

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

August 25, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: McSherry, Spallone, Gardner Other: Roth, Merritt, C Allen, Pirich, Phillips, Wheeler, Pusey

Absent: McHugh, Miller, Owsik, Gately, McGowan, Hamilton, Dorr, K Ryan

Others Present: Laughlin – Executive Director, Ian Kendall

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of minutes from July 2020 board meeting

Pusey motioned to approve, Wheeler 2nd the motion. Board unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Financial reports were presented to the board. Assets are about the same as 12 months ago based on the balance sheet so not a big decrease due to COVID-19. Gardner motioned to approved financial reports. Merrit 2nd the motion. The board unanimously approved.

IV. Presidents Report – Spallone:

Nothing to report

V. Sports/Operations Report – Gardner

Nothing to report due to COVID-19

VI. Administrative Report

Celtic Roots is maintaining the fields and since no one is using the fields, they look good. LYA's scarifier engine is blown due to back up of diamond dust. It was not from a lack of maintenance, but back up of diamond dust on the engine. McSherry put a motion on the floor to fix the scarifier for \$3000, Dave Roth 2nd motion. Discussion about who will maintain the scarifier from now on occurred. Celtic Roots is going to monitor this going forward. Celtic Roots will also make sure that LYA will blow out the engine often so this does not happen again. Board unanimously approved the repair.

VIII. Old Business

1. **Scholarship** – Phillips and Miller are looking for recruits to form a LYA scholarship committee. They would like to put together some official guidelines. The short term goal would be to have something official by winter. More details will follow after committee is formed and they are able to discuss more. Roth volunteered to help.

IX. New Business

1. **Fall Sports Registration** - Baseball is not running a fall ball season due to COVID-19. Some leagues are running their summer leagues through the fall. Other leagues are also struggling getting them off the ground. Allen said softball became an extended summer and nothing in the fall, as well. LYA had one minor's softball team that was able to play and are using Caln fields and one LYA team playing at West Bradford playing juniors. We found homes on other leagues for those that wanted to play baseball and softball. Travel ball is going well. C Allen wanted to acknowledge Steve McSherry went above and beyond and did a great job in getting us on the fields for travel sports. Owsik and all baseball commissioners also went above and beyond to find homes for those who still wanted to play baseball.

LYA will not offer fall recreational soccer this fall due to the temperature check mandate by the township. With about 500 athletes and 100 coaches, it is difficult to coordinate.

McSherry was approached by USTC and they asked to do field hockey program this fall at their facility. He spoke with the field hockey commissioner about this and she approved. The program would be Saturday mornings using LYA name attached to it. USTC will hire the coaches and the commissioner is the Downingtown East HS field hockey coach. USTC would pay LYA per participant. LYA would like to offer our field hockey community somewhere play. LYA asked USTC if could do soccer, but they could not. LYA will ask about basketball.

McSherry motioned to approve the field hockey program through USTC for fall. Phillips 2nd it. The board unanimously approved.

2. **Budget Approval for Lionville Lightning** – C Allen presented the Lightning budget to the board. There will be 3 teams for lightning for the 2020-2021 season – 18u, 16u and 10u development team. 18U has the same registration fees as last year. 10U has the same registration fees as last year. 16u went up about \$100 /player. Costs are the same. Spallone questioned where insurance is issued. Allen indicated that it is through USSSA for each team. Lightning reached out to insurance before they got on the fields and there were no issues due to COVID-19. The new softball calendar is 9/1/2020, not 8/1/2020, this year. Allen moved some miscellaneous fees to field maintenance fees as the field maintenance fee was outdated on the budget. C Allen motioned to approve his budget. Spallone 2nd the motion. The board unanimously approved.
3. **Recess Program by LYA Camps** - LYA Camps is looking to offer an after school program to get the kids out of the house after school. It would run from 9/8/2020 through the middle of October. LYA camps will have to work with the school district if sports in the fall occur due to limited field space. They would also need to get township approval before going forward. Laughlin indicated that the pavilion is available per DASD. McSherry made a motion to approve that we will not stand in the way of LYA Camps Recess Program and we will use our database to send out with the caveat that they need to ask the township prior. Pusey 2nd motion. The board unanimously approved.

4. Scout Project Interest –Ian Kendall

Ian Kendall contacted Laughlin and would like to do an eagle scout project for LYA. Kendall played LYA baseball for 10 years and wanted to give back. He walked the fields and came up with a few ideas to make it better. He is working with Kropp on these ideas.

- a. Bleachers – He would like to disassemble two bleachers (1st base foster and 3rd base field c) and restore the metal and add new wood. The bleachers would be missing from the park for about four days for him to restore.
- b. Field b – He would like to repair the doors and exterior of the field B shed.
- c. LYA Sign – He proposed to re-paint and landscape the area under and near the LYA sign. The poison ivy and weeds would be removed and the area would have a rock border along with mulch and plants installed in the area.

Kendall indicated that normally, they do fundraising and the board expressed an interest in donating funds for the project. The project will be completed by May 2021. The project would cost about \$600-700 total. LYA would like to donate to this project and Spallone put through motion to donate entire amount to front the project. Kendall will fund-raise and whatever he raises, he will give back to LYA. Spallone's motion is to fund the entire endeavor knowing that we may get back some of that money. Kendall will provide receipts of all expenditures. Merritt 2nd the motion. The board unanimously approved.

- 5. Travel Soccer fields for games – Pusey -** In the past, travel soccer has used township fields in the fall for games. Pusey asked if LSC can schedule games in the fall. The games would be an LYA team vs. an outside organization. The township needs everyone to sign a waiver and take temperatures. LSC is willing to do that. There may be 7 or 8 games in a weekend at Target field or Hoeffecker field. There will most likely be more than one weekend of these games. LYA will work with township to see if we can get permission to do this from them. McSherry and Spallone will contact the township to check in and will ask about whether they will permit games with COVID-19 guidelines.

IX. Adjourn

Spallone motioned to adjourn, Roth 2nd motion. The board unanimously approved.