

DELANCO YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2022
7:00PM
DELANCO TOWN HALL
770 COOPERTOWN ROAD, DELANCO, NJ

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Sam James called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

II. ROLL CALL:

Sam James, present; Keith Tum Suden, present; Toni Bartlett, absent; Matt Bartlett, present; Sabra Wrice, absent.

III. Members and other guests that signed in attendance sheet: Chris Tete, Rachel Wallace, Kristin Arnold, Carolyn Suess, Al Grabov, Stacie Morano, Martin Ogden, Kevin Loughry, Kim Wurzburg, Robert Mochernuk

IV. The minutes for the January 18, 2022 meeting were e-mailed to all Board members in advance. Sam James made a motion to approve the minutes and Matt Bartlett seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative to approve the minutes.

V. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a) Sam James, President

- Nothing to Report

b) Keith Tum Suden, Vice President

- Discussed Rutgers Certification. Coaching classes are online. Been working on reaching out to them and two other communities that have multiple classes coming up but has not got any responses back yet. Continuing to call and e-mail.
- Put out the new DelRiv signs for baseball/softball signups throughout Delanco/Riverside/Beverly/Edgewater Park out in numerous places.

c) Toni Bartlett, Secretary

Absent. Received correspondence from Alison Varga, teacher and coach at RHS. Requesting for a donation for The Mason Williams Foundation scholarship fund to help young adolescents with mental health question and concerns. Matt Bartlett made a motion to make a donation to the foundation. Sam James seconded the motion, with all board members present voting in the affirmative.

d) Matt Bartlett, Treasurer

- Treasurers Report for January 2022 read and on file. Opening balance \$16,945.54. Deposits of \$4,542.42. Debits \$7,286.32. Ending Balance \$14,201.64. Gaming Account opening and closing balance \$5,150.05.
- Budget has been in to Delanco Township for stipend for this year for review. Meeting is next week with town committee.
- Updated to new version of QuickBooks which will track budgets internally instead of spreadsheets.
- 2021 Tax Return was filed this past weekend. Completed ourself w/o accountant due to errors he has made on past returns.
- Still have background checks open for basketball, and a list is available for Baseball and Softball Commissioners of who is available for spring seasons that have background checks completed.

e) Sabra Wrice, Sports Director

Absent. Sam spoke with her last night: Looking to continue additional basketball thru end of April for skills, Sam will send facility request into school to extend timeframe. Basketball going well, need to squeeze some makeup games in for some groups. A few minor situations came up which were addressed right away with all the players involved and parents notified accordingly. May also look to do some sort of summer program (outdoor at AA field). Next week league rankings will come out for boys and girls.

Working to build a relationship with Buddy Miccuchi, Athletic Director at RHS. Will be sitting down in early March to discuss a sports clinic held in the summer to help bridge the gap between DelRiv and RHS. Also looking to hold individual sports clinics throughout the summer and use as fundraisers.

Kevin Loughry indicated rubber mats for the floors are on order, may be in the last 3 weeks.

VI. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a) Sabra Wrice – Basketball

See notes above.

b) Bob Mochernuck – Baseball

Getting ready to close registration, looking for a few kids for 8U and 12U. 6U and 10U are set. Was at the field a few days ago, going to need some items for field like soft touch

base gloves. Need to move the softball shed to that field. Will do a once-over of the supplies and get together with Kristin and Matt to order.

c) Kristen Arnold – Softball

Registration closes Wednesday, have enough for two 6U, two 8U, two 10U and one 12U team. Have 5 girls signed up for 15U. Reaching out to some girls who played last year but may have aged out. Riverfront League meeting next week, will try to see if any other towns are having a 15U team. Will leave 15U open. Once registration is closed, she and Bob will finalize what they are going to do as far as uniforms.

Sam mentioned there was discussion about EPAA and how they were going to do their own program again for baseball/softball, we told them we are willing to take players but not going to take them at 11th hour if they decide they aren't going to have a program as we need time to order uniforms etc. We put signs out in Edgewater Park after we got approval from EPAA, and then was told to take them down. Keith was just told during this meeting that he just heard from President that their registration is light and would be sending kids this way. Per Kevin Loughry, Riverfront league is looking at April 9th as opening for the season.

d) Stacie Morano – Tee ball

Have a good amount of kids signed up for Tee Ball this season.

e) Paul Milliner – Soccer Co-Commissioner

Not Present.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Baseball/Softball/Teeball Season.** Discussed above.
- b) **Fall Feast/Spring Fling.** Working on scheduling.
- c) **Rutgers' Coaching course.** Discussed above under Keith's report.
- c) **Background Checks and Fingerprinting.** Discussed under Matt's report above.
- d) **Apparel Fundraisers.** Sam placed order for a limited run for apparel (hoodies/long sleeve shirts) that will be distributed to Board Members/Commissioners to see what interest gets generated from people seeing them, if enough interest will place additional orders for apparel that we can sell at concession stand or otherwise.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Subcommittees – Would like to form subcommittees if we can get enough people involved to take workload off everyone else and give others an opportunity a way to help out with the program. One would revolve around fundraising, field cleanups/setups, etc.

b) Banquet/Social Event for parents/adults only – Beef n Beer, happy hour, etc. Will put feelers out to see if parents are interested.

c) Need to schedule work session to review/update by-laws. Haven't been updated since 2011.

d) Sam James made a motion to create a position of Director of Fundraising and nominated Carolyn Suess to fill that role. All voted in favor. Will be helpful to have someone dedicated to handle our fundraising activities and a relief off other board members who do other things for the board. If you have any relationships with businesses who may want to donate, reach out to Carolyn. She is looking at grants as well right now. Carolyn indicated she was doing a deep dive into companies who give grants: Applied to Whole Foods, Dicks Sporting Goods, Kids Play, Cabellas, Walmart, all who indicated they give to youth sports. Sent out donation letters to local businesses.

e) Discussed field cleanup days. Set March 26th at Whomsley Field, and April 2nd at West Ave and Field of Dreams.

IX. OPEN MEMBER (PARENT/GUARDIAN) COMMENT

Kevin Loughry discussed doing concessions at Whomlsey this year. Needs a good cleaning. The building will be taken down eventually under a grant that is being filed. \$1.5M is in escrow for that project. There was discussion that Whomlsey makes a lot more in concessions than West Ave does. There was also discussions about parents making a one time donation to the concession stand of an item instead of the organization purchasing.

There was discussion of equipment needed for field cleanup.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Next meeting – March 22nd, 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Bartlett
Secretary