

## **MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING**

November 12, 2023

Abraham Fethers-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Miller, Spallone, Gardner, D’Orazio, Brutto Other: Owsik, Merritt, Pirich, Gange, C Allen, Pusey, K Ryan, Petchkofski, Mariani, Phillips, Kelly, Czubaroff

Others Present: Laughlin – Executive Director, Colin Hamilton, Melissa Esposito

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **II. Board Elections**

- a. The LYA Board had eleven open spots (max of 19 board members) for the 2023-2025 term. Seven (D’Orazio, Gange, Merritt, Phillips, Pirich, Pusey, and Ryan) of the eleven 2021-2023 members were seeking re-election. Four other members (Hamilton, Esposito, Wheeler, and Gately) have decided not to seek re-election leaving four open board spots. Two nominees (Sara Czubaroff and Charles Kelly) attended to seek election. After summaries of each new member and introductions were made by existing board members, D’Orazio motioned to have all nominees elected to the board. Spallone 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was unanimously accepted and all members are now elected to serve on the board for the 2023-2025 term.
- b. After the general elections, the Executive Board elections were held.
  - i. Miller nominated Spallone for President. C Allen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board unanimously approved.
  - ii. Spallone nominated Miller for Chairman of the Board. K Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board unanimously approved.
  - iii. Miller nominated Brutto for Treasurer. Spallone 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board unanimously approved.
  - iv. Spallone appointed D’Orazio as VP of Administration
  - v. Spallone appointed Gardner as VP of Sports Operations

### **II. Approval of minutes from August 2023 and October 2023 board meeting**

D’Orazio motioned to approve both August 2023 and October 2023 board meeting minutes, Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board unanimously approved both August 2023 and October 2023 minutes.

### **III. Treasurer’s Report**

Financial reports were presented to the board. Spallone made a motion to approve reports. D’Orazio 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The board unanimously approved the financial reports.

### **IV. Presidents Report – Spallone:**

Meetings are scheduled for further talks regarding the tri-party agreement.

## **V. Sports/Operations Report – Gardner**

- Soccer – Recreational soccer is finishing up this weekend.
- Fall Softball – Fall season went well even though there were a lot of rainouts and most of the coaches were new coaches.
- Baseball – Fall baseball finished up the season. There were lots of rainouts. District 28 had their first banquet since 2020 and nine LYA volunteers were honored. Little League is changing their insurance and Merritt has already chartered LYA for the spring.
- Lightning – Rain was an issue in the fall, but all teams had a good season and 12U Gold won a tournament.
- Basketball – Registration is now closed. High school basketball numbers are lower than normal and HS girls did not have enough registrants to field a team. Gym space is good this year.
- Lacrosse – Lacrosse is looking to start at the end of March and registration will open in December.
- Track & Field – No update given
- Travel Soccer – The younger teams are finishing up fall tournaments and have some turf scheduled at USTC. High School travel soccer is starting back up.
- Hillcats – Mariani presented a Hillcats document recapping the last few months. Notably, Hillcats has expanded to twelve teams where biweekly meetings are had to discuss progress of the teams and share information. Hillcats has added some positions due to the expansion including assistant commissioner, social media coordinator, and gear manager. They are currently working on fall surveys, player evaluations, winter plans, organization wide development programs, and their second Hillcats Day.

## **VI. Administrative Report**

D'Orazio will start the winterization of the park.

D'Orazio indicated that the snack stand will need to be rebuilt because it will not pass inspection next year. He is working on options.

AED's need to be moved into the LYA house.

D'Orazio will be working on patching up fencing at Field B backstop.

D'Orazio is working on completing the walking path at the park.

## **VII. Old Business**

1. Volunteers/Committees – LYA is working on sending out committee descriptions to the community. Committee leads will work on their specific emails.
2. Operations Manual Updates Approval – Miller proposed the following wording to be added to LYA's Operation Manual:

*“When Uwchlan Township and LYA Park field usage is allocated prior to each season (spring, summer and fall), these fields should be allocated first to accommodate all current season planned LYA recreational programs, prior to allocating these fields to LYA travel teams. Any exceptions require LYA Executive Board approval.”*

Spallone motioned to approve addition to the LYA Operations Manual. K Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Vote was 16 for and 1 opposed. Motion passed with more than 2/3 approval.

## **IX. New Business**

### **1. Budget Approvals** – The following budgets were presented to the board.

- a. Little League Baseball - Merritt presented Little League Baseball's budget for the 2024 spring season. Registration fees are the same as last spring with the exception of T-ball which had a small increase. Merritt motioned to approve the budget. Owsik 2nd motion. Board unanimously approved.
- b. Senior Legion – Merritt presented Senior Legion's budget for the 2024 spring season which allows players up to 19U to participate. Merritt motioned to approve the budget. Owsik 2nd motion. Board unanimously approved.
- c. Little League Softball - Esposito presented Little League Softball's budget for the 2024 spring season. Registration fees are the same as last year. Esposito motioned to approve the softball budget. C Allen 2nd motion. Board unanimously approved the softball budget.
- d. Boys Lacrosse – Hamilton presented the Boys Lacrosse budget for the 2024 spring season. Registration fees are the same as last year. K Ryan motioned to approve the boy's lacrosse budget. D'Orazio 2nd motion. Board unanimously approved the boy's lacrosse budget.
- e. Girls Lacrosse – The girl's lacrosse budget was presented to the board for the 2024 spring season. Registration fees are the same as last year. Spallone motioned to approve the girl's lacrosse budget. K Ryan 2nd motion. Board unanimously approved the girl's lacrosse budget.

2. **Parent to Parent Program Email** - D'Orazio discussed sending an email from Downingtown School District to the LYA Community. Since DASD is non-profit and is the school district, board indicated that we could send the email.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment

#### **IX. Adjourn**

Phillips motioned to adjourn, K Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. The board unanimously approved.