dick Meisse

Discussion took place regarding the season, Dick Meisse said all went well although he did have some concerns regarding his Authority to say when the field is playable or not. He needs to be the one to decide whether or not BP can be taken on the field or not. It cannot be Butch's call.

Brian commended the ground crew for an outstanding job, especially during the State Tournament, with all the rain we had. Great job Guys.

Joe mentioned that we might be getting \$15,000 from the County, which was received from the State for the sale of land by Burrstone Road.

We need to assess what is the best way to utilize the money.... Lights still have not been replaced and really need too.

It was discussed that the Brewers need s to be certain that he does not schedule a home game the day before the State Tourney.

Joe Johnson made a motion to adjourn, second by Keeler

**Oneida County Sports Authority**

**Meeting**

**12/11/15**

Attendance: Joe Johnson, , Dave Guido, Greg Gaeta, Frank DuRoss, Tom Keeler

Discussion took place regarding the Brewers and next season's lease with the new ownership....

Joe Johnson inquired about playing dates for other entities. If dates are available Greg will look to schedule them.

Legal Dept is working on new brewers contract

Johnson made a motion to adjourn, second by Keeler

**Board Meeting**

**May 2, 2014**

1:00 pm Chairman Noonan calls the meeting to order.

Attendance: Greg Gaeta, Tom Keeler, Frank DuRoss, Joe Johnson

There was discussion regarding putting into place a policy to hold tenants accountable to the condition of facilities, such as a check list and potential fines.

Revenue was increased in 2014-2015 through increases in leases and more games. The budget of the Sports Authority was discussed.

Joe Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Keeler.

**Board Meeting**

**June 3, 2014**

12:00 pm Chairman Noonan calls the meeting to order.

Attendance: Greg Gaeta, Tom Keeler, Joe Johnson, Frank DuRoss

There was a discussion regarding the Utica Brewers. They need to clean out the concession stand at least one full day before the NYS tournament. This needs to be addressed immediately.

There is discussion as to who will complete the tenant review before and after each season.

Utica College may be interested in having more practices or games at Murnane, this needs to be followed up on.

New locks should be purchased for the entire facility.

Tom Keeler makes a motion to adjourn, Greg Gaeta seconds it.

**Oneida County Sports Authority**

**Meeting**

**1/13/12**

Attendance: Joe Johnson, Brian Noonan, Bob Cunningham, Dave Guido, Bob Roth, Frank DuRoss, Tom Keeler, Butch Russo, Joe Leone

Brian Noonan welcomed new member Frank DuRoss

Tom Keeler reviewed and handed out Facility Policies and procedures ---some adjustments where made and Tom will update and distribute

Discussion took place regarding American legion NYS Tournament coming in August---- We will set up a meeting with Mike Macchione, who is running the tourney

Bob Roth Discussed upcoming STOP DWI Baseball Classic-----the Sports Authority will pay for the banner.

The Authority met with Butch Russo of the Brewers regarding his desire to have a Pavilion built at Murnane Field. Butch showed some specs from Lowes, Board members had questions and concerns and will discuss before moving forward- It was stressed by the board that the County has absolutely no money to put towards this. It was stated that the Authority would look into adjusting Butch's field rent over the course of the next two years to off set the price.

Johnson made a motion to adjourn, second by Roth

Oneida County Sports Authority

Board Meeting

4/18/12

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Noonan at 11:30

Attendance: Brian Noonan, Bob Cunningham, Frank DuRoss, Dave Guido, Joe Johnson, Bob Roth

Discussion took place regarding the placement of advertizing signs for the Brewers and the NYS American Legion Tournament. It was decided that the Brewers can put advertizing on the scoreboard (per contract) and that Brucker construction can have a bill board on the back side of scoreboard free of charge until June 2013, in exchange for putting up advertizing signs for the Brewers. We will look to negotiate after that date.

The NYS American Legion tournament can utilize all areas that open, including the roof tops of dugouts (can't be permanent) and shed in left field. Advertizing may also be applied to back of home plate and in front of dugouts. NO EXSISTING ADVERTIZEMENT CAN BE COVERED UP!

Regarding the proposed pavilion that will be built replacing the right field bleachers, all construction must be done between April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>. No construction may start prior do that nor can be done through the Proctor Baseball tournament.

