

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Miller, Spallone, Gardner, D’Orazio, Other: Owsik, Esposito, Merritt, Pirich, Pusey, Petchkofski, Mariani, Wheeler, Brutto, K Ryan, Phillips
Absent: Gange, Hamilton, C Allen, Gately

Others Present: Laura Menzel, Tarun Mendiratta, Laughlin – Executive Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of minutes from March 2023 board meeting

Brutto motioned to approve, Wheeler 2nd the motion. Board unanimously approved March 2023 minutes.

I. Treasurer’s Report

Financial reports were distributed ahead of the meeting by Laughlin. CD for Live Oak Bank will be renewed. D’Orazio made a motion to approve reports. Phillips 2nd the motion. The board unanimously approved the financial reports.

II. Presidents Report – Spallone:

Spallone and Laughlin met with township and school district at the same time. Township listened to needs and wants of both parties. Talked about field opportunities for a lighted turf field – Hoeffecker, Rossi land for sale, and the Vanguard property. All parties would like to rewrite the Tri party and township will initiate talks for that.

III. Sports/Operations Report – Gardner

- Soccer – Registration will open in June
- Softball – Season is going great. LYA had a 2nd place finisher at a tournament. Playoffs are happening now and districts are starting soon. LYA will host Majors districts starting on June 19th. Junior umpire program is successful.
- Baseball – Season is going well and the weather cooperating. Baseball is getting ready for playoffs and all star games on Memorial Day. Coaches have been identified for districts and they are forming the teams now. They plan to offer sandlot again this summer as an extension of the Little League season.
- Lightning – Season is going well.
- Basketball – Nothing to report, but concerned about gym space for next year.

- Hillcats – 9U-12U are wrapping up seasons in the next few weeks. Hillcats Day is scheduled for June 4th which will be a showcase for the program and have some fundraising. Mariani will be finalizing the number of teams for the upcoming 2023-24 season and will award coaching spots. Some communication has gone out for tryouts. Mariani finalized revision of the Hillcats manual.
- Lacrosse – Nothing reported
- Track & Field – Registration will be opening this week with a new location due to the Downingtown East construction. It will take place at Downingtown West track and Rachel Clark has agreed to be the commissioner.
- Travel Soccer – Teams are coming to the close of spring season. Teams are formed for next season.
- Field Hockey – Field Hockey is concerned about field space. Acker Park can be an option.

IV. Administrative Report

Sheds for Field J and Senior are completed. Some trees fell on the Foster Field fencing and D'Orazio had trees trimmed back. Infield mix was delivered to the park. D'Orazio is working with Celtic Roots on Senior and LMS fields. He is looking to get power ran for scoreboards at Senior Field and Field J field as well as to put in AEDs in the sheds in a climate controlled box.

LYA needs a new hard structure for the snack stand. D'Orazio will explore options. He is going to look into finishing the walking path.

V. Old Business

1. Volunteers/Committees - Mariani sent out another follow-up document about LYA committees. Board representatives, Executive Director, Social Media Director, and Mariani will all have responsibilities related to the committees according to this document.. June will be when we put out a call for volunteers.

IX. New Business

1. Photo Permission Waiver. Esposito Looking to have that as a waiver rather than a question. K Ryan will look into the legality of this to see if possible.
2. Uwchlan Township Community Day – LYA will have a table at the Community Day on August 12th from 3-7pm.

3. Bingo at Marchwood – Laughlin asked if we could be a beneficiary for these charitable events. Board indicated that we can be a beneficiary.
4. Protecting Sensitive Information – Mendiratta, LYA baseball safety director, wanted to ensure all participant information is protected. This will be a part of the policy committee. Mendiratta is willing to be a part of that committee.
5. Annual Maintenance Plan Proposal – Celtic Roots submitted an annual proposal. There is a \$4000 increase for fall and spring. Dave will submit this for an email approval.
6. Budget Approvals
 - a. Recreational Soccer - Pusey proposed budget to board. Soccer is planning to have U12 boys and girls but depending on registration numbers, they may be combined again. Fees haven't changed in many years. Pusey motioned to approve, K Ryan 2nd, board unanimously approved.
 - b. Field Hockey - Menzel presented budget to board. Field Hockey needs to cap at a certain number due to field space. Menzel motioned to approve field hockey budget– K Ryan 2nd. Board unanimously approved.
 - c. Fall Baseball - Merrit presented budget to board. Merrit motioned to approve, K Ryan 2nd motion. Merritt explained that miscellaneous budget number referred to any unforeseen cost. Board unanimously approved.
 - d. Fall Softball - Esposito presented budget to the board. She added another team and added a winter clinic and pitching clinic. Esposito motioned to approve, Petchkofski 2nd motion. Board unanimously approved
 - e. Hillcats - Mariani presented budget to the board. Projected teams for 8U-14U and possibly an Academy team.. Mariani motioned to approve budget. D'orazio 2nd motion. Spallone asked about 8 players for 14U. Mariani proposed letting the 14U use some of the 13U team as carryover. Fundraising money will come from Hillcats Day. Board unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No public comment

IX. Adjourn

Spallone motioned to adjourn, D'Orazio 2nd motion. The board unanimously approved.