



MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2013

Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Foster, Ryan

Other: Allen, Ambrogi, Bolger, D’Angelo, Eckels, Gardner, Gingrich, McFillin, McSherry, Miller, O’Connell, Spallone, Webb

Absent: Doloughy, Montgomery, Munnely, Romano, Streeter, Ward

Others Present: Executive Director-Anne Gehret

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Introduction of Board nominees/ Election of Board members and officers

Gehret distributed a summary of all Board nominees and then each nominee introduced him/herself to the Board. Nominees are: Steve Byrnes, Matt Dockstader, Lynn Hewitt, Tim Jefferis, Chris Protesto, and Doug Pusey. Incumbents not seeking another term are: Mark Doloughy (resigned in July), Bill Montgomery, Kevin O’Connell, Mike Romano, Tim Streeter and Larry Ward.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the size of the LYA board and the difficulty the past few years in getting a quorum at meetings. A motion was then made by O’Connell, seconded by Ambrogi, to reduce the number of LYA Board members from 21 to 19. Further discussion was held on this matter and the fact that there were enough nominees this year to continue with a 21 member board. O’Connell then withdrew his motion prior to a vote. *O’Connell then made a new motion, seconded by Spallone, to elect all nominees and incumbents. Motion passed unanimously.* Ryan welcomed all six new members to the LYA Board. Ryan also suggested that Jefferis, as the only nominee who was absent, should complete the final year of Mark Doloughy’s term and all other nominees and incumbents will serve a normal two year term. Board agreed.

Next order of business was election of officers for the coming year, as follows

Chairman of the Board - Ryan made a motion nominating Mark Spallone for Chairman, seconded by Gingrich. Motion unanimously passed.

President - Foster made a motion nominating Kevin Ryan for President, seconded by McSherry. Motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer - McSherry made a motion nominating Joe Munnely for Treasurer, seconded by Foster. Motion unanimously passed. There was a brief discussion regarding modifying the treasurer’s job to make it less time consuming or possibly adding an Assistant Treasurer in the future.

VP Sports Administration- Ryan made a motion nominating Steve McSherry for VP Sports Administration, seconded by Eckels. Motion unanimously passed.

VP Operations- Ryan made a motion nominating Dorothy Foster for VP Operations and also adding Harry Ambrogi as Asst VP Operations. Motion was seconded by McSherry. Motion unanimously passed.

III. Approval of Minutes: Gehret presented the minutes from the regular meeting on 10/20/13 for approval. She noted that the discussion relating to the Administrative Report was not included in the minutes. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by O'Connell and seconded by Spallone. Motion unanimously approved.*

IV. Treasurer's Report: Munnely absent – no report.

V. President's Report: Ryan reported that Larry Ward had resigned as Chairman of the LYA Board. No other report.

VI. Sports/Operations Report: McSherry requested reports from each sport.

Intramural Soccer – Gardner reported that they had a great season with other 850 kids.

Travel Soccer – D'Angelo reported that teams are starting their winter training.

Lacrosse – Miller reported that there will be a new policy of having A & B teams at some levels this year. He will also be completing his budget ASAP.

Junior Hillcats – Spallone stated that new teams will be registering soon. He also reported that GEYA now holds the Junior Legion charter. Jr Hillcats may become Uwchlan Township Hillcats.

Fall Baseball – Spallone reported he handled the older leagues and Carl Kishel handled the younger leagues this year. The season ended a couple of weeks ago with a tournament.

Softball – Allen reported the fall intramural season ended today and that travel teams will continue to practice until indoor training starts in December.

Basketball – McFillin reported that basketball registration will close this week and evaluations will also be held this week. He also stated the middle school girls' registration was down this year due to many girls moving to the Malvern league.

Field Hockey – Webb reported that field hockey season ended two weeks ago and that the annual field hockey food drive to benefit the Lord's Pantry in Downingtown was a success.

VII. Administrative Report: Field Maintenance report had not been received by Board members so there was minimal discussion.

VIII. Old Business:

1) Capital Budget/Outstanding Sports Budgets – baseball, lacrosse, travel soccer, travel softball, basketball:

Baseball, travel softball and lacrosse budgets were not yet available.

McFillin presented the basketball budget for 2013-14. He feels that LYA does not need a private security guard for games at LMS and removed that expense from his budget. He is also trying to get a detailed calculation of the energy fee charged by DASD for using their gyms. *McFillin made a motion, seconded by Ambrogi, to approve the basketball budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

D'Angelo presented the travel soccer budget for 2013-14. He stated that there will be a few less teams this year than last year. *D'Angelo made a motion, seconded by Gingrich, to approve the travel soccer budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Foster then discussed the capital budget for FY 2014, with a total of \$110,000. There was discussion regarding items that should be added or removed from the budget, so Foster will send out the capital budget to all board members so they can mark off any items that should be removed and let her know of any items to be added.

Ambrogi noted the following items that Hitchens fence should take a look at: Foster Field 1st base line, Senior Field, Field C-3rd base side, Hoffecker Field. Ambrogi also stated that Allen is concerned about the senior project pitching mound where the girls have to pitch

downhill. Either the mound should be removed or home plate raised up. Ambrogi also stated that he would send out to the Board the quote he got to replace the splintered wooden benches in Lionville Park. Also, Miller would like the concrete block practice wall at Hoffecker Field to be 3 feet higher. Ryan will check with Uwchlan Twp for approval and Ambrogi will handle other items, including calling Hitchens Fence.

- 2) Email vote procedure – proposed changes: Gehret requested that a change be made to the Email Vote Procedure passed by the Board in June 2010. *Pursuant to that request, Spallone made a motion, seconded by Foster, to accept the following addition to the current policy:*

Motions to change LYA procedures or sports programs cannot be considered via email, but must instead be discussed and voted on at board meetings, either regular or special, except for emergency items which will be handled by the Executive Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Garage Access – Allen had previously requested a key to the main garage to have access to the cart, scarifier and supplies he needs to properly prepare and maintain the softball fields. Discussion ensued.

Ambrogi stated that he is opposed to giving out any more keys because, in the past, people who had keys gave them to others or made copies and too many people ended up getting access to expensive equipment. He also stated that letting more people use the equipment will lead to more equipment damage because people are not trained well enough in how to use the equipment.

Allen stated that he cannot properly fulfill his duties as softball commissioner if he does not have access to the supplies and equipment in the main garage, and that he should be trusted to handle the key and equipment properly.

Gingrich states that he supports Allen's request because LYA should make field maintenance as easy as possible for the volunteers who do it, so more people should be trained and have access to the equipment.

Foster also stated that if Allen is willing to do field maintenance, he should have a key.

Protesto stated that in other leagues, coaches use similar equipment including scarifiers to maintain their fields.

Ryan ended the discussion by stating that the Executive Committee would consider this matter and make a decision.

IX. New Business: None.

X. Adjournment: *Motion made by Ambrogi, seconded by McFillin to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

Email motions – 10/20/13 through 11/10/13:

None