Bob inquired about having enough field support staff for upcoming STOP DWI baseball classic

Bob also spoke about the need to come up with a field "template" that all users will have to abide by. All agreed.....need further discussion

Dave Guido talked about a new energy company that might be able to save us money. He needs code # from a bill, to determine a possible savings. Which we will get for him from Roland in Audit and Control.

It was agreed upon that communications regarding the oversight of Murnane Field will come out of the Youth Bureau Office (TG) and that Brian will let Maintenance, DPW and whoever else know.

12:15 frank DuRoss made a motion to adjourn, second by Joe Johnson.

**Oneida County Sports Authority**

**Meeting**

**12/11/12**

Attendance: Joe Johnson, Brian Noonan, , Dave Guido, Bob Roth, Frank DuRoss, Tom Keeler

Discussion took place regarding the Brewers and next season's lease....Brian suggested it needs to be revisited after next season, which is when lease expires. All agreed.

Bob Roth Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> annual STOP DWI Classic.....and thanked the Sports Authority for helping out.

Joe Johnson inquired about playing dates for Fort Schuyler, American legion team. If dates are available Tom will look to schedule them.

It was discussed that lights need to be replaced....Once lights come on we will determine how many, in the meantime Tom will contact Rig All.

Johnson made a motion to adjourn, second by Roth

ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

Meeting

February 3, 2011

Members Attending: Pat Donovan, Joe Johnson, Bob Roth, Dave Guido

Guests Attending: County Executive Anthony Picente, DPW Commissioner Dennis Davis

Board Members met with Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente and Oneida County DPW Commissioner regarding the 2011 season and the future of the Sports Authority . The Authority will continue to utilize staff of the Oneida County DPW for operations and County Comptroller for financials. The Authority is required to comply with the Authority Budget Office and it is difficult to comply with an all volunteer Board. The Board has had discussions in the past regarding continued operations or having Oneida County operate this Facility. Agreed to meet again later in the summer to further discuss options.

ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

MEETING

July 28,2011

Members Attending: Pat Donovan, Joe Johnson, Bob Roth , Dave Guido, Tom Keeler, Brian Noonan

General Discussion:

Reviewed the current operations of the Facility and the 2011 season to date.

Discussed future improvements needed( lockerrooms, playing surface etc).

Election of Officers as follows:

Brain Noonan- Chairman

Tom Keeler – Treasurer

The Board agreed to meet again in August to discuss field operations and staffing for the fall and 2012.

## Oneida County Sports Authority

### Meeting

8/25/11

**Present:** Brian Noonan, Pat Donovan, Bob Roth, Joe Johnson, Dennis Davis, Dave Guido  
Bob Cunningham, Tom Keeler, Tom Giruzzi

#### General Discussion:

- Brian mentioned the possibility of receiving weight room equipment from MVCC and the need to get rid of the outdated equipment in the clubhouse (new). It was mentioned to talk with Oneida County Purchasing Department and maybe some of the old equipment may be sold through eBay. Discussion also took place regarding replacing the old carpet with some type of clubhouse (locker room) flooring. Flooring must be cost effective and easy to maintain. Dave Warren indicated that MVCC may have some leftover flooring that could be used. Tom Giruzzi will do some research and report back. This is all preliminary, information gathering, and we will make decisions based upon information received.
- Discussion was held regarding ground crew situation for this fall and beyond. We will look to get a commitment, one way or the other from Steve and Mike, and Bob will let us know his intentions. It was agreed upon that it seems best that these three will be "fillers" and a point person is needed. Frank Parisi will be invited to the next meeting to gauge his availability and get his thoughts. Dennis Davis expressed his concerns regarding the DPW's ability to continue to maintain the facility with the expected budget cuts. His concerns were well understood. Potential options were discussed, including the Utica School District and MVCC being responsible for their own field preparation. We will see how the budget works out and proceed accordingly.
- It was mentioned if it was time to bring Utica College to the table, with the thought being, increasing revenue. We may have to re-visit this discussion in the near future.

- Talked about replacing locks beginning in the spring for all buildings.
- Pat Donovan asked the board permission to contract with the youth bureau \$2000.00 for administrative costs as they are taking on a majority of the facility operations. We will have to draw up a contract for the Board's action.

