



**Club Officers for 2009-2010**

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**Board Members**

<b>2008-2010</b>	<b>2009-2011</b>
Judy Gutttau	Linea White
Gary Funkhouser	Bob Hibbard
Eric Allen	Chuck Nielsen

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**Report of Recent Club Speakers**

Bob Mantell, the Treynor High School baseball coach, was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club. Bob graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, went to Iowa Western Community College for two years, and graduated with a degree in Economics after another two years at Creighton. He was a left-handed pitcher in high school and college. He is assisted in baseball by Nigel Horton and Thad Nelson.

Bob is the new Director of Financial Literacy at Treynor, working to implement programs in all grades, K-12. Treynor is the only school in the state that will have a financial literacy program.

The baseball team this summer set a school record for wins, with a 23-8 record. They won the Western Iowa Conference with a conference record of 12-2.

Bob Mantell started coaching four years ago. His first year the team was 6-16. This summer he had eight seniors graduate. However the entire infield will return next season.

Bob believes that appearance makes a big difference in youth attitudes about the sport. The players have two sets of new uniforms, one for home games and one for away games. They also have team sweat shirts to maintain the image. The new baseball field has been fantastic. Bob says it is one of the best in Southwest Iowa.

Only Iowa and Delaware have summer baseball. Other states play in the Spring. The first day of practice is around May 1. However, coaches can work with pitchers and catchers year round. Practice is usually Monday and Thursday evening, after other sports. They continue to practice in the evenings in the summer and have evening games. Therefore, some youth can have day jobs during the summer.

This summer Treynor had a Freshman team. They had games during the day, since the fields were busy in the evening. Bob is looking forward to working in the school in his new job. Then he can more easily talk to and recruit youth for an even better baseball team.

**Meeting Minutes**

There were 16 members and three guests at the Optimist Club meeting on October 10. Gary Gutttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer. Eric and Kelly Allen celebrated their wedding anniversary this past week. Dale and Dianne Willenborg are celebrating theirs this coming

week. Check Nielson contributed to the Youth Fund because he has a new grandchild on the way.

Norman Collins reported that his wife collected \$3567 for a new sports park from a garage sale at their house this past week. The next fundraiser will be on Saturday, November 21 and will include a dinner, bingo, a silent auction, and local entertainment.

Dennis White reported that dictionaries for the third grad students at Treynor will be delivered on Monday. The Treynor Optimist Club purchased the dictionaries for them.

The Optimist Club had their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 27. The profit from the event was about \$1000.

Bob Hibbard won the 50-50 drawing. Jerry Hempel won the attendance drawing, but did not collect because he was not at the meeting last week.

The Treynor Optimist Club held a board meeting after the regular meeting Saturday. Optimist International dues have increased this past year. The board voted not to raise club membership dues for those who pay by the end of the first quarter each year, leaving the dues at \$60. However, those who pay after the new year will owe an extra \$2 per quarter.

The board also discussed the meeting location, can kennel applications, and holding a yearly ceremony to recognize youth leaders from the community.

**CALENDAR**

October proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H.

Oct 14 – Can Sorting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct 28 – Can Sorting, 6:00 p.m.

**Birthdays**

Oct 17 Marsha Underwood

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

**Anniversaries**

Oct 6 Eric & Kelly Allen (recognized)

Oct 13 Dale & Dianne Willenborg (recognized)

Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White

**Speakers**

Oct. 17 - Jon Jacobson, Treynor Foundation

Oct. 24 - Spencer Hawk, Hugh O'Brien Youth Camp

Oct. 31 - Holly Schwietz, Goodwill Work Experience Trainer

**Programs**

Oct – Gary Funkhouser

Nov – Steve Irvin

Dec – Jim Clausen