

MINUTES OF LYA BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2014
Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse

Attendance:

Board members present– Executive: Ambrogi, Foster, McSherry, Ryan

Other: Allen, Gardner, Gingrich, Hewitt, Jefferis, McFillin, Protesto, Pusey

Absent: Spallone, Bolger, Byrnes, D’Angelo, Dockstader, Eckels, Miller, Webb

Others Present: Anne Gehret – Executive Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes – Gehret presented the minutes of the May meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Foster and seconded by Dockstader. Approved unanimously.*

III. Treasurer’s Report – Gehret circulated balance sheet and P&L’s as of 7/31/14. There was a brief discussion regarding the new accounting procedures. Balance sheet shows total assets of approximately \$710K. *Motion to approve the financial reports as presented was made by Foster and seconded by McSherry. Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. President’s Report – Ryan – No report.

V. Sports Administration Reports – McSherry went through the updates he received from each commissioner:

Intramural Soccer – Gardner is handing the commissioner duties over to Doug Pusey and Brian Courtney. Leagues this year are separated by age, not grade. U9’s will use new field at Rice and Stockton Blvd in Eagleview. Ambrogi will get UT to bring a jobox to the field. Goals also need to be moved to that field.

Softball – Lionville U12 and U14 teams won districts. Need to work on fields for fall. Tom Burkhardt will get the fields in Lionville Park ready for fall. Ryan will contact Jim Lill-DASD to see if Burkhardt can also work on Zulu field behind DEHS to get it weeded and ready for fall.

Travel Soccer – There are a few less teams this year than last year, and the oldest girls’ team is U13.

Lacrosse – U15 boys won their league this year for the first time in 10 years. Milller has requested that all goals be stored at LYA House or locked against the Hoffecker fence with the nets off so they stay in better shape. He also requested that Tom Burkhardt resod the crease on Hoffecker after fall soccer is over. Lacrosse volunteers will paint the Hoffecker practice wall.

Travel Softball – Allen requested to have online registration for travel softball operational now, for players to make their initial deposit online. Gehret will work with GroupNet to get this done.

Basketball – DASD gyms have been requested. Registration should start on 9/15.

Field Hockey – Starting 8/25, DASD contractor will cut Pipeline fields, but Tom Burkhardt can do additional mowings if DASD doesn’t keep the grass short enough.

Track and Field – McSherry reported that 220 participated this year. Per Don Robson, we were short on volunteers this year, but he was able to get enough parents involved to adequately run the program.

Baseball – Frank Giancattarino is leaving as President of Lionville Little League but has identified a replacement.

VI. Administrative Report – Foster/Ambrogi

Foster Reported:

1. The two tractors we no longer need are at Frames, north of Eagle. We will pay them to repair and value the tractors and then they will pay us a fixed amount and sell them for us.
2. The low spot on Senior Field has been fixed.
3. There is a branch down at the LYA House.
4. We just got a new dehumidifier for the LYA House basement to get it from 85% humidity to 60% to stop mold growth. New one was installed 8/11/14, so two are now running. Also, Automatic Rain recently sold our account to Rainmaker so we now deal with them.
5. We need new hockey goals at LMS because the ones that are there are in bad shape.
6. She is working with an Eagle Scout candidate on a project to clean out all the gardens in Lionville Park. Ambrogi suggested a Fall Cleanup Day to get weeding done and clean up the whole park.

Ambrogi reported:

1. Field lining for baseball and softball will be done by some college kids this year for \$10/hour. They will line before each game. Ryan will look into whether we should give them 1099's or W-2's.
2. Raising the fence on Foster Field to keep balls from going over – there are new owners of the houses affected by this project, and it needs Uwchlan Township approval before we can proceed.
3. Lower garage near Field E has a roof leak. It needs a new roof and other exterior repairs.
4. Portable sump pumps – 4 have been purchased for water removal on Fields B, E, J and Senior Field. Process: get all water corralled in a hole and then pump it away from the fields. Foster and C don't have water problems. Also, B, Foster and E have new L-shaped water supply lines.
5. LYA House gutters need to be cleaned. Should be done twice a year.
6. Foster Field scoreboard is now fixed.
7. Benches in Lionville Park – need volunteers (Scouts, etc.) to redo the benches because they are splintered.
8. Concession Stand – discussed possibly installing a sewer line and bathrooms at the stand. Ambrogi working with McClatchy on this idea. Would cost about \$30K to hook up at Devon and 113. To have bathrooms, we'd need a foundation and permanent structure. Types of toilets were discussed and there was more discussion about the pros and cons of such a project. No decision was made and the issue was tabled for now. Also discussion about how to run the stand from now on, since there were problems with it being consistently open this spring. Foster said there is no need to outsource since she and Pat Cameron will staff it full time.

VII. Old Business

1. Outstanding Budgets – travel softball- Allen is working on it.
2. New Fields/Indoor Facility – McSherry/McFillin – Rice/Stockton field will be used this fall.
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4. New Accounting Process Update – Gehret will have check request form ready by next meeting.
5. DEHS Turf Fields Update – Ryan reported that the DASD Board has approved the installation of 2 fields behind DEHS for calendar year 2015.

VIII. New Business

1. Vacant Board Seat – Ambrogi nominated Bob Christy to fill the vacancy created when Joe Munnelly left. Bob has been a softball volunteer for many years and currently has a daughter playing intramural softball. *Ambrogi made a motion to have Bob Christy join the LYA Board to complete Munnelly's term, through November 2015. Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
2. Picture Day – 9/6/14 - Need Coordinator/ Income Allocated to Sports – no volunteers. Some talk about just discontinuing Picture Day-participation down/too much hassle, but it is a good fundraiser for LYA. Also need a new First Aid Coordinator. McSherry will try to find volunteers for both positions. Picture Day vendor will give us info to allocate income to specific sports this year.
3. LYA House Phone – board OK'd shutting off message line to save about \$30/month. Gehret will handle.
4. Website update / meeting for registration system users – Gehret will send out link to new website so board members can preview and make comments before it goes live. She would also like to meet with people who get access to the database so they understand its capabilities.
5. Late registration parameters – Gehret suggested that LYA should start fall registration a little later than 6/1 because kids aren't even out of school then and parents aren't thinking about fall activities. Other local leagues start registration later. *Pusey made a motion to start fall registration for 2015 will start on 6/15/15 and to have the late fee will go into effect on 8/1. Motion seconded by McSherry and unanimously approved.*
6. Scholarships/financial aid – military/multiple kids/travel sports – Gehret has received requests for multiple kid discounts, scholarships for travel sports and discounts for military families. Discussion on each issue ensued and there was not support for multiple kid discount or travel sport scholarships. *Pusey made a motion to offer ½ price discount to any family with at least one full time active duty military member who scans and sends/emails their ID card to LYA. Motion seconded by McSherry and unanimously approved.*
7. Authorized chargers at Kelly's & Dick's – current lists are already in place
8. Standard awards/recognition for championship teams / newspaper articles – *no action*
9. Construction parking at Lionville Park this fall – timing of the workers parking there on weekdays should not cause a problem for LYA families coming there for games on weekday evenings and weekends.
10. DCED grant – expires 12/31/14 – Foster stated that \$10 has already been spent on allowable items, including a rock pit at first base on Field B. Gehret will follow up.
11. Update items in sports budgets – for registration system and field maintenance – *sports commissioners will be given new data to use in developing fiscal year 2015 budgets*

IX. **Adjournment** - With no other business at 9:20PM – Foster made *motion to adjourn*, *seconded by Ryan and unanimously approved*.