At the next meeting we will need to discuss locker room shutdown, sprinkler system shutdown, computer and sound system removal and storage, outfield fence signs and putting the field to "rest" for the winter.

Submitted by

Tom Giruzzi ---8/26/11

## Oneida County Sports Authority

Meeting November 22, 2011

### Minutes

Attendance: Pat Donovan, Joe Johnson, Bob Cunningham, Dave Guido, Bob Roth, Brian Noonan, Tom Giruzzi

Giruzzi spoke of Energy Audit. Met with Josh from RISE Energy on Wed Nov 16 at Murnane field. Josh will be giving us a report out regarding his findings and thoughts

Tom Keeler spoke of the Audit which was conducted by Pat Tyksinski and also had handouts detailing the Sports Authorities Financials.

Motion was made by Roth and seconded by Guido to deny field usage by The Oneida County District American Legion Baseball tournament. There are no open dates. All were in favor.

Donovan distributed Fiduciary statement which needs to be signed by all Board members.

Board members talked about field staffing for 2012. we are hopeful too have Bob C. through the months of April and May, while bringing on Frank Parisi June 1. Dave Guido will look into the possibility of the School District providing man power for field preparation.

2012 Budget and rates were discussed. A motion was made by Donovan and seconded by Keeler to bump MVCC from \$5,000.00 to 7,500. Donovan will reach out to MVCC. Dave Guido will check into whether or not the School District can help with supplies.

Discussion took place regarding the Utica Brewers wanting to build a "Party Deck" at the facility. It was agreed upon that the Board will suggest to the Brewers to use the lot next to the concession as tented "party area for now.

It was suggested that the Board come up with Policy, rules and procedures regarding the usage of Murnane field. Suggestions will be sent to Tom Keeler, who will compile for future discussion.

Discussion was held regarding water leak. Murphy Excavating will have to be called back in. Donovan was going to look into a possible credit from Water Authority. Water has been shut off.

Meeting adjourned.

ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY  
AUGUST 30,2010 5pm  
Murnane Field

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Patrick Donovan  
Joe Johnson  
Dave Guido  
Robert Roth  
Don Oliver  
Bob Cunningham

Board members met with Dave Dittman, owner of several teams in the NYCBL league. He was interested in acquiring an additional team and placing it in Utica for the 2011 season. Mr. Dittman gave an overview of the League and his involvement. He thinks Utica would be a good fit for the League because of its location and outstanding Facility.

Board Members questioned Mr Dittman on how he would market the team, games played , concession stand requirements, offices and other items.

Mr. Dittman indicated that he would want the Facility for up to 25 dates, they would like an exclusive concession stand, a souvenir area, a ticket office and the clubhouse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of the Facility. He indicated that he would be looking for a similar lease to what he has in Little falls where he pays an annual fee of approximately \$ 4,000 per year. Committee reviewed and approved the 2010 fee schedule.

Board had further questions and discussion ensued and both sides agreed to discuss further.

Meeting concluded at 6:00 pm.

ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY  
NOVEMEBER 16,2010 4pm

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Patrick Donovan  
Joe Johnson  
Dave Guido  
Robert Roth

Since the last Board meeting we have learned that Dave Dittman will be joining a new league for 2011.

Butch Russo, Utica Brewers President discussed a proposal for 2011 to merge his ECBL team into the NYCBL and to play at Murnane for 2011. A letter was distributed from the NYCBL President overviewing the League operations for 2011. Butch distributed a letter of what items they would be looking for in a lease. The board discussed the items and concluded that they could go forward with a draft lease outlining terms. The Brewers indicated that they would pay in full prior to the beginning of the year. The Board excused Mr. Russo to discuss further.

The Board discussed an annual fee of \$5,000( similar to discussions with Mr .Dittman) that would cover field rental with lights, 3<sup>rd</sup> base clubhouse, an office and the main concession stand. Board voted 4- 0 to have the County Attorney draw up a proposed 3 year lease.

Board reviewed the June 30, 2010 financial statements.

Board discussed the 2011 budget and fee schedule and voted 4-0 for its approval.

Board Members questioned Mr Dittman on how he would market the team, games played , concession stand requirements, offices and other items.

Meeting concluded at 5:30 pm.